

Candidate for General Synod

Rev Jago Wynne



I am standing to continue serving on General Synod. I am being proposed by Rev Lindiwe Maseko (vicar of St. John's Kingston) and seconded by Rev Marcus Gibbs (vicar of Ascension Balham).

I was **one of the clergy team from our diocese on General Synod for the whole of the last quinquennium (2021-26)**. I was one of only two of the seven clergy who remained in post for the duration of the five years.

This photo is taken near to the University of York where the July sessions of General Synod take place. Each year, I take time to go on a prayer walk and pray for the future of the Church of England sitting under this flourishing tree. My prayer is that, like this tree, **we would see the Church of England flourishing**. This will come with deep roots in Jesus and branches stretching out wide into the community, as we look to provide a sheltering canopy for anyone and everyone as we share the good news of Jesus across our nation and see the church renewed for mission in society.

Our clergy and people need to have confidence that the central legislative bodies of the Church of England are committed to supporting and resourcing parishes for ministry and mission. If elected, **I will seek to keep the front-line mission and ministry of the local church as the Synod's main focus.**

I would be **grateful for your support in this election as your first choice candidate**, and if not first choice, I would ask you to consider giving me a high preference vote.

Many thanks

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Who am I?

I am a flawed yet wholehearted disciple of Jesus Christ. I am married to Susannah, and we have four children: Daisy (20), Boaz (19), Hope (12) and Theo (10). For the last eleven years, I have had the privilege of serving as both the **Rector of Holy Trinity Clapham**, the first resourcing church in Southwark diocese and a church with an electoral roll over 600, and as the **Priest in Charge of All Saints Clapham Park**, a smaller church just behind Brixton prison with an electoral roll under 50.

My previous roles have been:

- Associate Rector of Holy Trinity Clapham (2012-2015)
- Curate at Holy Trinity Brompton (2010-2012)
- Ordinand, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford (2008-2010)
- Associate Minister at All Souls Langham Place (2003-2008)
- Strategy Consultant at Accenture including being Programme Manager of Accenture's relationship with the World Economic Forum (1998-2003)

My focus on General Synod

Parishes flourishing: I hope that my long term experience of leading both a resourcing church (Holy Trinity Clapham) and a small-sized church (All Saints, Clapham Park), as well as sending out church plants from HTC, will continue to be helpful in discussions at Synod. I believe we must focus **on revitalising and growing worshipping congregations in parishes across this nation**. I have spoken about my experience of this in Synod debates.

I share much of the frustration of the Save the Parish movement with the frontline cuts, the creation of mega-parishes and the abandonment of the poor. There needs to **be a reduction in centralised costs** to allow for a focus on frontline ministry in parishes up and down the country. If we are going to see **parishes flourishing**, we also need **an increased pipeline of theologically-trained ordained leaders** with a passion for sharing Jesus and loving people.

The Church of England flourishing: I am **one of the seven directors of the Alliance** which is a network of networks within the Church of England committed to our Anglican heritage of faith, **holding to the received teaching of the Church of England**. We set up the Alliance in 2023 in response to the trajectory that the Living in Love and Faith process was heading in. The Alliance has over 2000 clergy supporters. As one of the Alliance directors, I have **met with the lead Bishops of the Programme Board of the Living in Love and Faith process and the LLF team** regularly over the last quinquennium to help represent all the networks within the Alliance.

I am deeply conscious of the pain and sensitivities in the life of the Church of England brought about by this prolonged debate, recognising it affects those from every perspective. I want to continue to play a part in working **towards a solution that sees the Church of England flourishing** - helping ensure **a sustainable platform at the heart of the Church of England** from which we can continue to serve our nation through evangelism, mission and church revitalisation, and so **pass on the legacy of the faith we have inherited to future generations**. I share the concerns expressed by many across the spectrum of views that the new initiatives and bodies being proposed by the House of Bishops could mean going through the LLF journey again, risking similar results and ever deeper pain across the Church.

Christians flourishing: I serve in a church with an inspiring past. Holy Trinity Clapham was at the forefront of **the abolition of the slave trade** through the work of William Wilberforce and others who worshipped at HTC. Wilberforce's example is so needed and relevant today – and primarily the reason for this is his integrity as a follower of Jesus.

This year we celebrated our 250th Birthday as a church, and I published a book entitled “The Integrity Fix”. The premise of the book is that we don't all have the gifts or sphere of influence that William Wilberforce did, but **every follower of Jesus is qualified to live a life of integrity in response to the grace of God**, just as Wilberforce did. It is this that has the biggest impact on helping each person flourish for Christ in life, and it is this that will bring about revival in our nation. I am passionate to see **Christians flourishing in their faith**, and want to help encourage fruitful discipleship across the Church of England.

What do others say?



Jago is passionate about revitalising the church and seeing growth in the kingdom of God. He has well rounded experience and proven ministry effectiveness. I believe that he is a great candidate and commend him for General Synod.
Rev. Lindiwe Maseko, Vicar of St John's Kingston (Proposer)



I have been very grateful for Jago's service as one of Southwark's clergy representatives on General Synod over the last five years. His heart for Jesus and passion to see parishes flourish are qualities I greatly value. He is someone I trust to speak clearly and courageously and to keep mission and the life of the local church firmly in view.
Rev. Marcus Gibbs, Vicar of Ascension Balham (Seconder)