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Dear Colleagues

I write to invite your support in the forthcoming elections to General Synod, as I seek a further term as one of the elected Southern Suffragans in the House of Bishops.

I was elected as a Southern Suffragan in 2015, and prior to that served as a member of the House of Clergy from 2000-2011. From 2011-13, I was an observer at the House of Bishops. My experience of both General Synod and of the House of Bishops would, I hope, serve me well in the new Synod and House.

I'd like to suggest, briefly, three reasons why you might be willing to support me.

The first is the contribution which I have been able to make to the discussions in the House of Bishops particularly in the fields of 'Faith and Order' issues and ecumenism. As one of the bishops on the Faith and Order Commission and its Episcopal Reference Group, I have been involved in a number of work streams over the last five years, including (but not limited to) the relationship between the Church of England and the Methodist Church. I will shortly take up a new role as Chair of the Council for Christian Unity, and it seems to me important that the holder of that office should be able to speak both in Synod and in the House of Bishops. Theologically, I have made contributions to consideration of the ministry of reconciliation (with particular reference to the 'seal' of the confessional) and to questions round the celebration of Holy Communion prompted by the Coronavirus pandemic. I have been involved in work which was commissioned to offer some theological and ecclesiological reflection on the governance of the Church of England. I was one of the bishops who served on the co-ordinating group for Living in Love and Faith (LLF), and the questions explored by LLF will of course be to the fore in the next Synod. I have been encouraged by the many colleagues who, over the last five years, have said they have found my contributions in the House to be helpful. I have served as a member of the panel of Chairs, both in the Synod and in the House, and would be pleased to continue to do this work if re-elected.

The second is that I am a traditional catholic by theological conviction, but one who is committed to living out that vocation within the Church of England. I do think it is important that the traditional catholic 'voice' continues to be heard in both the House and from among the bishops in Synod: without it, diversity is diminished, and the health and mission of the whole Church impoverished. I believe I can contribute from this traditional catholic perspective confidently and thoughtfully. Having been involved in many of the early stages of the legislative journey which enabled women to be ordained and consecrated as bishops, I fully uphold the House of Bishops Declaration and the Five Guiding Principles. In London I work closely and well with Bishop Sarah and together we are seeking to model mutual

flourishing. I believe that my continuing presence in the House and on the Synod will be a welcome signal to the wider church both that traditional catholics wish to be engaged in the life and structures of the Church of England, and that there is support for them to do so.

Third, I believe that I have the experience to represent all southern suffragan bishops well in the new House of Bishops. As Bishop of Fulham, I minister across the Diocese of London exercising the responsibilities of an Area Bishop in parishes assigned to my episcopal care, but also supporting the wider life of the diocese as a suffragan (I hold the senior staff portfolios for Higher Education chaplaincy, and for the Ministry of Deliverance.) I exercise extended episcopal care for parishes in the Diocese of Southwark, giving a 'regional' shape to my ministry overall. This gives me a helpful perspective as we consider the future shape of episcopal ministry.

It has been a privilege to serve as an elected suffragan since 2015 and with your support I hope to be able to continue to make a helpful contribution on your behalf as we journey through the next five years.

With best wishes, in Christ

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Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham

Proposed by Will Hazelwood, Bishop of Lewes

Seconded by Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden

Brief CV

Assistant Curate in Ascot 1993-6

Parish Priest of two urban parishes in Reading 1996 – 2003

Principal of Pusey House, Oxford 2003-13

Bishop of Ebbsfleet (with episcopal ministry in 11 dioceses in the southern Province) 2011-13

Bishop of Fulham 2013 – date

Married to Susie with 3 children and 2 stepchildren

Gavin Collins



Current role

I have been serving as Bishop of Dorchester in Oxford Diocese since earlier this year, with pastoral responsibility for parishes across Oxfordshire. Additionally, I hold particular responsibility for supporting the work of the Mission and Ministry Department, and as lead Bishop for rural ministry across the Diocese.

My other commitments are as a husband to Christina, and as father to our 3 young adult children, Emily, Susie and Harry.

I see my role as Bishop as being chiefly to pastor the clergy, LLMOs and church wardens of my parishes; to work with the legal and systemic structures of the church in a way that enables and promotes mission and growth; and – above all – to work as a faithful servant of Christ and the Gospel in my life and ministry.

General Synod service

As a Bishop, I am called to serve and represent the whole of the Church of England, and not any particular faction or grouping within it. Although only recently joining the College of Bishops, I have been on General Synod since 2013 and it would be a privilege to be able to continue that service at the national level as one of the Southern Suffragan representatives.

During the past 8 years, I have been an active member of General Synod, speaking on numerous occasions – including the antepenultimate speech (in favour) during the final debate on the legislation that finally opened the way for the consecration of women Bishops. I have also been a founder and organising member of the Evangelical Forum, a group designed to provide a respectful and inclusive place for conversation, reflection and fellowship, as we enable Evangelicals on Synod to engage in discussion of the key issues in a more open, inquiring and mutually supportive way than has often been possible in the past. This is going to be more vital than ever in the new Synod as we move forward with the work of Living in Love and Faith, in which I am publicly committed to being an inclusive and active voice, working with colleagues towards enabling the church to move to an inclusive and affirming position on all aspects of same-sex attraction and relationships.

During the past 8 years on Synod, I have come to appreciate much that is good about the national structures of the Church of England – as well as why they can often seem frustrating – and particularly to value the sense of being part of “something bigger”

than parish and diocesan concerns. I see my calling on Synod as being a voice for unity, helping to bring together people of different opinions, particularly on divisive subjects, and giving a challenge to remember the Biblical call to walk in love as well as truth, with the consequent commitment to ongoing fellowship and unity. This role has been particularly important as a member of the General Synod Human Sexuality Group's Consultation Group, and as Synod faces what will inevitably be divisive debates on issues of human sexuality over the next 5 years, I would like to be in a position to continue to play what I hope is a constructive, if at times uncomfortable, role.

As well as working for the good of the Church and Diocese, I also have an active interest in public issues that affect society at large, and have a strong commitment to the mission of the Church and our national witness on issues of justice, social equality, international development, education and medical ethics.

Background

Before joining the Diocese, I served for 10 years as Archdeacon of the Meon and Warden of Readers in Portsmouth Diocese, and for 14 years in parishes in Ely and St. Albans Dioceses, including 5 years as Rural Dean of Rickmansworth. Before ordination, I worked as a commercial litigation solicitor in the City of London, and was also involved in charities taking convoys of relief aid to Bosnia and Romania during the 1990s. I served for 15 years as a Trustee of Latin Link, a mission agency working in South America, and as a Trustee of London School of Theology (formerly London Bible College) from 2005 to 2014.

Hobbies

Cycling (including from Land's End to John o' Groats last year), running (I try and run on at least a weekly basis), supporting Brighton and Hove Albion (which proves that I'm a person of faith), spending quality time with my family, and engaging in lively debate on politics and current affairs.

+ Gavin

Gavin Collins
Bishop of Dorchester

Election Address for House of Bishops of General Synod - 2021



I am The Rt Revd Dr Woyin Karowei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich. Proposed by The Rt Revd Dr Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington and Seconded by The Rt Revd Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton. I was a Hospital doctor/GP prior to training for ordination. I was an Ordinand of St Alban's Diocese. Ordained at St Paul's Cathedral in 1995 to serve a title in London Diocese. I have served in various Parochial, Area, Diocesan and National roles. I was a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral. I have been Bishop of Woolwich since 2017. I hold graduate and post-graduate degrees in Medicine, Theology and Missiology.

Why am I standing for General Synod?

A. Mission and Evangelism

I believe in the Five Marks of Mission. We are called to speak hope to our nation as they rediscover God through faith in Jesus Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit. As a Missiologist, I believe we are well positioned for this mandate can find new ways of being Church through regular parish ministry, fresh expressions, hub churches, resource churches and other forms of expression as we build back stronger and better after the Covid-19 pandemic

B. Diversity & Inclusion

I believe our diversity in the Church is a gift of God in creation and no one should be excluded because of their age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, inability or disability. After the recent report - From Lament to Action, its obvious a lot has been done, but, there is much still to be done in celebrating our diversity. I support the recommendations of the report and hope we celebrate the diversity of the Family of God as a gospel imperative. As the only black male bishop currently in the Church of England, I am willing to contribute on behalf of the voices from the margins.

B. Children & Youth Ministry

I am passionate and excited about the role of our children and youth in our Church. We are so blessed with many motivated and well adjusted children and young people doing great things for God, Queen and Country. As I write this piece, Miss Emma Raducanu, an 18yr old from Bromley has won the US Open Women's Tennis Final, becoming the first British woman to win a Tennis Grand Slam in 44yrs. How amazing! We set up a Youth Forum in the Woolwich Area of Southwark Diocese to empower and give our Children and Youth a voice to speak to us and the wider Church giving us their views on many issues on Racial Justice, Climate Change, a practical example on how to engage and enable them to thrive/flourish in our church. I would like to make the inclusion, welcome, and flourishing of children and youth a priority in our Synod debate.

D. Maintaining God's Creation

The mandate given to us to care for/nurture God's creation has been blighted by the effects of human sin against God and neighbour. As we experience the painful effects of global warming and climate change worldwide, the need for repentance and maintenance of God's creation is clear to see. I would like to contribute to the debate of the theological imperatives and Missiological implications as a Bishop and Theologian with a background in science.

Your response is needed!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement. There is so much more to say and I ask you to please give me your first preference vote. God bless. +Karowei, The Bishop of Woolwich



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I am standing for election to General Synod and would very much appreciate your vote and support.

There are many good people standing and the choice will not be easy. If elected I would bring:

Experience of General Synod

I served as a member of the House of Clergy as a parish priest in Coventry Diocese and as Archdeacon in Oxford Diocese. I made my maiden speech arguing for the ordination of women as bishops and have always been prepared to speak when I have something to contribute. Knowing when not to speak is also important! Conversation and collaboration away from the debating chamber is vital and something I enjoy. I understand the workings of General Synod and with important matters coming up I would hope to be able to contribute well as a Suffragan member of the House of Bishops.

Commitment to 'Radical Christian Inclusion'

The Church of England has a clear call to be open to God and open to all. However many people feel excluded by the church on grounds of class, disability, race, sexual orientation or gender.

How will we progress Lament into Action at pace and with purpose? I have been a CMEAC rep for Oxford and now Worcester dioceses and if elected this will be a key commitment for me.

I am also committed to the process of Living in Love and Faith. I would want to argue for a traditional view of marriage that is open to all people regardless of gender. If that is not possible then clergy need to be free to hold a service of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage without penalty. I am committed to the prayer, listening and deep conversation that will be needed to find a healthy way forward for the whole church on this and other matters. I meet monthly on Zoom with bishops from around the world when we discuss these and many other issues, while reading scripture and praying together as disciples of Christ.

Other interests and experience

I was Interfaith Advisor for Oxford Diocese alongside being Archdeacon, and am becoming a Trustee for the Christian Muslim Forum. In Worcester Diocese I lead on Safeguarding, Ministry, Church Planting and Net Zero. Ordained in Durham in 1985 I'm glad that most of my ministry has been as a parish priest. I still seek to lead a Jesus-shaped life and I welcome the call for a Simpler, Humbler, Bolder church. I enjoy most sports, especially football. I enjoy gardening, walking and bird watching and have a lifelong commitment to safeguarding the natural world.

Thank you for reading this letter and for your prayerful attention as a new synod is elected and formed. May God bless you in your life and ministry.

Martin

Rt Revd Olivia Graham
Bishop of Reading



Why am I standing for General Synod?

It is not news to any of us that the next five years will be of huge significance for the Church of England.

We have set ourselves the challenge of becoming simpler, bolder and humbler. Now we need to work out what this actually looks like, and what we need to change. Our commitment to this challenge will show itself in a number of crucial areas, among them:

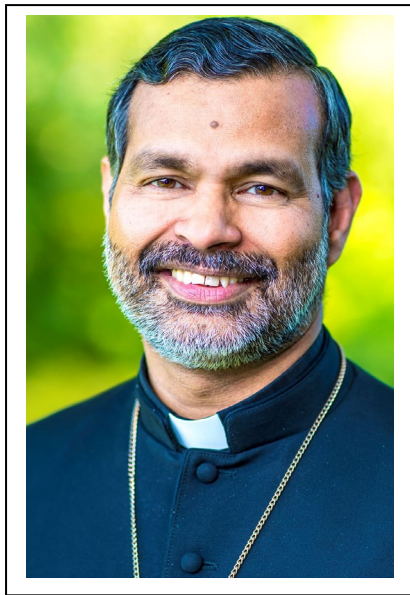
- ◆ We need urgently to up our game on environmental action and to offer real leadership on this. If we fail, not only will we fall short of our responsibility as stewards of God's earth, but we will lose all credibility with the constituency we most want to connect with - young people. The issue of climate justice is one which, as a Church, we are well placed to speak out on.
- ◆ The coming Lambeth Conference will be of huge importance in the strengthening of our bonds of love and care with the international Anglican family. It will need careful work on the building of trust between us beforehand, and the bonds we forge must be strong enough to carry us through the turbulence of the next decade.
- ◆ We have been horrified and sickened by our institutional failure to protect children and vulnerable adults from those who have harmed them under the shelter of our churches. The work on prevention, on support of those harmed and on redress must continue.
- ◆ We have a huge task in relation to our understanding and acceptance of the variety and complexity of human relationships, and our individual and corporate response. The next steps in the LLF process need to be taken with prayer, care and sensitivity so that we can keep the greatest number of people and churches in the tent.

What could I offer?

- A passion for environmental issues. I am the lead bishop for the environment in the Diocese of Oxford, and one of the two suffragans on the National Environment Working Group working alongside +Graham Usher.

- First hand knowledge of world development issues. I spent 13 years, before ordination, doing relief and development work in Africa. I have been active in our Diocesan link with the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa for many years, and currently chair our Partnership in World Mission, relating also to the Lutheran Church in Sweden and the Church of South India. In the run-up to Lambeth I have been engaging regularly with the 12 bishops Oxford will be hosting next summer, facilitating conversations and community, as well as participating in the pre-Lambeth conversations. I firmly believe that it takes the whole world to know the whole Christ.
- A heart for social justice, which for me is a gospel issue. Recently this has involved work on refugee and asylum concerns, knife crime and cuts to the aid budget.
- I am committed to the transformation of the Church into a fully inclusive and mutually respectful expression of the Body of Christ, across all of our differences in relation to the issues which divide us. As we work with the LLF process, I would want us to move together towards an affirming position on same-sex relationships.
- I am the lead bishop for safeguarding in Oxford Diocese. I am keenly aware of the challenges we face in creating a truly safe Church, and of the need to go beyond ensuring compliance and to address culture change at every level.
- I have been a parish priest, a parish development adviser, and an archdeacon before taking up my episcopal ministry, and so I have a close and detailed understanding not only of the missional, pastoral and worshipping life of the Church of England at parish level – the place where it is most abundantly expressed - but also of the functioning of deaneries, archdeaconries and dioceses
- I am a woman of faith and prayer. I believe that all things are possible with God. I am aware that the College of Bishops has in its number a vast wealth of talent, knowledge, experience, theological nous and holiness. I offer myself for election to General Synod in all humility, in a spirit of service and with an abundance of commitment to the flourishing of the Church of England.

The Right Reverend Dr JOHN PERUMBALATH (Bishop of Bradwell)



I come with the following experience from which I might usefully contribute:

- Lay Preacher in the Church of South India; parish priest and theological educator in Church of North India; member of CNI Synod and CNI Theological Commission.
 - Longstanding involvement in the Anglican Communion: continuing relationship with CSI and CNI; many other provinces through USPG, now as a member of its Communion wide Advisory Group, previously as an international trustee.
 - Strong ecumenical relations, especially with Porvoo Communion, Church of Denmark and Syrian Orthodox Church.
- Member of the General Synod (2010-13; 2015-18). Member, Mission and Public Affairs Council (2015-18) and the Appointments Committee of the Church of England (2015-18).
 - Represented the CoE at Porvoo Communion theological consultation three times.
 - Chair of CMEAC (2015-18)
 - Lived and academic Interfaith experience

My current roles include:

- Lead Bishop for Church of England's relations with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. A trustee of CTBI
- Chair of Churches Refugee Network UK and Ireland
- Chair of Trustees, Christians Aware
- Member, Dioceses Commission
- Member, LLF Next Steps Group

I bring perspectives from the margins, a world view nourished by Oriental approaches that acts as a corrective to modern Western world view, and experience of mission and leadership in a minority church that continues to grow and flourish.

My main concerns are about the loss of biblical narrative among the faithful, lack of confidence in articulating our faith story, continuing exclusion of underrepresented groups and the growing top-down approach in mission and ministry.

General Synod Election Address 2021

Candidate: Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle
Bishop of Crediton,
Diocese of Exeter

Proposer: Rt Rev'd Andrew Rumsey
Bishop of Ramsbury, Diocese of Salisbury

Seconded: Rt Rev'd Robert Springett
Bishop of Tewkesbury, Diocese of Gloucester



Dear Colleagues,

I am standing for election to the General Synod having previously served on the Synod as an Incumbent (Diocese of Derby) and an Archdeacon (Diocese of Gloucester) in the House of Clergy. I am asking for your first vote because:

Vision and Challenge

It will be the mission of this Synod to shape the vision of the Church with purpose, structure and action. We need to be a simpler, humbler, bolder Church as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ afresh for this generation. The pandemic has revealed our creativity and ingenuity, as well as our vulnerability. We already knew the need for nimbler decision making and agile processes. This synod must rise to these challenges and engage with the issues of our time including climate change, divisions and tribalism in society and church, inequalities, safeguarding and sexuality. This synod must act on reports including IICSA and 'From Lament to Action'. To grow is to change – essential if the church is to reach all age groups and people, and be united in purpose to serve God and the people of our nation. I am excited by the challenges and opportunities ahead and have gifts and experience to offer in shaping the Church for the future, that include:

Living in Love and Faith I am a Living in Love and Faith advocate, promoting the LLF resources and committed to the process of discernment in the whole Church. We are hearing voices from across the church, and the emerging stories of love and faith are both inspiring and challenging. **I support change and would be a voice for generous inclusion believing that (i) marriage and committed, faithful, permanent relationships are a gift from God, and are to be welcomed and blessed (ii) the requirement of celibacy for clergy in same-sex civil partnerships needs to end (iii) generous inclusion is a missional priority.** We can trust and flourish through such change because we are a broad church, with rich theological heritage, who have held together through many differences in the past. Jesus prayed for the unity of his followers, and I will do my utmost to enable the Church of England to navigate our way together into new territory. As a pioneer of women's ordained ministry, I offer skills as an experienced agent of change and in the reshaping of culture.

Parishes, Church Planting and the 'Mixed Ecology' The parish system is a gift, based as it is on incarnational theology and inclusion. Many parishes already operate a

‘mixed ecology’ with fresh expressions and various ways of being church. Parish and ‘mixed ecology’ are a ‘both/and’. The move online in 2020-2021 has opened up new ways of gathering, worship and witness. The church has been ‘turned outside’ by the pandemic. I oversee the work of Church Planting and Revitalisation in the Diocese of Exeter. We are committed to learning, growing and being open to new ideas, grounded in prayer and attentive to the Holy Spirit. **I would bring experience of church planting and fresh expressions to Synod**, having led on large SDF funded plants and smaller, but equally beautiful, planting and revitalisation projects, often within the parish system. I care deeply about the rural church and am excited by the mission communities and hub models that are offering a way of resourcing mission, evangelism, worship and service in the countryside.

Wellbeing Wellbeing for Christian ministry includes a theology of grace and abundant life, in the context of service which is often costly and demanding. **In my work I prioritise collegiality, trust and honesty, with mutual care, interdependence, personal responsibility and team work as core.** Can General Synod be a place of wellbeing and flourishing? How we work together in the next quinquennium will need the values of the (LLF) pastoral principles to create an open, trusting and less adversarial approach to discernment and decision making.

Education, Training and Theology I am committed to including children and young people in every part of church life and hearing their voices directly. I have been the Growing Faith advisor. I have been a school teacher and governor and am on the Diocesan Board of Education. I taught theology in a TEI for 7 years and am committed to ongoing theological development for all. **I am a trained practitioner in conflict transformation and interpersonal mediation** and was for 8 years on the training team with ‘Bridge Builders’, teaching conflict transformation for Ecumenical Senior Church Leaders.

As a member of General Synod, I served on the Clergy Discipline Commission (2015-2018) and would willingly work to bring change to the CDM process, currently under review. I am the Diocesan lead Bishop for safeguarding

Brief Biography:

2018-present Bishop of Crediton, Diocese of Exeter

2012-2018 Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon Gloucester Cathedral

2003-2009 Incumbent St Peter Littleover, Derby. Hon Canon Derby, Diocesan Dean of Women, Area Dean

1996-2003 Theology Faculty, Trinity College, Bristol

I was ordained deacon in London Diocese in 1992, priest in 1994 and served curacies in Harrow and Ealing. I was a primary school teacher for 7 years in Sussex and London.

I am married to the Rev’d David Runcorn and we have two grown up children.

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Thank you for reading this address, do please contact me if you would like any clarification. I would be grateful for your prayers and support and your vote.

General Synod: House of Bishops Southern Suffragan Election

Election Address from Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington

I have been a suffragan bishop in London since 2015 and have spent 30-40% of my time developing church planting and church growth in the London Diocese and the rest working with bishops in other dioceses to support their own church planting strategies, individual church planting plans and clergy involved in church planting. This unique episcopal role was set up to serve the Church of England in this way and the work has expanded to enable every tradition, size of church and context to be included in this work.



I have not served in General Synod before, but I recognise more than ever the need to support and help every part of the Church to develop our thinking, theologically and ecclesologically, around being a “mixed-ecology Church”. There is significant listening and discussion that is required to get from where we are to where God is calling us to be. I would like to be part of that process and I would love to offer myself to serve the Church in this way at General Synod.

Addressing the big issues

This synod comes at a critical moment in the life of the Church of England with significant issues to face and address. I am at heart a practitioner and highly pragmatic. I want to see solutions to the challenges we face and aim to support work that unites the Church and helps it to engage with the mission it is called to in this nation.

Church of England Vision

I am excited by the Church’s call to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ afresh in each generation to the people of England. This has driven my passion to help the Church reach out beyond its membership to connect with new people in new places in new ways. Over the Summer it was clear that this is a contested space with strong reactions from some quarters to our emerging plans for new congregations and leaders over the next ten years. Church leaders are weary from leading through Covid, from living with the uncertainties of reduced incomes and diocesan cuts, from helping their congregations navigate LLF and some of the divisions in the Church. There is a need to listen, to pray, to share stories, to take stock, to envision and to lead.

I am right behind the Church’s vision to become a simpler, humbler, and bolder Church that is Jesus Christ-centred and -shaped. I have found that church planting and creating new worshipping communities brings this to life, reaching a younger and more diverse range of people where being missionary in its discipling focus is natural. There is much work to do on this mixed ecology and this is the focus of my work and what I can bring to the synod.

LLF

Questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage and their place within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ have been one of the most challenging things that the Church has had to face. There are no easy answers. But we are still in a listening process and as bishops we need to lead the Church in listening to each other and modelling loving one another across our differences. Alongside listening, we must lead the Church in prayer for wisdom and for solutions that unite

rather than divide, and we must continue to sit under the authority of the Scriptures without being swayed by unhelpful pressures to rush to find half-baked solutions.

Racial Justice

After 25 reports and over 160 recommendations, racial inequality is still a sin at the heart of the Church, and we need to challenge this together and address it as a priority. We have seen that words are not enough to change a system that is inherently white and middle class. Action is required. The Anti-Racism Taskforce's report, 'From Lament to Action', has 47 specific actions, most of which can be implemented now in every diocese. I believe we must intentionally make space for UKME leaders to be appointed now, especially in senior positions. We must also develop the UKME leadership pipeline intentionally so that we have a cadre of leaders being built up over time. I have worked first-hand with the Peter Stream in London, and now wider, enabling men and women from different ethnic backgrounds, and socio-economic backgrounds to find a welcome space to train for ordination and grow as leaders. Once again, church planting is proving to be a creative space for people from diverse backgrounds to start new congregations and churches and this will continue to influence the wider Church.

Church Planting and Mixed Ecology

A mixed ecology of church does not diminish parishes or parish churches. In my experience across the country, I have seen the opposite to be the case, where new congregations and churches are releasing new energy in clergy and laity as they see their churches grow and new people come to faith. I want to highlight the many churches being planted and new worshipping communities being created. In many cases, it is the parish church that is the focal point and agency for planting. There are some amazing stories that need to be told. This is leading to better giving and financial sustainability in parishes, as well as releasing new vocations, lay and ordained. Far from killing off parishes, church planting and revitalisations are saving parishes and strengthening them, in some cases with more attendance and engagement than they have ever seen. I want to listen to the whole Church, and when appropriate, tell these stories and find ways to encourage the Church and add value to this part of the Church's vision.

Relating to the House of Bishops and the wider College

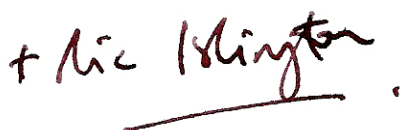
In my role as a suffragan bishop, I have spent time in almost every diocese in the country, supporting bishops and their teams, giving guidance, adding value, and working with individual leaders and churches, especially with resource churches, but also with developing practical strategies for planting within a mixed ecology vision. As a synod member, I would continue to do this in a wider way, advocating and serving the house and college, building on our existing relationships.

I hope that you'll consider giving me your first preference vote, please. Do be in contact if you have any questions about anything I've written here.

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Thank you for reading this!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ Nic Islington". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Nomination for General Synod

The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter
Bishop of Huntingdon, Diocese of Ely, since 2019



Current areas of episcopal ministry include overseeing diocesan strategy, ministry (sponsoring bishop, LLMs, IME, mission and ministry staff etc), ecumenical links, communication.

Experience in suburban, rural and market town ministry, and public square.

I want to see and contribute to a church that is

- inspired by the kingdom Jesus proclaimed,
- both courageous and realistic in its mission and ministry by supporting the best of pioneering and parish ministry,
- kind in the way we treat each other within the church,
- effective and practical in its support of justice (poverty, climate, racial justice etc)
- ready to welcome and include more fully LGBT people
- committed to honouring the place of solid theological education and scholarship in the church

I am concerned and frustrated about the self-absorption, tribalism and in-fighting we all too often display, especially on social media and on General Synod.

We need a body such as General Synod and I would like it to work better: I think a greater focus on its primary role as a legislative body might make space for seeking different modes of interaction so that we can develop and widen the national conversation we have among ourselves and make an improved contribution to public discourse.