

Paul Hannah

Standing for the House of Laity of General Synod

Nominated by Jacqueline Stamper
(General Synod, Blackburn Bishop's Council/DBF, Lay Chair,
Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery)

Seconded by Paul Ronson
(General Synod, Blackburn Bishop's Council/DBF, Lay Chair of
Garstang Deanery)



I am 62, married with a son and two grandsons and a born and bred Lancastrian. I love the county and feel called to serve the church through General Synod. I worship at St Stephen's church in Burnley where I am assistant Church Warden and am active in many community and outreach activities at other churches in the area

I am standing for Synod to offer my experience for the service of the church. My working experience includes:

- Building up a successful manufacturing business employing over 300 people. I understand finance, business and organisation, all of which would benefit the discussions in Synod in how the church is run.
- Extensive work experience of managing high level projects in Europe, Asia and the Americas. Travelling and working abroad has given me insight into other cultures and the international dimension of the church
- I use my business experience to mentor boards and leaders of charities to help them to become resilient and secure, I have worked in recent years with charities as diverse as homelessness support, gun crime reduction and support for eating disorders.
- Setting up community projects including youth groups, civic pride and church outreach. We have many great communities in Lancashire that can thrive with church and community support
- M-Power Mentor

I became a Christian late in life, although most of my adult life has been guided to support others to recognise the greatness that God has placed within them. My experience leads me to recognise that many are following the light without knowing where the light is coming from

- Worshipping every week with my wife. Sharing my faith journey with others through study groups
- Outreach in the local community, establishing food and entertainment programmes with others to bring people together and share their experiences.
- I am passionate about serving those in need and helping them to see the potential they have.
- During the Covid-19 lockdown I led online services and doorstep visiting to give spiritual, social and practical support
- Serving on PCC to help our local church best serve God and our community. If elected I will always bring have perspective of the local parish church in my prayers and decision making.

I am fully aware of what General Synod involves and have the time to do the role justice. Please consider me for your first preference vote so I can help the future direction of the Church.

Don't forget to use your vote! Votes must be in by Monday 29th January

Paul Hannah General Synod 2024

I feel called to serve on General Synod as the Church of England faces important decisions about its future direction.

Mission and Growth

I want to see a living, faithful, growing church in every part of our country, one that is at the core of the community. Our national church works best through local parishes, and I want to see God's love and message through action as well as than words. This includes giving the right support for our clergy.

Greater Freedom

Church communities should be enlivened to become centres of the communities they serve, where the talents of all people are nurtured and developed to become beacons of light for all. We must encourage a focus on the work that shares the love of Jesus and discourage reporting or bureaucracy that does not facilitate this.

Community

Churches grow when they show God's love in action to all the communities they serve. By focusing on the good we can do together we become part of the transformation of society and thrive and grow with it. We must welcome and engage young people, giving them a place of belonging in a community that cares for them.

I will leave the last word to Father Alex Frost, who I have worked with closely on community projects in Burnley and who has encouraged me to stand:

Understanding Each Other

The Church of England has the chance to have immense positive influence in the whole of society when we work together. Our goals are common, we become stronger when we take time to understand others before trying to make them understand us.

A Church for All



We are all created equally, the skills and talents we need to grow are distributed across all races, sexes, sexualities and abilities. By striving to include all we harness the gifts that God has given us.

"I wholeheartedly commend Paul as a fully inclusive candidate, bringing transformational social and mission action experience, especially in areas of deprivation, as well as financial expertise, to the work of the Church."

Father Alex Frost, Vicar at St Matthews, Burnley and General Synod Member



Thank you for reading my electoral statement, I hope you will give me your first preference vote. If you want to contact me about anything I would be very happy to hear from you.

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