

**Thomas G.V.Roberts**  
**Churchwarden St Mary Magdalene Church, Wandsworth Common**  
**Candidate for Election to the General Synod 2021**  
**Electoral Address**

I have been a parishioner at St Mary Magdalene Church for 39 years which includes 15 years on the PCC and just over 2 years as Churchwarden. I have been a Christian all my life. 18 years ago I started leading a weekly bible study group at HMP Wandsworth. 9 years ago, with three others, I founded a charity, now called Change 4 Good, which mentors ex-offenders, supporting them in their rehabilitation into the community. I am a volunteer with the Prison fellowship on the Sycamore Tree, victim awareness course. At St Mary Magdalene we are focusing our effort on exploring ways we can utilise church assets more productively for the wider community throughout the week continuously rather than just when we run services. We are building strong ties with a variety of local charities to expand and develop our outreach.

I have spent 45 years in the City as an insurance broker which included senior executive positions and successfully setting up my own company. Whilst retired I continue to hold directorships and assist with executive coaching wherever the demand arises.

I bring a wide range of skills to the church. I participate in four different weekly bible study groups, two of which I lead, which underpins and reinforces my commitment to my faith.

Couple with my energy and devotion I have much to offer the church. I believe it is time for me to contribute my skills to the General Synod and so I submit my nomination and welcome your support.