

Revd Jonathan Macy



Proposed: Revd Lindiwe Maseko / Seconded: Revd Doug McHardie

Ordained in 2010, I have been Team Vicar at Church of the Cross (Thamesmead) since 2014, a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) in a Low Income (LInC) area. I am also Chair of NECN (National Estates Churches Network) advocating nationally for churches in LInC areas, the Southwark Diocesan Disability Adviser since 2022, a Woolwich Area IME Director since 2015 (supporting curates), and I also teach on IME, CME and the Bishop's Certificate. Prior to ordination I worked for 15yrs in the social care sector, mainly with people with learning disabilities.

I have been on General Synod since Autumn 2023. Over that time, I have asked formal questions, made speeches, and proposed amendments on issues based around my Gospel passions – parish churches in low-income areas (LInC), poverty and disability. These passions have led me to fight for local church funding, mission and vocations, and specifically I have spoken to:

- Foodbanks & The Essentials Guarantee (July 24) – *I spoke to the sad importance of Food Banks, and the need for basic support for people struggling with food poverty.*

- **Funeral Fees Amendment (Feb 26)** - *the potentially crippling c. £1000 increases were defeated by my amendment(s).*
- **Assisted Dying and People With Disabilities (July 25)** - *I argued that proper palliative care needs to be offered equally to all, including those with disabilities.*
- **PLF & Teams (from Feb 2024)** - *From the start I have challenged the Bishops over the question of Teams / multi-church benefices & parishes, and LLF. Teams (2/3 of CoE) are usually accidents of geography and poverty not theology, and more prone to the friction the PLF process created. I was the only person in Synod consistently chasing them for a workable solution with workable guidelines for those in plural contexts, regardless of the personal position held.*
- **LInC Funding Rethinking / Transparency (from Feb 2024)** - *Woolwich Area should qualify for LInC funding, but due to a geographical quirk, does not. I have challenged this throughout my time on GS through both speeches and questions.*
- **Working Class Group (Feb 25 - Feb 26)** - *I supported Fr Alex Frost's motion and was part of the working group that drove it home over the following year.*
- **Mental Health & The Church (Feb 26)** - *In areas of poverty, people with mental health issues are over represented, and clergy under-resourced to meet those needs, and so prone to mental health issues.*
- I am serving as the Anglican ecumenical representative to the Methodist Conference until 2028.

With regard to LLF / PLF, I hold the traditional historic Anglican view of marriage. I was part of Shared Conversations many years ago, maintaining relationships across the piece since then, and served in the LLF Working Groups over the last couple of years. I am committed to working across the Church to find a properly workable settlement to the questions before us - as demonstrated by my questions about workable "team" contexts for whatever views one holds.

If I am elected, I will continue to advocate for, and speak into, these areas. Please give a high vote for me as one who has worked positively and successfully across many issues and traditions for many years.