

REBECCA LLOYD



Dear colleagues in Christ,

I am asking you to consider voting for me to serve the Diocese of Liverpool on General Synod.

Why me? Why Synod? Why now?

I am standing because I believe the voice of Self-Supporting Ministers needs to be heard – not as a separate voice, but as an important part of the whole Church. SSMs make up around a third of our clergy, yet at the last Synod there was only one SSM. I believe we need a stronger voice that reflects the reality of ministry alongside work, family and everyday life.

I am a mum, priest, a solicitor and a hospital chaplain. For most of my working life I have worked as a solicitor, giving me the knowledge of law, governance, accountability, negotiation and finding practical solutions to difficult problems.

As a priest, I have seen the Church from the pew, the vestry and the altar. As a solicitor, from the boardroom. And as a chaplain at LUHFT, I see every day the privilege and responsibility of being alongside people at some of the most difficult and significant moments of their lives.

These different perspectives have given me a deep love for the Church – but also a determination that our structures, systems and resources must serve our mission rather than become an end in themselves.

This year I have also had the privilege of working with colleagues across Warrington Deanery as we have taken the significant step of becoming one parish. It has taught me that change isn't easy. It requires listening, trust, honesty and a willingness to put aside our own preferences for the sake of the bigger picture.

But it has also shown me that we can do more together than we can do alone.

That is the voice I would bring to General Synod.

We cannot simply ask, "How do we maintain what we have?"

We must also ask:

"What is God calling us to become?"

My Priorities

Children and families — Children are not just our future, but our priority now

For ten years I have served as a diocesan governor for our local school, working closely with the Diocesan Board of Education, and I have subsequently been invited to become a Director of a new Multi-Academy Trust of Church of England schools in Warrington.

I have seen first-hand how the Church can transform the lives of children and families through schools, churches and communities.

This is about far more than growing church numbers. It is about mission — and about tackling poverty, exclusion, youth crime and the inequalities that affect our communities.

As a mum and a priest I must prioritise that Children and families must be at the heart of our mission.

Inclusion matters

I believe in equality for everyone, at every level and in every role within the Church, regardless of disability, economic circumstances, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity or sexuality.

I believe God has given us a broad Church in which everyone should be able to find a place to call home. Being inclusive does not mean that we will always agree. It means choosing to remain in relationship, listening to one another and treating one another with dignity, compassion and care.

Safeguarding and accountability

The Church must be a place of safety. I support independent oversight of safeguarding within the Church of England and stronger accountability when safeguarding fails. We must listen to survivors, learn from what has happened and put the safety of people before the protection of institutions. My experience as a solicitor gives me particular skills that I would bring to this work.

WHY ME

If elected, I will listen. I will listen to clergy and laity, to parishes and deaneries, to our communities and to those whose voices are too often unheard. I will bring the perspective of an SSM parish priest and hospital chaplain, the professional skills of a solicitor, and the experience of working collaboratively to bring about change.

But above all, I will bring a deep love for the Church and a determination to see us become the Church God is calling us to be. Not simply preserving what we have, but building what comes next.

I would be honoured to have your vote and, if elected, privileged to serve you.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO ME FURTHER EMAIL ME AT REVREBECCALLOYD@OUTLOOK.COM