



Election Address

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House of Laity Candidate
General Synod 2026



The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

"I want to help ensure the Church of England is simpler in its governance, stronger in its safeguarding, and bolder in making disciples."

Hin's CV

- Born in 1981 in Hong Kong.
- ✈ Moved to the UK at the age of 15.
- 🎓 Graduated from Imperial College London.
- 💼 Began my career with PwC before joining Boston Consulting Group (currently on sabbatical as I explore more deeply God's calling to serve in the Church).
- 🏠 Moved to Loughton, Essex in 2020.
- 🏰 I currently worship at **St Mary's Loughton**, where I serve as:
 - **Ignite (Children's and Youth Ministry) Coordinator**
 - **Parish Safeguarding Officer**
 - **PCC Member**
 - **Deanery Synod Lay Representative**

I have been a Christian since the age of 15. Over the past two years, God has entrusted me with increasing responsibility in serving my local Anglican church, St Mary's Loughton. It is this journey that has led me to stand for General Synod.

About me

My professional background has equipped me with expertise in strategy, governance, organisational improvement and complex problem-solving. Alongside this, my roles at St Mary's have given me practical experience of parish ministry, church leadership and safeguarding.

When I'm not working or serving at church, you'll usually find me in the gym or creating Bible-based health and fitness online content.

Why I am standing for General Synod

General Synod exists to help the Church of England proclaim Christ faithfully and equip our parishes for mission. I believe my experience can contribute in three particular areas.

Growing Younger

Each week I have the privilege of serving around **117 children from approximately 80 families** through our children's and youth ministry.

I see first-hand the openness that many children, young people and families have to hearing about Jesus. The future of the Church of England will not simply be secured through structures or strategies, but by faithfully making disciples of the next generation.

I would love to see General Synod continue encouraging parishes to learn from one another, sharing good practice so that churches of every tradition, size and location can reach children, young people and families with confidence, creativity and faithfulness.

Stronger in Safeguarding

Safeguarding is Kingdom-critical (*Ps 34:18*).

As Parish Safeguarding Officer, I oversee safeguarding compliance for around **182 volunteers and staff** across our parish. I have seen both the importance of robust safeguarding and the practical challenges of implementing it well.

General Synod has rightly invested significant time and effort in strengthening safeguarding in recent years. The next challenge is ensuring that safeguarding arrangements remain practical, proportionate and achievable for parishes of every size.

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Large resource churches, small rural churches and every parish in between face different challenges. We must protect the vulnerable while ensuring that faithful volunteers are equipped, supported and encouraged to serve rather than overwhelmed by unnecessary complexity.

Simpler Governance

The Church of England's Vision and Strategy rightly calls us to become **simpler, bolder, humbler, younger and more diverse**.

In my professional life at Boston Consulting Group, I help organisations solve complex strategic and organisational challenges. In my church life, I have the privilege of serving children, supporting volunteers and strengthening safeguarding. I hope to bring both perspectives to General Synod.

Good governance should enable ministry, not distract from it. I hope to contribute practical experience that helps ensure national policies support, rather than burden, parish ministry.

Why vote for me?

I stand in the orthodox tradition of the Church of England and believe that the Church's life and mission must remain rooted in Holy Scripture, the historic creeds and the Great Commission (*Matt 28:18-20*).

At the same time, I want our churches to be places where everyone is welcomed, loved and treated with dignity as people made in God's image (*Gen 1:27*). My hope is that people from every background will encounter the life-changing hope of Jesus Christ through our local churches.

Having been born in Hong Kong and lived in the UK for the past 30 years, I have experienced the richness of the different cultures that make up today's Church of England. At St Mary's I have

helped to run a Chinese Alpha, enabling Chinese speakers to explore the Christian faith and become part of our wider church family. I would love to see more of our churches equipped to welcome the diversity of the communities they serve.

My commitment to you

If elected, I will work hard to represent every Deanery Synod member across the Diocese of Chelmsford, listening carefully, serving with humility and remaining faithful to the calling God has placed on me.

I will seek to:

- Be prayerful in all that I do;
- Uphold the authority of Scripture and the historic faith of the Church;
- Support parish ministry and local mission;
- Contribute thoughtfully to the work of General Synod; and
- Communicate openly with members of Deanery Synods across the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Thank you for taking the time to read my election address.

I would be grateful if you would consider giving me your **first-preference vote**, or if not, as high a preference as you feel able.

Every blessing in Christ,

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Proposer: Sharon Cottrell (Havering Deanery)
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