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*'I would like to offer myself to serve on the  
General Synod'*

Proposer: The Revd Jonathan Wilkes; All Saints, Kingston

Seconder: The Revd Robert Stanier; St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton

## **Unity**

I have attended Church of England congregations for most of my life. As a child I attended a church that might be described as having a liberal catholic tradition and as an adult I have worshipped in churches that could be described as having an evangelical tradition. However, I prefer not to use labels like these to describe myself or others, as it is my experience that as followers of Jesus and Anglicans, we often have a great deal in common, and labels only serve to separate and divide us.

I have in mind the words of Jesus from John 13, "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another". Unity is not only a command of the Lord, but it is for our mutual benefit and that of the world; I may not always be able to achieve this command, but I have looked to uphold it within the local church, deanery, Churches Together and diocese and I would take this longing forward to General Synod.

## **Service**

I do not have an agenda that I would like to achieve as a member of General Synod, rather my intention would be to serve, God and his Church, as best I can with the capacity and opportunity that I am given. I would seek to do this by listening, to our Lord, other members of the Synod and Diocese, and the world. If appropriate, I would seek to serve in the areas of youth and engaging with young people, and evangelism as expressed through the mission of the local church.

## **Obedience**

The primary reason that I am seeking election to the next General Synod is that I feel that God may have put this calling on my heart and mind and I wish to be obedient to the possibility of that calling. If I am elected then I will endeavour, with God's help, to serve him and his church to the best of my ability and to promote love and unity between brothers and sisters. If I am not elected then I thank you for the opportunity to stand, and the experience that I have gained in doing so, and I look forward to seeing where God will call me forward to next.

## **About Me**

I am married with four children, an engineer by training, I was in youth ministry for over ten years prior to training for ordination. I have been part of the Diocese of Southwark for 17 years as a Youth Minister in Richmond, an ordinand in Bristol, a Curate in Croydon, an Associate Vicar in Barnes and a Vicar in Kingston. I am currently deputy chair of Churches Together in Kingston, I have served on the Southwark Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP) for 6 years and I have also been a reflective practice tutor for IME 4-7 for the last 6 years. I served on Diocesan Synod from 2016-2018 until I moved deaneries and as a governor a Diocesan Secondary School and a Primary School.