

Annette Rose



Vicar All Saints New Eltham

I am standing for election because I am passionate about Jesus Christ and the Church, and therefore think that it is right and proper that we take time to ensure that all of the church is fit for purpose, that we love and care for all who come, whoever they are and wherever they are.

I believe the church is for all classes and all ages, for all races and all sexual orientations. This should be affirmed by the parish system and a parish church should reflect those who live there, and are encouraged to come. Churches should always be open and welcoming. Jesus met people where they were and so should we.

I have long held the belief that marriage should be available to all, and this is because it seems hypocritical to deny such a commitment those who love people of the same sex, unless we are approaching life with a level playing field, where are we. I am with Jeffrey John in the claim that we should acknowledge all relationships and particularly those that are 'Permanent, faithful and stable'. It seems wrong that we allow civil partnerships but not marriage.

I have served the diocese over many years, on Diocesan Synod, and the Parsonages Committee, on the then named Board of Ministry and Training, as well as being on Canterbury Diocesan Synod in the past.

I have in my time been a PCC Secretary, Youth Club Leader, and Chorister.

Church politics needs to have the ordinary clergy and people represented, for it is those very people who will be affected by the discussions and decisions made.

I have a very ordinary parish in an ordinary suburb of South East London, full of ordinary everyday people for whom we are church.

I am a mum to two boys, one 13 and the other 8, as well as being married. Being wife and mum gives me an instant connection with some but also keeps my feet firmly on the ground.

Please vote for me, Thank you

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