

# JULIE DZIEGIEL

## GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2015 – HOUSE OF LAITY

Nominated by Anna Thomas-Betts

Seconded by Michael Hardman



### INTRODUCTION

- Age 52, married with 3 daughters
- Lives in Chesham, Bucks
- Parish and Deanery Treasurer
- Member of Bishop's Council 2012-2015
- Member of General Synod 2010 - 2015
- Member of various General Synod committees.

Now my older two daughters are at university and the youngest starting sixth form, I have time available, which I am very happy to devote to the Lord's work within the Church of England.

I graduated from Cambridge University in 1981 with a degree in Natural Sciences and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1984. From 1985 to 1993 I worked as an accountant in industry, gaining useful experience of producing, interpreting and using figures, documents and strategies in practical situations - skills I have continued to use and develop in my work within the church as a treasurer over the past thirteen years.

### CHURCH ROLES

From 2002 to 2010, I was treasurer of Emmanuel Church in Chesham. In 2006 I also took on the role of treasurer for the Parish of Great Chesham, which consists of six churches in five districts, and involves coordinating a team of people working with the finances in the parish, as well as hands on accounting and presenting of financial information - which I try to do in an enjoyable and accessible way. In 2010 I became treasurer for Amersham Deanery, and this has further extended my experience of the wide variety of churches within the Church of England. I have also served Oxford

Diocese as a member of Bishop's Council for the last three years and ongoing as a member of the Audit Committee.

I am also a mother of three youth members of the church, which gives me insight into the next generation as I watch their faith develop and see them also beginning to serve, both locally and in their university churches and Christian Unions.

## **GENERAL SYNOD**

From 2010- 2015 I represented Oxford Diocese on General Synod, and I was delighted to speak on a dozen or so occasions, often drawing on my parish and deanery experience to illustrate my points - on occasion to amusing effect, there's nothing like parish life! I also served on several committees, which is where much of the detailed work of Synod is done, working with Church House staff to bring the aspirations of Synod to fruition. My professional skills and knowledge of the workings of the local parish were invaluable

If re-elected, I would hope to continue with this work, which will be an important part of the Reform and Renewal programme that the church has undertaken to revive the church and equip it for growth and flourishing in the future, reversing the current decline. The importance of this programme cannot be over emphasised and we all must undergird it with prayer.

The next Synod will also have to address the divisive issues of human sexuality. I believe we must value everyone, and I am very supportive of the Archbishop of Canterbury's aim that we must learn to embrace 'good disagreement', with the help of facilitated conversations. I would wish to help enable the 'cascading' of the effects down from the currently planned diocesan conversations to the local church, in the places where that would be helpful to overcome division. Christians are undoubtedly more effective when we work together.

I see and appreciate the glorious diversity of the Church of England, the strength of the parochial system and the opportunity it provides for the lost to be reached. I pray that grace will prevail, and the church will grow and strengthen, and I would dearly love to use my skills to work towards that goal. To enable me to do this, I respectfully ask that you might consider giving me your first preference vote.

I should be delighted to discuss issues further - I can be contacted as below.