


Revd Canon Tim Goode	Rector of St Margaret's Lee Disability Advisor of the Southwark Diocese Member of General Synod 2015 – 2021; Archbishops' Council 2021-now
	<div data-bbox="375 208 1034 421"> <p>Nominated by: The Venerable Alastair Cutting <i>Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich</i></p> <p>Seconded by: Revd Canon Roxanne Eversley SCP <i>Vicar of Holy Innocents and St Mark, South Norwood</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1061 241 1519 376"> <h1>General Synod Elections</h1> </div>

Dear Friends and Colleagues in Christ,

I am writing to ask you for your vote to **re-elect** me to serve the Southwark Diocese for a second term on the General Synod of the Church of England.

General Synod 2015-2021

- Made speeches on a wide range of issues, including in the debates on Festival Churches, Senior Leadership, the CNC, Dementia, Down Syndrome, CCT Funding, DAC legislation, Safeguarding, Archbishops' Housing Commission and Covid 19.
- Advised the Business Committee on greater accessibility for both onsite and online General Synods.
- Founded Accessible Synod, made up of disabled members of General Synod, which is working with the Business Committee, National Safeguarding Team, and the Archbishops' Housing Commission to improve the flourishing of disabled people.
- Invited by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to be the General Synod member who is a trustee of the Churches Conservation Trust
- In 2020 I was voted by the House of Clergy to represent them on Archbishops' Council for the next five years, a role dependent on me continuing to represent the Southwark Clergy on General Synod.

About me

- I'm 52 years old and Rector of St Margaret's Lee, an open catholic parish with an extensive outreach program that embraces local schools, youth groups, senior citizens, the lonely, young families, single parents, local choirs and orchestras, refugees, local estates, and local dementia and residential homes.
- I am Southwark Disability Advisor, member of the Southwark Safeguarding Reference Group, DAC, and a Diocesan Vocations Advisor. Soon to be an Area Director of Ordinands and Bishop's Adviser in the new Shared Discernment Process.
- As Disability Advisor I have led seminars, spoken at deanery synods, at national conferences and built lasting relationships with Young Epilepsy, the Orpheus Trust, the L'Arche Community, The Kairos Forum and St Thomas's and Guy's Hospital.
- I am a member of the National Disability Task Group and part of the planning team for the annual Disability conference at St Martin in the Fields.
- Member of the Formation Framework Team which has rewritten the national criteria for ordination and IME training.
- In 2020 I was invited by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to be the General Synod member who is a trustee of the Churches Conservation Trust.
- Co-founder and Co-Chair of MOSAIC – *Movement Supporting Anglicans for an Inclusive Church* – a new specifically Anglican group campaigning for the dignity and flourishing of all who find themselves on the margins of the Church due to tradition, economics, gender, sexuality, disability, and ethnicity. I am a former trustee of Inclusive Church and now support them as an ambassador.
- Open Catholic and a member of SCP. I wish to embrace and celebrate the wide diversity within the Church of England.

- I am a passionate advocate of the parish system as the primary place for mission and have an energetic desire to build partnerships across denominations and traditions within Christ's church and within society; something that the Church of England is in a prime position to do specifically because of our sacrificial ministry to every person within each parish that makes up our nation.
- I am permanently disabled. My academic area is in the field of the Theology of Disability. I work tirelessly to enable the full participation of disabled people within Christ's church.

As your elected member of General Synod, what would be my priorities?

- As someone who lives daily with disability, I will seek to be a visible sign of an inclusive, participatory, and respectful church; actively promoting the ministry of, and being an advocate for, **all** those disabled by society and the church - seeking the flourishing of all, so that all may find a welcome and take their rightful place within the Body of Christ.
- Continue to represent the House of Clergy on Archbishops' Council and strive to ensure that we come through the Emerging Church Agenda as a confident, sustainable, and hopeful church; better resourced to serve the needs of God's church and nation through active and critical engagement with the Vision and Strategy, Transforming Effectiveness, and Governance reviews and through ensuring the voices of the vulnerable and powerless are heard at all levels of the Church of England.
- The Climate Emergency is a defining issue right now and I will hold Synod to its ambitious promise to become carbon net zero by 2030. I will call for churches and dioceses to be beacons of sustainable living, paving the way for an eco-friendlier and economically sustainable future.
- I am fully committed to the Living in Love and Faith process. I long for a church that embraces people's gifts, talents, and vocations rather than a church that creates barriers around gender, sexuality, neurodiversity, disability, and ethnicity.
- I would vote in favour of a blessing liturgy for same sex couples and also for equal marriage, if either came before the vote at General Synod.
- I wish to be part of a church where we can safely flourish together despite holding different theological positions, and so I support the Five Guiding Principles as a means to becoming a more fully inclusive church.
- I will seek to ensure that the new Covenant on Clergy Care and Well-Being becomes fully embedded within the culture of the Church.
- I will seek to ensure that our care for those who are vulnerable and at risk, and our support for survivors, is at the heart of our national and diocesan safeguarding vision and response. I will support the call from IICSA for independent oversight of safeguarding within the Church of England.
- I am married to Bernie who is a practicing Roman Catholic and, as a member of inter-church families and one half of an inter-church marriage, I will encourage and support ecumenism with our sisters and brothers of other denominations so that together we may strive towards becoming one holy, catholic, and apostolic church.
- I will encourage the church to build on the interdenominational and interfaith relationships that have grown up over recent years, creating and sustaining opportunities for hospitality, generosity, mutually safe conversation, building partnerships that can help transform our local communities, enabling greater understanding, nurturing healthy relationships and mutual respect.
- I will call for a renewed focus on poorer parishes, with a particular focus on rural and estate communities, encouraging and enabling lay and ordained ministries that assist Christian communities in turning away from the narrative of terminal decline, becoming part of a transforming, effective, growing, and confident Church of England.

When you come to cast your vote at the General Synod Elections, **please consider affording me your highest possible voting preference so that I may continue to represent you, not just on the General Synod, but also Archbishops' Council as well.** I promise to serve all clergy in Diocese of Southwark to the very best of my ability and be an active and persistent voice for the diocese, its churches, and its people. If you have any questions of any nature or wish to speak with me regarding my candidature, then do please contact me on 07832 730124 or email me on revtimgoode@gmail.com