

# ETHAN GLACKIN-MCCOLGAN



## Standing for the House of Laity of General Synod

Proposer: Caroline Leveaux,  
Parish of St Leonard's  
(Lambeth South Deanery)

Seconder: Yvonne Panton,  
United benefice of Upper Tooting  
(Tooting Deanery)

**As a Licensed Lay Pioneer and publican, I bring experience of sharing faith both within the Church and in the everyday life of our communities, and I seek to be a thoughtful, inclusive voice that helps the Church of England welcome, listen to, and serve all people.**

I am 33, married to my husband Daniel and have 3 dogs; Tartan, Mac & Donald. In church I am a Licensed Lay Minister (Pioneer) and outside of church I work full time as a publican.

I am passionate about hospitality both at work in our pubs but also the hospitality of our churches in our communities.

I worship and minister in the United Benefice of Upper Tooting and I have been a Christian all my life. Raised a Roman Catholic in rural Northern Ireland, I became an Anglican when I moved to London 14 years ago. The inclusion of LGBTQI+ people in the CofE was the main reasons I left the Roman Catholic Church.

## DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOTE!

Votes must be in by  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

## WHY I AM STANDING?

I am standing because I believe in the Church of England and I believe that it can continue to be a beacon of hope in our changing world. Our parishes have extraordinary ordained and lay people and I will champion the importance of our parishes if elected. I am prepared to speak up, listen to others, work through differences and challenge the status quo when needed.

**Overleaf you can find out how to contact me during the voting period.**

# WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

## **BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH**

Everyone is part of the Body of Christ and every person should be treated with dignity, listened to and valued as a member of the Church. Although we all have different theological viewpoints, we should be able to listen to each other with respect and value each person as a member of God's Kingdom.

I strive to promote a Church that:

- welcomes people from different backgrounds in our parishes
- **is committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of disability, economic power, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.**
- provides pastoral care for LGBTQI+ people who have often been excluded
- open to conversations between different theological viewpoints rather than deepening division

## **IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding is not a legal tick box, it is rooted in the example of Christ in the Gospel.

I strive to promote a Church that:

- ensures survivors are listened to and treated with dignity
- continues to improve safeguarding practices and training
- creates a culture of reporting and good practice at every level of the Church
- promotes independent scrutiny

## **PUTTING THE PARISH AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH**

If we want the Church of England to flourish, we must put the parish once again at the heart of our common life and mission. The parish is where the Church is encountered day by day and is where the Gospel is lived out among the people and places God has entrusted to us.

As St Teresa of Ávila famously wrote:

"Christ has no body now but yours."

Those words remind us that the Church's mission is not ultimately about structures, strategies or systems. It is about Christ being made known through his people in the places where they live.

I strive to promote a Church that:

- puts the parish at the centre of our thinking about mission and ministry
- ensures that parishes are properly and sustainably resourced towards frontline ministry wherever possible
- reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and duplication.
- simplify processes so that clergy and lay people can spend more time on pastoral ministry, evangelism and community engagement;

## **GET IN TOUCH**

I am available throughout the voting period for questions, clarifications or simply to say hello. Please email **[ethan.pioneer.southwark@gmail.com](mailto:ethan.pioneer.southwark@gmail.com)** and I can arrange a phone call or online meet.