

ELECTION ADDRESS FOR GENERAL SYNOD

I believe in a fully inclusive Church. In Bishop Sarah Mullally's presentation to General Synod in 2023 she stated:

“Real and profound disagreement continues to characterise the Church of England. Disagreement about sexuality persists within our church communities, between our churches, among clergy and lay leaders, as well as among us bishops, and now here, among members of Synod.

It is not, of course, the only reality about our church. But these particular disagreements mar our life together, tarnish our reputation in the world we are called to serve and distract from God’s mission. They are a source of discouragement and doubt for us in the Church, dragging us away from the “love, joy and celebration of our common humanity” that the gospel calls us to; they cast a shadow over our witness to Christ, the good news of salvation and redemption that we long to embody and declare”.

This is still the case today. As a Church we need to work together on furthering the Good News of Jesus Christ in order for our Church to grow, showing a positive, united and loving Church family open to all. This is what I will work for if elected to General Synod.

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