

General Synod Election Address 2026

House of Laity.

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WHO AM I?

My wife Lynn and I, have been married for 37 years and both originate from Yorkshire. We have 3 daughters, who between them have blessed us with 5 grandchildren.

I spent 30 years in the Fire and Rescue Service and ended up living in East Sussex where I was the Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the county. I then did 10 years as a Fire Consultant before eventually retiring from paid work in 2019. In my spare time I love walking, travelling and reading and to keep fit I play Padel.

My career exposed me to many amazing opportunities and gave me experience of the strategic workings of both national and local government. Among my corporate responsibilities I specialized in managing a property portfolio and I also was the lead principal officer for Personnel and Training (HR). Part of my responsibilities was also to represent Senior Officers nationally on the Pension Scheme Board.

I also served for 10 years as a magistrate, have been a school governor and in more recent years I have been a trustee of a number of Christian charities. I am currently chair of a grant making trust that funds many Gospel focused activities and projects. This has given me the privilege of seeing God's work in tangible projects of varying kinds all over the world, from youth camps in the Ukraine to church planting in South America, from bible translation to orphanages in Africa.

Having been a church warden for over 5 years at a previous church I now serve on the PCC of All Souls, Eastbourne.

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WHY AM I STANDING FOR SYNOD?

My passion is to see the Grace and Truth of God's Word proclaimed to the nations and with my life skills and experiences as stated I humbly believe that I can be both a useful and valuable of General Synod.

For example, recruitment and selection for promotion were an integral part of some of the more senior roles I undertook in the Fire Service. Subsequently, when I was a governor of a school in Eastbourne I was able to use these experiences to assist in the selection and recruitment of a new headteacher and, likewise, I believe experiences such as these will allow me to contribute effectively to debates on these kind of subjects.

I love the traditions and beauty of the Anglican Communion and want more and more people to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. If I am elected to synod I would commit to:

Being prayerful in my service and always seeking the Lord's guidance through His Spirit for guidance and direction when voting;

Being a faithful member of synod, devoting the necessary time and effort to reading and preparing for debates on all issues;

To upholding and safeguarding the truth of Scripture in all areas.

Thank you for reading this, and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I would be so grateful if you would consider giving me either your first or highest available preference vote.

With many thanks and every blessing in Christ,

Chris Large.

PROPOSER: David Gordon-Watkins

SECONDER: Veronica (Ronnie) Hall