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THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND WHY I WISH TO STAND FOR GENERAL SYNOD IN 2026



PRIORITIES

To use my skills in governance and operational matters to simplify the Church of England ready to bring the Gospel to people via every parish in the land.

If elected I am committed to represent you at General Synod, sharing what is happening in Manchester and learning from others across the country.

Please contact me if you wish to have a chat or a coffee together.

It would be a privilege to be given your 1st vote in this forthcoming election or as high as you are able.

Many thanks

Deborah

I am a long-standing member of Holy Trinity Platt, Rusholme and am serving on a large PCC with a focus on **strategy, operations and our Hardship Fund**. I stepped down as senior church warden in May after a busy and enjoyable 6 years in post. Those years were preceded by 4 years as Deputy Warden.

<https://www.plattchurch.org/who-we-are/welcome>

Governance is a key issue for our national church. I understand the vital nature of **governance, transparency and accountability** in institutions and commercial organisations. My experience is as follows:

- key member of an Accountability Group for a Life Peer in the House of Lords, currently involving the establishing an educational charity around political theology on which I will be a Trustee/Director.
- Lay Representative on Deanery Synod for Manchester South and Stretford. Our Deanery is blessed with a wide range of traditions and hard-working lay sisters and brothers in Christ.
- Treasurer of the Manchester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship <https://mdef.info/>
- as a founding member of the church Hardship Fund, we operate a transparent policy and review applications through various levels of church leadership depending on the funds required. We are supporting a wide range of people from asylum seekers to the recently bereaved
- operational, sales and ownership interests in SMEs understanding the roles of significant shareholding and directorships.

I am half Chinese, being born in South East Asia and remaining in close contact with the region. As such I hold a particular commitment to **Racial Justice**, knowing that we are all made equal in the image of God. **I would encourage Synod to work hard to face the growing threat of Christian Nationalism.**

I am a keen supporter of the Save the Parish campaign and their Six Commitments around Parish, Priest and People



<https://www.savetheparish.com/>. I will work particularly to support local representation teamed with theologically robust training and pastoral support for priests and their families.

With regard to the ongoing discussions around human sexuality and relationships I support the current church position on marriage and relationships. I enjoy close friendships with people across the various sides of the debate recognizing and deeply lament the confusion and unnecessary damage that have accompanied this process.

BACKGROUND

My paid employment over the decades has been entirely in private business and commercial environments. I have worked in large international companies and in SMEs, experiencing the daily responsibilities for jobs and success.

All of my higher education and adult life have been focused on Manchester. My school years in the North East of England included worshipping in an independent Christian Fellowship and later in Anglican churches both in my local village and town.