

## Questions to Candidates

On previous occasions, those entitled to vote in the General Synod election have been able to engage candidates face-to-face at hustings. However, during recent elections, the number of candidates and electors attending these events has diminished dramatically. At the same time, electronic media make it much easier to raise questions through email, websites, Twitter, Facebook and in other ways.

***We have encouraged voters to pose questions which can be put to candidates collectively.*** The questions set out below are generic in nature, but based on those I have received.

If you would like to engage in this question and answer process, please enter your replies in the space provided after each question. I reserve the right to remove any response which might reasonably be considered offensive or prejudicial (though I do not expect that I shall need to do so).

A word limit has been set for your replies of ***120 words per question.*** Additional words will be cut from the final submission but you could, of course, give a shorter answer and invite anyone who wishes to discuss further with you to send supplementary comments to your email address (remembering, of course, to give it!).

Please return your completed form to [jrees@wslaw.co.uk](mailto:jrees@wslaw.co.uk) and copied to [sleader@wslaw.co.uk](mailto:sleader@wslaw.co.uk), by **9.00 am on Monday 28 September 2015**. Your submissions will be posted on the Diocesan website, with your Election Address and Video Presentation/photograph, on Wednesday 30 September at 5.00 pm.

**Canon John Rees**  
**Presiding Officer for General Synod Election**  
**September 2015**

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| <b>Name of Candidate</b><br>(please enter name in full) | <b>Kathryn Mary Winrow</b> |
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## Questions and Replies

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| <b>Question:</b>                        | Given there are such strongly held differing views on the issue of human sexuality in our Church, how do you think the Church of England should approach the issue in the next five years?  |
| <b>Reply:</b><br>120 word limit applies | Married for 42 years, I believe Christian marriage is a sacrament binding a man and woman in a faithful relationship, but I accept differing views on sexuality is a complex issue with implications for the whole Anglican Communion. It must be approached with |

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|  | <p>compassion, discernment and wisdom. In Jesus, all are welcomed, loved and forgiven and he has strong words against placing 'stumbling blocks' to faith.</p> <p>The reality of differing sexualities cannot be denied; neither should we refuse people the freedom to acknowledge who they are or the opportunity to celebrate a loving relationship given over to God. We need to listen and seek new ways to acknowledge within our belief system the reality and acceptance of all loving relationships.</p> |
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| <p><b>Question:</b></p>                         | <p>What role, if any, do you think the Church of England and its partner churches in the Anglican Communion might play in response to the world's current needs?</p>  |
| <p><b>Reply:</b><br/>120 word limit applies</p> | <p>The church has a history of responding appropriately to the constantly changing needs of humanity wherever they occur and in whatever shape required. Long may this continue.</p> <p>In dialogue with other faiths, our guiding principles must be the dignity of the human spirit, human flourishing, concern for the marginalised, vulnerable, poor, and the sick.</p> <p>However, we need to guard against focussing on current needs alone, and at the same time strengthen the traditional prophetic voice of the church in shaping the future. The church perhaps should be seen more strongly as taking a leadership role, informing government policy and people's minds to the direction society is moving and to raise for debate the kind of society we desire.</p> |

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| <p><b>Question:</b></p>                         | <p>Do you think the ministry of the Church of England might need to change in the coming years, and, if so, what changes would you support in the selection and training of its lay and ordained leadership?</p>   |
| <p><b>Reply:</b><br/>120 word limit applies</p> | <p>The need to change is ubiquitous requiring careful, sensitive but strong leadership at all levels.</p> <p>I am a great believer in servant leadership but one which takes seriously the role and responsibilities of leadership within its operational context. All leadership should be conducted and supported by a professional approach and all inspirational leadership involves the empowering and enabling of others.</p> <p>Consequently, I would support giving serious consideration to the</p> |

foundation and framework provided by the Green Report. It has its criticisms, but I believe is a good solid start for senior leadership development.

The recent report *Released for Mission* has some valuable recommendations on streamlining rural ministerial structures and governance as well as empowering lay leadership and discipleship.