

Hannah Lockwood

General Synod Election Address 2026

Election of Lay Representative for the Diocese of Blackburn

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- 30 years old
- Married to Rev Matt Lockwood
- Mama to Ezra (4) and Amos (1)
- Lay Focal Lead at Beacon Church Blackpool
- Charismatic Evangelical
- Previous M:Power Hub Leader
- Music and Theology Graduate
- Former Head of Music in a South East London Secondary School
- Passionate about raising up leaders, resourcing deprived neighbourhoods and seeing Jesus transform lives
- Member of Bishop's Council and DBF Trustee



As a lay leader for the local parish church, I am very familiar with the inner workings of both the local and national church. As a 16 year old I was co-opted onto my church's PCC having emphasised the need for the governance side of things to be heard and commented on by a young person's voice. From a young age, therefore, I have been passionate about every voice being heard and the difference churches can make to both individuals, communities and the nation.

I care deeply about the parish system. **Having a presence in every community, the Parish system is a precious gem where communities and individuals can be prayed for and ministered to.** I believe we should be investing in our parish system making it more sustainable in areas where resources are stretched to ensure that in all corners of our nation the good news of Jesus can be proclaimed and the church can be guided by God to join in with the work He is already doing.

Leading a church with my husband has shaped my heart for the deprived areas of our nation. Our parish contains the third and fifth poorest areas of the country but my eyes are regularly opened to the richness of the community we live and serve in. People within areas such as the place I have the privilege of calling home are so often seen as the problem but the reality is the problem is often the conditions. I believe there are hidden gems of people in all of our communities who God is calling to raise up and the church has a responsibility to resource those people and the churches in those areas to do this more effectively.

I believe whole heartedly that the church is called to be a prophetic voice to the world but I am aware that so often the deep divisions within can cause us to feel overwhelmed. I am not naive about the weight of responsibility this role holds. I believe I am called to serve on General Synod to help create unity, emphasising that church is a place where everyone is welcomed, loved and valued. I hold an orthodox view on God's design for marriage and feel a responsibility to engage in the LLF conversation in a way that respects the voices of those which differs to my own.

If elected, I will seek to represent all laity, and I commit to being available to my electors and providing feedback where requested.

I would appreciate you prayerfully choosing me as your first or second preference vote in the upcoming elections. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the details above if you have any questions.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Lockwood', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Proposer - Geoffrey Lyon. Leyland Deanery.

Seconder - Diane Dennett. Blackpool Deanery.