New Members

The following people have become Members of General Synod since July 2022:

The Revd Alice Kemp, Diocese of Bristol replacing The Revd Canon Martin Gainsborough

The Revd Philip Calvert, Diocese of Birmingham replacing The Revd Canon Priscilla White

The Revd Canon Jane Richards, Diocese of Chelmsford replacing The Revd Sam Maginnis

The Revd Brenda Wallace, Diocese of Chelmsford replacing The Ven Elizabeth Snowden

The Revd Steve Burston, Diocese of Chichester replacing The Revd Canon Archie Coates

Mr Ian Boothroyd, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham replacing Miss Kathryn Hubbard

Mr Andrew Charles, Diocese of Lichfield replacing Mr Martin Shakespeare

Miss Mary Bucknall, Deaf Anglicans Together replacing The Revd Neil Robinson
Anglican Communion Guests

We are delighted to welcome the following guests to the February 2023 group of sessions:

The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

Bishop Anthony was born in what is now South Sudan, his family had to move to Uganda to flee the first Sudanese Civil War, returning to South Sudan when he was 9. He was ordained a Deacon in 1995 and a Priest in 1996. In 2007 he was elected Bishop of Kajo-Keji, a position he held until 2016 when he moved to Lambeth Palace to support the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, as his Adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs. He now leads the staff team at the Anglican Communion Office, the international secretariat, in serving the four “Instruments of Communion”. He took up his role in September 2022, succeeding the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon.

The Most Reverend Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto, Primate of Brazil

Archbishop Marinez is currently Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Amazonia; member of the Anglican Communion Ecobishops Network, the Anglican Communion Commission on Evangelism and Discipleship and a Member of IARCCUM (Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission on Unity and Mission). She is also Primate Bishop of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (IEAB).

She has 28 years of ordained ministry, 5 years of episcopate.

She holds a degree in Theology from the National Theological Seminary of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. She specialises in religious diversity and human rights, and is referent Bishop for ecumenism at the IEAB.
The Reverend Canon C. K. Robertson, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Beyond the Episcopal Church

The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson serves as Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church and Distinguished Visiting Professor at General Theological Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. from Durham University, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has authored or edited dozens of books and articles.

The Most Reverend Dr. Samy Fawzy Shehata, Archbishop of the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

The Most Revd Dr Samy is married to Madlaine and have two sons Rafik and Ramy.

He has been Archbishop of the Anglican Province of Alexandria since 2021 and was previously Area Bishop of North Africa in the Diocese of Egypt from 2017.

He has a Doctorate in Theology (Th.D) from the University of Birmingham which he received in 2002, and has been Dean of Alexandria School of Theology since 2012.

The Most Reverend Julio Murray, Archbishop of Central America

The husband of Ana Lorena Copeland and father of Jewell and Sean.
The VII Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican-Episcopal Church of Panama on August 19th, 2000.
2008 President of the Ecumenical Council of Panama, National Concertation Dialogue Table, Commission for the Covenant for Justice in Panama,
2020 CSS – Social Security Dialogue Table, Member of the Consultative Council and High Level Commissioner to the Bicentennial Covenant of Panama - Pacto Bicentenario Member of Advisory Group, Arigatou International, Tokyo –Building a better World for Children,

Member of the Board of Directors of the Anglican Alliance
2020 Chairperson of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network-ACEN
2021 Lead Archbishop of the Anglican Communion at the 26th. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties, COP26 in Glasgow Scotland, COP27 Sharm Elsheick, Egypt, 2022