

Nigel Lea-Wilson: Election Address for House of Laity, General Synod, 2026



Who Am I?

- Name: Nigel Lea-Wilson
- Age: 69, born in Uganda.
- Husband to Gill for 36 years.
- Father to Amy, John & Dan
- Grandfather to Isabella & Evie

Church & Current Role

- St Luke's Knowsley Road, St Helens
- Reader, PCC member, Small Group leader

Involvement in Deanery & Diocese

• General Synod: Lay Representative • Liverpool Diocesan Synod • St Helens Deanery Synod	2021-26
• Clergy Housing Committee • Bishop's Council	2021-24
• Member of Statement of Needs Group for next Bishop of Liverpool	2026



< Speaking in the [Marriage Fees debate](#), General Synod, York, July 2023.

I also spoke **against microplastics** in the Sustainable Church Flowers debate in Feb 2026 (my wife is a florist!).

Relevant Professional Experience

- After a Physics Degree I joined BICC Cables, the giant multinational company in Prescot, and became a **Chartered Engineer**. I saw the *human cost of technology change* as Copper Cables were displaced by Optical Fibres, factories closed, new ones opened and many lives were changed.
- Aged 44, I retrained, and **taught Physics** in Warrington for 12 years. I lived the *highs and lows of our State Education system* from the inside.

- Later I helped support my mum in her **dementia** until she died and went on to glory at the age of 97.
- I have **tutored** Physics and I love its power: if you know Newton's law of gravity you can get to the Moon. But if you know Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life you will get to heaven!

How has God equipped me?

- My age gives me some years of perspective:
- I am a member of the **Liverpool Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship** (LDEF).
- I attend the **St Helens Minster** Book Group (my former church) where I have friends who do not share my orthodox Anglican stance on LLF.
- My early life was in **Two Continents**. Born in Africa, I was educated in Uganda, Kenya & the UK.
- I witnessed the *life-giving impact* of the **East African Revival**, a *deep Christ-centred unity across racial and tribal barriers* - evidence for me that Christianity is *true*, not just 'true for you'!



- Since 2006 I have run Education-based **charity work** helping South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.
- I have experienced both a Fit for Mission **Larger Single Parish** (Church St Helens) *and* a **traditional parish** (St Luke's, part of the Eccleston Team).
- I **lead services & preach** in three local churches.
- I have **asked questions** at General Synod
- I have **reported back** to Diocesan Synod
- I chair a **Local Charitable Trust** with a £2.2 Million endowment to benefit the community. One £5,000 grant was matched by DIP money and the local vicarage gained new doors and windows.
- I also manage a small **Woodland** linked with this Trust: *birdsong is a true balm for mental health!*
- **Discipleship**: My family had to leave Uganda when I was 16, partly due to the Islamist dictator Idi Amin. Now I meet those fleeing from Iran, and

some have turned from Islam to follow Christ. I helped lead **Come, Follow Me**, a Discipleship Course for both Farsi and English speakers. One Iranian received an answer to his prayer and exclaimed, "*Now I know the real God!*"

• **Music in Worship**. Recently my wife and I sang in the backing choir for Jubilate Music's *Gathered to Go*, 13 Songs and Hymns for ordinary services.

• I am a member of the local branch of Good News for Everyone. We offer **free Scriptures** and it seems there is hunger for the Bible, especially among Gen Z. The latest publication is 'EXPLORE Christmas, Luke's Gospel'.



Why am I standing?

As a lay Reader and former Church Warden with a scientific, teaching and Engineering background, I believe I can contribute to General Synod more effectively than before, now I know the ropes!

What motivates me?

Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. His words will never pass away. He is Lord of the Church and Saviour from sin and death. In Him is fullness of joy and life eternal. It is a joy to share this message with all who hunger for it.

Could I ask for your first preference or a high preference vote? Thankyou!

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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