



Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

Vicar, St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham

Proposed:

Rev'd Canon Wilma Roest
Team Rector of the
Richmond Team Ministry

Seconded:

Mthr Berni Excell
Vicar of the Parish of
South Beddington and Roundshaw

I'm the vicar of St Mary's Balham where I've served for just over a year. I was ordained 11 years ago aged 24. I served my curacy in Chelmsford Diocese and have arrived in Southwark after a sojourn across the river in London Diocese. I love serving as a priest and, God willing, I will do so for another 35 years and then beyond into retirement. I've got a lot of years ahead of me so I'd like to be a part of shaping the future!

In the Church, God is calling together his people from all the ends of the earth. The Church is where the Spirit flourishes. It can be a frustrating place, a hurtful place, sometimes downright exasperating. We are a group of flawed and divided people. But I believe that the Church is the hope of the world. It is the messenger of good news, of hope, of salvation.

I want to represent you on synod. Please consider giving me your **first preference vote**. Not least because, as nerdy as it sounds, I really like synod. Someone has to enjoy proficient administration and conscientious oversight, and it's me.

I offer myself as:

Affirming Catholicism Trustee

- We promote the positive, inclusive and joyful currents in the Catholic tradition of Christianity.
- We prepare a briefing paper before each General Synod which is circulated to the Affirming Catholics in Synod group (ACiS). This is the grouping of inclusive catholic Christians on synod.
- I led a series of national discussion groups on Living in Love and Faith.

Inclusive Candidate

- I am committed to equality, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality.

Experienced Synod Representative

- I was ordained in Chelmsford in 2013 where from 2015-2017 I sat on General Synod. In 2017 I moved to serve in London Diocese and, as required, resigned my place on synod.
- I took part in General Synod's Shared Conversations in Human Sexuality. These formed the groundwork to the current Living in Love and Faith material.

Lover of the Parish

- I believe that the purpose of the Church is: to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; to make disciples; to pray; to break bread together; to care for the sick and those who are oppressed; and to allow ourselves to be used by the Holy Spirit in God's work of transforming people's lives.
- Synod must support this ministry by careful financial scrutiny and investment of resources to the areas most in need.
- Well-resourced parish ministry has been the lifeblood of generations of faithful Christian witness in this nation. I will fight for it.

Interested in the Wider Church

- I've served as an Assistant area director of ordinands in Kensington episcopal area and am interested in theological education.
- I'm a practicing, trained spiritual director.

I am committed to liberal catholic principles and dedicated to kindness towards those with whom I disagree. I love God and I love the Church of England. I want the Church to declare the love that God has for all people in Jesus Christ. **If you would like me to represent you on General Synod then I would urge you to give me your first preference vote.**



If you would like to discuss further any matters arising from this address then please contact me:
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