

Tony Welford

I have often wondered why I find myself back in the position of Churchwarden after what some people would describe as a chequered history.

I met my wife, Gail, who's the backbone of our relationship, at Pathfinders at St Lawrence, Morden. We remained involved with all levels of the youth work until we got married in 1973. Following a brief spell in Bapchild, we returned to London and set up and ran the youth club at Christ Church Sutton with John Hackett. We passed some years on the PCC and in the early eighties I stepped up to the role of Churchwarden.

Pressures of work, in the international financial markets, dictated that I take a step back and it wasn't until the early 2000s that I rekindled my faith at Warbleton. The path has not been straightforward but I find myself fulfilling the role of Churchwarden once more.

What do I bring to the General Synod? An understanding of financial markets; an in depth background in youth work; experience of performing at a high level in education and sport; an underlying knowledge of the machinations of the Church of England; but, underpinning it all, a realisation that God comes first in everything.