

Graham C. Caskie

General Synod Candidate (House of Laity) 2015



I seek your support as one of your Diocesan representatives on General Synod for the upcoming five-year term. I have been proposed by Christopher Davis and seconded by Mark Knight, both of Newbury Deanery.

Thank you in advance for reading and I hope you will entrust me with your vote to be your representative on General Synod.

Please feel free to contact me by any of the methods overleaf regarding this election to General Synod.

About Me

I am thirty years old and have been married to Clare for over six years. Along with our nearly two-year-old son Angus, we have a five-year-old labrador called Dandy. Also, I work as an operational manager for a Train Operating Company. Finally, I am PCC treasurer of my parish church, St Nicolas' Newbury.

Mission

We live in a country where young people have little to no knowledge of the Gospel. They do not know the truths of the Bible. What greater priority is there for our church than to share the great joy and hope we have through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a church, we need to be engaged in the task of communicating the unchanging Gospel to a rapidly changing culture.

Empowering of Laity

I am passionate about seeing ordinary church members become more confident in their role within the Church of England and in expressing their faith in Jesus Christ. Not being afraid of reading the Bible with colleagues or friends to introduce them to the great Gospel we share. True church leadership empowers the people of our church to do extraordinary things. The Great Commission is for all of us, not just for Clergy.

Human Sexuality

I hold to the Biblically orthodox stance on issues of human sexuality. As difficult and painful as this can be, the church should remain with its countercultural yet Biblical position on these matters. It can be tempting to change as modern culture invites us to do. Yet as Christians who accept the authority of Scripture, we should remain within the historic Christian tradition in these matters. At the same time, we must continue to welcome and show the love that comes from Christ to everyone, irrespective of lifestyle.

Church Finance

As congregational treasurer (and a Scottish one at that!) of a relatively large church, it can sometimes be a hard sell when it comes to explaining the Parish Share. Yet I am proud of the way we as a church provide a territorial ministry across the country, regardless of each parish's ability to contribute. Furthermore, as with all church stewardship it is God's resources that we are entrusted with. I believe strongly that the money given, often painfully sacrificed by ordinary church members, for the work of the wider church be utilised wisely.

Biographical Information

I grew up in Carnoustie, Angus and went to school nearby in Dundee. After a year at an inner-city college in Glasgow, I completed four years of study at Glasgow Caledonian University. Upon graduation, I spent a number of years working in the insurance industry in the City and latterly Henley-On-Thames.

In 2013, after much prayer and consideration, I decided upon a radical (yet never regretted) career change to an operational management position within a Train Operating Company where I remain.

When living in London, I was a member at All Souls', Langham Place. Here I was involved heavily with both the youth and student ministry. In both I led Bible studies and was involved in the mentoring of students from all over the world. Also whilst working in the City I was a regular worshipper at St Helen's Bishopsgate.

Living in Newbury since 2010, I have been involved with our parish church St Nicolas' Newbury throughout. I was involved with teaching at the Sunday School for primary aged children. I have helped lead a Gospel Outreach course (similar to Alpha and Christianity Explored) and preached at the main Sunday evening service on a number of occasions. Also I am PCC Treasurer and have held that position for over three years. Finally, since earlier this year I am a member of Diocesan Synod.

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