



CALUM ZUCKERT

I believe in the parish as the bedrock for the church's mission, and the local point of connection with the love of God and neighbour. I long to see a Church of England where everyone is welcomed and has a place.

PROPOSER The Ven Bridget Shepherd

Archdeacon of Wandsworth

SECONDER The Revd Dr Charlie Baczyk-Bell

Associate Priest

St John the Divine Kennington

Why am I standing for election?

I am standing for Election to General Synod to represent the voices of clergy and I would be grateful for your vote. I am passionate about the Church of England and pray for a renewed energy in the church committed to know and nurture the people in our care. Young people, in particular, have too often been seen as tomorrow's church and therefore tomorrow's problem; I am convinced that today's church needs to be close to the ones whom Jesus called to be close to him.

This is an exciting season for the Church, where growth is – in some areas – becoming embedded. It is my hope that the Church becomes increasingly relevant and a place where new and returning Christians find a home. The parish is the centre of the church's mission, being best placed to know our local communities, and should be supported with resources and clergy who are enabled to minister well.

I look forward to a time when the Church of England will spend more time talking about Christ's mission to the world and less talking to and about ourselves. We need to achieve a more inclusive and satisfactory conclusion to the LLF project, be clear in support of the local church, and regain confidence in being the church for all. We also must redouble our efforts to become a truly safe church, where safeguarding is not an afterthought or inconvenience, but rooted in our mission. With these priorities, I feel confident that these are exciting and transformative days in our Church life.

I hope that I can count on your vote, and I am very willing to answer any questions.

About me

- Rector of Barnes Team Ministry, representing a range of church traditions
- Previously Minor Canon Youth Chaplain at St Albans Cathedral
- Served in a SSM curacy in North London
- Previously a Vocations Advisor and Assistant Director of Ordinands
- Background as a professional choral conductor
- Specialist in educating young voices
- Trained for Ministry at Westcott House and St Mellitus College

Church Interests

- Engaging young people and their families in the church
- Building relationships across church communities
- Church music and liturgy
- Growing the church sustainably
- Developing vocations and supporting those in formation for ministry

Outside of Ministry

- Husband and Stepdad of 2
- Keen cook
- Occasional choral conducting work
- Private Pilot License holder

Priorities for the next Synod

- Supporting parishes with increasing costs and demands
- Developing recruitment to well-resourced ministry posts
- Encouraging a growth in vocations to ordination
- Becoming a more inclusive and representative church

