

2026 General Synod Elections

List of Registered Inclusive Candidates

The candidates on this list have publicly signed up to the following:

“We are committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of disability, economic power, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.”

The list is compiled to help voters support candidates with inclusive values. Sometimes candidates in the election are not always clear in their position on inclusion, either not mentioning their views or using misleading terminology such as “orthodox teaching” or “traditional marriage”. The candidates below are committed to openness and transparency, and have agreed to put their names to a public inclusion statement. If you believe the Church of England should not discriminate and should be there equally for everyone, please vote for the candidates on this list.

Guidance to Voters

- 1) Find your diocese on the list and use your first preference and highest preference (2nd, 3rd, etc.) votes to support all the inclusive candidates. **Do consider all of the inclusive candidates listed for your election equally and distribute your highest preference votes among them** – you don’t have to vote for them in the order that we have listed them, but make sure your “1” is definitely next to one of the inclusive candidates, “2” for your next favourite on the inclusive list and so on.
- 2) Once you have used your highest preference votes for our supported candidates, continue to vote for other candidates on the ballot who you want to support. **Read their election statement carefully, and if they are not clear on issues like ordained women’s ministry or fully supporting same sex relationships do not vote for them.** Some candidates make nuanced and obfuscating statement on key issues, or don’t mention them at all – don’t be caught out!
- 3) Next, move on to those who you would not mind representing you and then stop. You do not have to vote for every candidate, **do not put any number against a candidate who you would not want to represent you on General Synod.**
- 4) **Forward this list to other voters you know** - both clergy and laity. We need the list to be spread far and wide.



Voting note – Please use your first and highest preference votes for these candidates, in whatever order you prefer (not necessarily the order they are listed here)

Bath & Wells Clergy (4 seats)

Helen Drever

Bath & Wells Laity (5 seats)

Eleanor Motion

Pete Skett

Christina Baron

Alison Horsey

Birmingham Clergy (3 seats)

Theresa Morton

Jenni Crewes

Douglas Machirizda

Birmingham Laity (3 seats)

Dawn Brathwaite

Rachel Jepson

Blackburn Clergy (5 seats)

Calum Crombie

Kat Gregory-Witham

Blackburn Laity (7 seats)

Paul Ronson

Matthew Smith

Margaret Carr

Paul Hannah

Bristol Clergy (3 seats)

Alice Kemp

Adam Beaumont

Kat Campion-Spall

Bristol Laity (3 seats)

Toni Glazzard

Brendan Biggs

Auriol Britton

Canterbury Clergy (3 seats)

Ravi Holy

Rachel Webbley

Canterbury Laity (3 seats)

Judith Andrews

Shannon Short

Carlisle Clergy (3 seats)

Andrew Burrell

Carlisle Laity (4 seats)

Rachel Rose

Christine Burgess

Charlotte Lait

Chelmsford Clergy (6 seats)

Sarah Moss

Jane Richards

Neil-Allan Walsh

Neil Dalley

Sue Lucas

Chelmsford Laity (6 seats)

Robert Hammond

Gill Ball

Kat D'Arcy-Cumber

Chester Clergy (6 seats)

Hannah Harvey

Emma Speake

Jenny Bridgman

Liz England

Chester Laity (7 seats)

Alan Downen

David Hermit

Sam Wilson

Johnathan Masters

Janette Allotey

Jason Clarke

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Chichester Clergy (6 seats)

Jo King
Martin Poole
Daniel Valentine
Caroline Armitage
Jack Dunn

Coventry Clergy (3 seats)

Claire McArthur

Derby Clergy (3 seats)

Sarah Watson
Julian Hollywell
Bryony Taylor

Durham Clergy (4 seats)

Donna Robinson
Simon McMurtary
Chantal Noppen

Ely Clergy (4 seats)

Diane Kutar
Nick Moir
Sarah Gower
Paul Hutchinson

Europe Clergy (3 seats)

Tuomas Mäkipää
Jeremy Auld
Fiona Jack

Exeter Clergy (5 seats)

Morwenna Ludlow
Rosie Austin
Emma Loveridge

Gloucester Clergy (3 seats)

James Turk
Natalie Jennings
Katrina Scott

Guildford Clergy (4 seats)

Barnaby Perkins
Jo Winn-Smith

Chichester Laity (7 seats)

Richard Soppitt
Florence Sparham
Mark Gill
Martin Auton-Lloyd
Gilli Howarth

Coventry Laity (3 seats)

Sarah Matthews
Blessing Alayande
Katie Hartless Rose

Derby Laity (3 seats)

Louisa Wass Griffiths
Kat Alldread
Emily Brailsford

Durham Laity (4 seats)

Richard Scothton
Adam Ellison
Catherine Mayes
Tim Packer

Ely Laity (3 seats)

Andy Gordon
Kirsten Watson

Europe Laity (3 seats)

Ruth Leach
Lester Carissimi
Ludovic Claude

Exeter Laity (5 seats)

Vivien Southall
Simon Friend
Kerry Gilbert

Gloucester Laity (4 seats)

Nic Tall
Hannah Leckebusch
Margaret Sheather

Guildford Laity (4 seats)

Judy Young
Leslie King
Donna Miller

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Hereford Clergy (3 seats)

Belinda Stanley

Hereford Laity (3 seats)

Emily Hill

Lesley-Anne Williams

Leeds Clergy (8 seats)

Joanne Medhurst

Debbie Nash

Catherine Shelley

Robb Sutherland

Wendy Dalrymple

Rachel Firth

Leeds Laity (9 seats)

Judith Osborne

Hilary Paxton

Catherine Stephenson

Diana Tremayne

Jo Beacroft Mitchell

Hugh Lorimer

Leicester Clergy (3 seats)

Clive Watts

Leicester Laity (3 seats)

Carys Underdown

Charlotte Dodson

Joel Plant

Lichfield Clergy (5 seats)

Abbie Walsh

Lichfield Laity (7 seats)

Joe Porter

Deborah Alero King

Jessica Holmes

Lincoln Clergy (3 seats)

Stuart Craddock

Rowena King

Lincoln Laity (4 seats)

Neill Hepburn

Nigel Bacon

Paul Brewster

Liverpool Clergy (5 seats)

Kimberley Mannings

Ravinder Sangra

Miranda Threlfall-Holmes

Philip Anderson

Rebecca Lloyd

Liverpool Laity (4 seats)

Tobias Threlfall-Holmes

Warren Bohan

Nadine Daniel

London Clergy (12 seats)

Ann Lynes

Martine Osborne

Jody Stowell

Robert Thompson

Francesco Aresco

Brandon Fletcher-James

London Laity (13 seats)

Fiona MacMillan

Josile Munro

Shaun O'Brien

Robert Zampetti

Philip Baldwin

Charles Edward Lord

Manchester Clergy (8 seats)

Marie Pattison

Paul Pritchard

Andy Salmon

Gareth Thomas

Kenson Li

Liz Rowles

Manchester Laity (5 seats)

Abby Ogier

Christine Sharp

James Wilson

Rob Chilton

John Hobson

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Newcastle Clergy (3 seats)

Catherine Sourbut Groves
Hannah Cleugh
Zoe Heming

Newcastle Laity (3 seats)

Nic Denyer
Izzy McDonald-Booth
David Julian Casati
Charlotte Laura Clarke

Norwich Clergy (4 seats)

Charles Read
Simon Ward
Graham Kirk-Spriggs
Hannah Morris

Norwich Laity (3 seats)

Pam Spychal
Helen Grogutt
Alex Perry

Oxford Clergy (10 seats)

Chris Dingwall-Jones
William Lamb
Steve O'Connor
Val Plumb
Sam Tanna-Korn
Mark Bennet
Sue Booyes

Oxford Laity (9 seats)

Deborah Kidd
Helen King
Jeremy Lasman
Nathaniel Miles
Rosemary Newman
Alexandra Scott
Peter Barrett
Julie Dzielgel

Peterborough Clergy (3 seats)

Rowan Williams
Andrew Birks
George Brett

Peterborough Laity (3 seats)

Natalie Watson
Vicky Brett
Corinne Stefanowicz

Portsmouth Clergy (3 seats)

Portsmouth Laity (3 seats)

Vanda Leary
Steven Smart

Rochester Clergy (3 seats)

Allie Kerr
Trudi Oliver

Rochester Laity (4 seats)

Jane Rosam
Gill Cain
Tim Harrold

Salisbury Clergy (4 seats)

Ruth Howlett-Shiple
Lesley Jones

Salisbury Laity (6 seats)

Jason Wyles

Sheffield Clergy (4 seats)

Sarah Maughan
Claire Dawson
Jacqui Jones

Sheffield Laity (4 seats)

Susan Shirt
Christine Batchford
Cathy Rhodes

Sodor & Man Clergy (1 seat)

Liz Hull

Sodor & Man Laity (1 seat)

Linda Mann

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Southwark Clergy (8 seats)

Melanie Harrington-Haynes
Jonathan MacNeaney
Andrew Mumby
Anna Norman-Walker
Jenny Walpole
Calum Zuckert
Charlie Bączyk-Bell
Antonio García Fuerte

Southwark Laity (7 seats)

Eve Bradshaw
Ethan Glackin-McColgan
Jim Nurton
Alison Tomkins
Paul Waddell
Grahame Woods
Piotr Bączyk-Bell
Cheryl Bartels

Southwell & Nottingham Clergy (3 seats)

Tim Fox

Southwell & Nottingham Laity (4 seats)

Callum Parr
Ian Boothroyd
Peter Harris

St Albans Clergy (5 seats)

Lucy Davis
Anne-Marie Kramer
Rachel Wakefield
Sara Batts-Neale
Tim Bull

St Albans Laity (5 seats)

Becky Mynett
Sheila Bissell
Elizabeth Hedison

St Eds and Ips Clergy (3 seats)

Ben Edwards

St Eds and Ips Laity (3 seats)

Chris Findlay
Alexander Berry
Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend

Truro Clergy (3 seats)

Andrew Yates

Truro Laity (3 seats)

Diana Favell
Robert Perry

Winchester Clergy (4 seats)

Rachel Noel

Winchester Laity (4 seats)

Morgan Llewellyn-MacDuff
Tim Nickels

Worcester Clergy (3 seats)

Claire Lording
Becky Elliott
Adam Hadley

Worcester Laity (3 seats)

Robin Lunn
Lynn Nichol
Hannah Barlow
Kashmir Garton

York Clergy (6 seats)

John Hoyland
Cate Turner
Mel Burnside
Liz Hassall

York Laity (6 seats)

Tim Moore
Celia Oldroyd
Sue Pascoe
Sammi Tooze
Heather Baker
Gerald Fox

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Universities and TElS Clergy (4 seats)

Angela Sheard

Helen Dawes

Steffan Mathias