



Becky Elliott

for General Synod

I am standing for General Synod because I believe that it is God's desire for all to flourish - be it individuals, relationships, communities or the world we live in. For me, this must be at the heart of everything the Church of England does and the decisions it makes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
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Nominated by

Proposed by Revd Gail Rogers - Vicar of St Laurence Church, Alvechurch and St Leonard's Church, Beoley.

Seconded by Revd Gary Crellin - Area Dean of Malvern and Upton.

Clergy Voters

Thank you for reading this. I would love to represent you at General Synod.

Please consider giving me your first vote and giving high priority to Claire Lording and Adam Hadley. Thank you.

About Me



I'm married to Jamie, we have two grown-up children and a Golden Retriever called Belle. Before ordination, I worked as a Secondary Science Teacher for seventeen years.

I grew up going to our village church where I worked my way through Sunday School, the choir and the youth group, but left it and my faith behind when I left home. Some years later, the birth of my daughter prompted me to return to church where I was welcomed, included and encouraged. Before too long, I was leading a youth group, running Alpha courses and serving on the PCC. I was ordained in 2017 and served my curacy in the West Worcester Rural team before starting my current role as the Vicar of Holy Trinity in North Malvern and St James' in West Malvern. I serve on the Malvern and Upton Deanery Leadership Team and I am the Dean of Women's Ministry for the Diocese of Worcester.

Outside of work, I love spending time with my family, wild swimming, being up in the mountains, crocheting and I'm a Franciscan Tertiary Novice.

What do I bring to Synod?



I am an innovative and strategic thinker, able to balance long-term vision with practical realities. I am committed to the mission of the Church and work collaboratively with lay and clergy representatives to achieve this common goal. I evaluate proposals thoughtfully and contribute constructively to reasoned decision-making. I work with pastoral sensitivity ensuring that everyone feels heard and their views valued.

What's Important to Me?

Inclusion

I am 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. As Dean of Women's Ministry, I am privileged to support, represent and advocate for ordained women across the Diocese.

Having witnessed the Church cause profound hurt to a member of my family, I am also a passionate LGBTQ+ ally. I long for the Church to be a place where everyone is welcomed and valued as they are and can fully belong without fear of exclusion or discrimination.

As someone who is Neurodivergent, I am committed to helping create a Church that is accessible for disabled and neurodivergent people. This includes encouraging the development of practical ways to improve the accessibility of our church buildings, worship and community life.

These experiences have shaped my vision for how I will vote on General Synod. I want to help build a Church in which everyone knows they belong, where women are supported in ministry, LGBTQ+ people are fully welcomed and valued, and disabled and neurodivergent people can participate in every aspect of church life. I will use my voice to advocate for a Church that is more inclusive, more accessible and more reflective of God's love for all people.



Local Church

For me, the Church of England is the local church. It's where the community can gather to worship, and it's the place from which that community can be served and the love of Jesus shared. The local church is under considerable pressure with challenges ranging from declining and ageing congregations to issues with buildings and governance structures. I want to be part of a synod that values the riches of the traditions we have inherited but also looks to the future with curiosity and innovation.

As the Vice-Chair of Churches Together in Malvern, I'm excited about what can happen when the Body of Christ, with all its differences, works together to build the Kingdom of God, and I am keen to bring this experience of ecumenical collaboration to Synod.



Climate Justice

When I was 18, I went to University to study Ecology because I wanted to save the rainforests. I haven't managed it yet, but at a time when climate change has had profound consequences for people in our Diocese, as well as all over the world, the church must do all it can to reduce its carbon footprint and use its resources and influence others to do the same.



Clergy Wellbeing

Part of my Dean of Women's Ministry role is to be on the Bishop's Staff Team, the Diocesan Wellbeing Group, and the Ministry and Missionary Team. It is critical for the Ministry and Mission of the Church that the wellbeing of clergy is taken seriously. Whether clergy be stipendiary or self-supporting, there needs to be sustainable patterns of ministry and structures in place that enable them to live well. I want to use my experiences to speak into the issues that affect clergy at Synod, from stipends, pensions and housing to training and structural reform.

