

I have had the great privilege of representing the Diocese on General Synod for the last five years. The first five years on Synod are a bit like an apprenticeship, it takes a while to get used to the way that things are done and to become fully involved in the work of the Synod, and so I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve for a further five years. During the last five years I have attended every session of Synod and have spoken a number of times. I am one of two lay members of the Synod that sit on the Rule Committee, the body responsible for creating secondary legislation in areas such as faculty jurisdiction and clergy discipline. I have also sat on the Steering and Revision Committees simplifying the primary legislation concerned with faculty jurisdiction.

In the Diocese I sit on Bishops Council. Last year I was an active member of the Ministry Strategy Feedback and Advisory Group in the run up to last October's Synod which overwhelmingly endorsed the revised strategy. I am a member of the Strategy Steering Group, the body tasked with overseeing the implementation, of the *God for All* strategy, and of the four person Strategy Support Group that underpins the work of that Group. In this work I am keen to see a much greater role and voice for the laity in our church at all levels. One reason for wishing to remain on General Synod is to provide an additional channel of communication between the Diocese and General Synod and bodies such as the Church Commissioners and the Archbishops' Council in terms of our strategic aims and the emerging strategies of the Church of England as a whole.

I have lived in Lanercost for almost twenty five years and have just stood down as churchwarden at Lanercost Priory but continue to play an active part in worship – reading, administering communion, leading intercessions, etc. I am orthodox in my faith and have a great love for the Anglican Church as a 'broad church'.

I am not standing for General Synod to represent one particular viewpoint or tradition. My great desire is to see the Church of England as a whole flourish and grow alongside our ecumenical partners. If the church is to be truly successful in mission it cannot be seen to be fighting within or across denominations.

I am now retired from paid employment. I read Engineering at Cambridge and have a PhD from Newcastle in Chemical Engineering and Computer Science. My working life was spent designing computer software for use in engineering design, manufacture and commercial applications.

I am married with one daughter. My wife has partly retired from a career spent in human resource management in the public and private sector, HR consultancy and as a senior lecturer in human resource management.