

Revd Aneal Appadoo, Vicar, St Luke's Church Reigate

Videos relating to my nomination: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcirmfrNMgS0&si=SgK7ltCf4AggkQwH>

Proposed by the Revd Capt Nicholas Lebey, *Team Vicar St George's Tolworth; Clergy Chair Diocesan Synod*

Seconded by the Revd Charles Lamont, *Dean of Revitalisation*



After much prayer I am standing again to be a member of General Synod. For the last **five years I have served as Global Majority Heritage (GMH) Co-Option on the General Synod** making a contribution to the life of our national church.

As a member of General Synod I have been fortunate enough to **speak into a number of debates** including recent motions concerning **Working Class Vocations** and **Neurodiversity in the life of the church**. I have also **raised questions on various matters**, recently around what benefit the Net-Zero commitments are having on clergy housing.

Behind the scenes I have been **exploring ways to make General Synod more accessible** to the wider Church of England and especially to neurodiverse members.

I currently **serve on two sub-committees of the General Synod**. Firstly in the **Advisory Group for the Terms and Wellbeing of Ministers**, a committee focused on clergy wellbeing which highlighted issues and concerns relating to financial wellbeing as part of the considerations around reviewing stipend levels. Secondly the recently established **Clergy Retirement Dignity and Fairness Group**, established to enquire as to what is needed to ensure clergy and their dependants are supported in retirement.

Independently I have negotiated with Better, a national gym and health chain, to offer a discount on membership to stipendiary clergy nationally as part of my **passion for clergy wellbeing**.

Areas of Interest

My great **focus is sharing the love of our Lord Jesus** with the people of this nation.

As the solo-minister of a small to medium sized congregation in a working class area, I am keen to give a voice to the majority of those who serve in our Diocese and in this Church: *the hardworking clergy who graft in under-resourced and under-financed parishes*.

I come from a **working class background**, have **mixed heritage** and have been **diagnosed with ADHD**. All three have been **areas of key focus** in at the close of this quinquennium and I imagine will be given **priority** in the next.

My overall **passion is for clergy wellbeing** and working at a national level to put in place systems and resources that enable clergy to thrive in ministry.

Brief Bio and Experience

Born of a Hindu Indo-Mauritian father, and a Christian white British mother, I was raised by working class parents in highly deprived area of Kent. My wife is of mixed Filipino and Indo-Mauritian heritage and this year we celebrate 17 years of marriage. Together we have two secondary school aged children.

I bring a **decade of experience in the secular workplace** including restaurant management, travel and financial services recruitment.

I have been in **ordained ministry for over a decade all in Southwark** in the **Croydon** and **Kingston Episcopal areas**, serving in large and small churches including **Fresh Expressions** and **Estates ministry**.

I have been a **member of Diocesan Synod** for most of that time, and serve as an **Area Director of IME**. In October I begin additional training as **Pastoral Supervisor** in order to better serve and support local clergy.

Churchmanship

By God's grace I have a wide experience of the Church of England. I spent my early years in a **simple Anglo-Catholic church** where I grew to love the richness and the beauty of a **liturgical tradition**, alongside the reverence of Communion.

In my early teens I had some experience in a more **central, open church** tradition, before joining a **lively charismatic evangelical church**.

Though labels are not always helpful, if asked I would say that I am an **Anglican Evangelical with a deep love and affection for the history and richness of the Church of England**. I enjoy the language, space and reverence often found in a more liturgical service, as well as the vibrancy of a more "contemporary" service.