

# REVD SANDRA SCHLOSS

PROPOSED BY:

CANON JOYCE FORBES  
(ACTING AREA DEAN FOR CROYDON NORTH DEANERY)

SECONDED BY:

THE VEN DR ROSEMARIE MALLETT (ARCHDEACON OF CROYDON)



## **FAMILY LIFE**

I am married to Ken, and we have three grown up children between us and two granddaughters.

## **MINISTRY/WORKING LIFE**

I was ordained Deacon in 2013 and priested in 2014 and served my curacy as a Self-Supporting Minister at St Mildred's Church in Addiscombe, in the Croydon Episcopal Area in Southwark Diocese. I have been at St Luke's Peckham since 2017, first as an Assistant Curate and now serving as the Vicar.

I continued to work for HMRC until 2017, when I transferred to incumbent status after having worked 33 years in the Tax Office in South London. I have a great deal of experience of working with people from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, dealing with the range of financial pressures of the clients and managing and leading teams coping with the changes and challenges of Tax policy in the UK. I feel my knowledge and experience in this area would be invaluable if I were elected to General Synod.

Since September 2020 I have served as Area Dean for Camberwell, being the first Area Dean for Camberwell in over 10 years.

## **HOBBIES/PASTIMES**

I enjoy sports especially football, basketball & athletics, and de-stress by watching shows such as Bargain Hunt and Pointless

## **WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I BRING?**

- I am passionate about community engagement and involvement and as such St Luke's is a member of Southwark & Peckham Citizens UK, in particular working on the area of Youth Safety.
- I am the secretary for Woolwich Area MEACC (Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Committee) as well as being a member of the Southwark Diocesan MEACC.
- While WMEACC addresses issues that affect the UKME community, membership is open to laity and clergy from all ethnic groups, to work in partnership and focus on the diversity challenges affecting equality, inclusion, and access of the UKME

community. One particular area we have been able to address is the issue of low numbers of incumbent status UKME clergy within the Diocese.

- I am a facilitator for the 'Living in Love and Faith' program and am running this for the Churches within Camberwell Deanery. This is an important issue to support & appreciate all people.
- I am on the Clergy Wellbeing group where we are addressing the Well-being and Pastoral Care of Clergy in the Diocese.

### **WHY DO I WANT TO SERVE ON GENERAL SYNOD?**

**YOUTH SAFETY** - especially regarding anti-knife crime campaigns, in Southwark as part of Southwark & Peckham Citizens we campaigned with the young people to have the images of knives taken down from the Met Police website.

**RACIAL JUSTICE** - As a supporter of issues regarding racial awareness, I am hoping to take these issues forward, and help the Church move from Word & Lament to Action.

**INCLUSIVE CHURCH** - I am keen that all areas of life are represented in the Church as such I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health, or sexuality.

UKME people are under-represented on General Synod. As Southwark Diocese is one of the most diverse & inclusive Dioceses in the country, having UKME clergy on General Synod sends a message that action is being taken to redress the imbalance, and fits within our desire to work intentionally to increase the diversity in our leadership.

**UKME WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP** - I am hoping the church can be more open for all types of people in all walks of life. I am particularly keen to pursue the issue around UKME people in leadership roles, with a particular interest in women, I recognise that women are slowly making strides but there is still a lot to do when it comes to UKME women in the Church.

**CLERGY WELL-BEING** - As a member of the Clergy Well-Being group for Southwark Diocese, I think it is so important to ensure that clergy take the time out needed and do not subject themselves to burnout, especially as we continue to respond to the needs of church and parish in these pandemic times. As a Diocese we are looking at ways in which we can adopt the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing and see it embedded in practice across all churches. I recognise that this work must be undertaken with our lay leaders also. The Clergy Discipline Measure is also in need of reform, and I would want to contribute to the work in that within the next General Synod.

**FINALLY:** Thank you for reading my Statement, and if you have any questions feel free to be in contact at [sandra.stlukespeckham@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.stlukespeckham@gmail.com), I would love to hear from you. If you think we need a more diverse Synod and a more inclusive church, please give me your first preference vote or the highest preference vote you are able.

Whether you feel able to vote for me or not, please pray for me and the other candidates and I encourage you to ensure you do vote in this election.