

Please vote for

Revd Sam Crossley

to serve on General Synod

Proposer: Rev Michael Follin, Rural Dean of Cheadle
Seconder: Fr John Stather, Christ Church Tunstall

As a member of General Synod I would be a **POSITIVE AND ENERGETIC** presence representing the many voices of our church

I am passionate about us reaching out to **FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE** and welcoming them into our churches

I want to constructively engage in our efforts to **RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC** ensuring a realistic but active presence that includes rural and deprived areas



1. **WELCOMING THE NEXT GENERATION INTO CHURCHES**

As a former youth worker and with a young family I want to help our churches reach and grow young disciples of Jesus, so that we prepare them for a lifelong faith. I will support INNOVATIVE APPROACHES to mission that complement rather than replace more traditional worship. I will address the challenges of discipling young people in a complicated and confusing world. I will also take special interest in the role of schools and education as part of the church's mission.

2. **SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE WHOLE CHURCH**

As we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, I will work hard to SUPPORT CLERGY in their ministry as resources are stretched. My experience of parish ministry in deprived urban and rural contexts has impressed on me the need to find LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS which provide a vibrant worshipping presence in the heart of every community, whilst AVOIDING CLERGY BURN OUT.

3. **WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH**

I will actively prioritise LISTENING AND REPRESENTING people from different backgrounds and positions. I believe we are made stronger through meaningful discussion and engagement with all views. On General Synod I will commit to WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY AND POSITIVELY with all members for the good of our church.

- Curate in the **RURAL BENEFICE** of St Margaret's Draycott and St Peter's Forsbrook
- Former parish **YOUTH WORKER** in an area of significant social and economic deprivation
- **PHD STUDENT** researching nineteenth-century religious revivals in the Potteries
- Current member of Lichfield **DIOCESAN SYNOD** and former lay rep in Sheffield Diocese
- Trained at **CRANMER HALL** and served as Vice President of the student common room
- Helped develop and produce the first series of the popular **TALKING THEOLOGY PODCAST**
- Husband to Hilary and dad to three young children. Follows the ups and many downs of Newcastle United

I hope you will feel able to give me a high-preference vote. Please do contact me with any questions
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