



Calum Crombie

About Me

I am standing for General Synod because I believe the Church of England is a church for everyone. It is at its best when it creates safe communities where people know they are loved, welcomed and invited to be part of something greater than themselves. Our communities must also be safe communities, where safeguarding is embedded in our culture, and power is exercised responsibly, protecting the dignity and wellbeing of every person. Our diversity of traditions, theological perspectives, and experiences is a strength, and we are called to work together in mission, learning from one another while remaining rooted in our shared faith in Christ. The Church flourishes when it listens carefully, serves faithfully, and equips people for ministry in every context of modern life.

Proposer

Ven. Jane Atkinson

Archdeacon of Blackburn

Seconder

Rev'd. Alex Frost

Vicar, St Matthew, Burnley

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What Has Formed My Ministry

My ministry has been shaped by 21 years of service within His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, where I have witnessed the transformative power of faith, compassion and hope among some of the most marginalised members of society. Walking alongside prisoners, staff and chaplaincy teams has deepened my belief in the dignity of every person and the Church's calling to create opportunities for people to discover their worth and potential. I now lead learning and development for prison chaplaincy nationally, supporting chaplains, advising governors on matters of faith, belief and pastoral care and helping shape national policy and practice.

I am also actively involved at St Ambrose Leyland, where I helped found and continue to lead the diocese's only Open Table congregation, creating a welcoming space for LGBTQ+ people and their allies to find genuine belonging, explore faith and encounter God. This parish ministry keeps me grounded in the realities of local church life and reinforces my commitment to a Church in which all can belong and flourish.

**I believe the Church is
strongest when it combines
faithfulness with hospitality,
creating spaces where people
from diverse backgrounds
can worship together, grow in
discipleship and contribute
their gifts to God's mission.**

If elected, I would seek to

- Champion mission in parish and beyond, including prisons, hospitals, schools, universities, the armed forces and workplaces.
- Support effective clergy formation for all, continuing ministerial development, and leadership development at every stage of ministry.
- Promote a Church that is confident in its faith, committed to justice, and attentive to those who are often unheard.
- Encourage good governance, prudent stewardship, and decision-making that is rooted in prayer, evidence, and pastoral wisdom.
- Strengthen collaboration across traditions, recognising that the breadth of the Church of England is one of its greatest strengths.

I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of disability, economic power, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.



Throughout my ministry I have worked with people from many faith backgrounds, cultures, and traditions. I have learned that respectful dialogue, careful listening, and a commitment to human dignity create the conditions in which individuals can flourish and strong, diverse communities thrive.

General Synod needs members who can bridge the gap between national decision-making and the realities of frontline ministry. I would bring practical experience of leadership, training, organisational change, and chaplaincy ministry, together with a commitment to serving the whole Church faithfully and constructively.

I would be honoured to serve our diocese and the wider Church as a member of General Synod.

Contact Details

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