

## General Synod

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I made my commitment to Jesus through reading John 11:25 when I was 18.

I am keen to see Church growth. Also Engagement and dialogue between the various Anglican traditions for example high church, evangelical, and neo Pentecostal. And engagement with Parishes.

I am keen to see dialogue with other religions including Islam and its various traditions e.g. Sunni, Shia and engagement with Judaism, including messianic Judaism, and Buddhism and Hinduism.

I am keen to see good outcomes for the country as a whole and the wider world.

### *Church of England Experience*

Whilst a student I attended the 'Round Church' in Cambridge. Mark Ruston was Vicar and David Huggett Curate. I kept in touch with David and Joyce when David became Rector of St Nicholas' Nottingham. In the mid-1970s I was a member of All Saints Wandsworth and the Wandsworth Deanery Synod. In the later 1970s I was treasurer of St Matthews Church, Cambridge and saw the congregation grow from about 60 to about 700. More recently I became a member of the Croydon Central Deanery Synod.

### *Wider religious experience*

I am in touch with most of the major religions. Having advised Israeli organisations, I am familiar with current Jewish practice and celebratory activity at festivals. Also, I am in touch with Messianic Jewish organisations. I am familiar with Buddhism and Hinduism. Also, with the various Muslim denominations. I am in touch with other Christian denominations (including Roman Catholic).

### *Governance experience*

I have been a non-executive director and risk committee chair of a listed financial services group and a non-executive director and risk committee chair of several authorised financial firms. See link:

<https://register.fca.org.uk/s/individual?id=003b000000LVQKuAAP>

Whilst an NED and previously as a regulator I have provided constructive challenge based on my independent judgement whilst being supportive of management. I am able also to ensure balanced judgements are made out of potentially conflicting views.

I am able to engage with stakeholders including the press, to yield good outcomes.

I have been a trustee of the Sandford St Martin Trust which encourages religious broadcasting through awards and related means. I was a member of the Trust's Finance Advisory Group which oversaw its investments. I have been a trustee of Firstsite, an art gallery in Colchester and a trustee of the Downing College Boat Club Segreants Trust.

### *Working in the Synod*

It is my intention to support Bishops and Clergy, development of ministry (including mission initiatives) and to study issues that may arise and proffer advice / opinions to resolve these. Also to undertake tasks allocated to me and to produce good outcomes.

My experience of accounting, finance and treasury matters should be of assistance in relation to budgets, accounts, and investments.