

## Please vote for Dr Mark Pickering for 2026 General Synod

- As a **medical doctor (a GP)** I'm experienced in boiling down complex situations to key issues and presenting these clearly to a range of people, as well as communicating sensitively in high-stress environments.
- I work in **prisons and secure mental health units**, which gives me experience of safeguarding, the criminal justice system, mental health, and chaplaincy in complex environments.
- As the **CEO of the Christian Medical Fellowship**, I have an understanding of charity law and the vital place of **workplace ministry** so that all Christians can impact their workplaces and communities. I'm interested in **organisational health** and am a **highly relational leader**, with excellent collaborative skills on complex, divisive issues.
- I'm an **experienced media speaker** on complex bioethical issues eg assisted suicide.
- Working in the **diversity of the NHS**, I am passionate about building good relationships across ethnic groups, fostering understanding and appreciating the challenges that racism and cultural misunderstandings bring.
- I have a long and significant **interest in Islam and Judaism**, which has helped me understand other faiths, communicating Christian truth sensitively and contextually, whilst also working together on issues of common interest.
- I'm a passionate advocate around **autism and neurodiversity**, promoting understanding and inclusion, and the particular contributions this can often bring.



### Varied Church Experience

- A member of **St John's Blackheath** for many years in the 2000s and 2020s, previously chairing the Missionary Committee. Also helped set up and support a **team ministry plant** to a new urban area.
- Ten years in Yorkshire, in a **rural multi-village benefice**, part of a Bishop's Mission Order, with a complicated interregnum. I was also our **village Parish Council chair**, focussing on community engagement, planning applications etc.
- As a student I spent time in a **large London city church**, as well as **non-Anglican experience** in an urban estate (URC) and an FIEC church in Yorkshire.
- I'm fascinated by **church history and different traditions** – I enjoy engaging with Catholicism and Orthodoxy to appreciate different Christian traditions.
- I love working in **complicated organisations** and helping to unravel knotty problems in committees. I have a long history of **collaborative working in organisational partnerships**, both in the UK and internationally through roles in the International Christian Medical & Dental Association.

I can also **communicate briefly and concisely**, which is why I'll keep this to one side of A4! I'd be delighted to answer any questions you may have – [mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk](mailto:mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk) and 07962 236 161. I would really appreciate a **high preference vote** and am praying for wisdom for you as you choose between many good candidates!

**Nominators** – Olaitan Fatoye (Plumstead Deanery) and Ruth Mwangangi (Charlton Deanery)