



Candidates statement.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Name: ARTHUR JAMES POLLOCK

Parish: Parish of Widford

Deanery: Chelmsford Deanery

Diocese: Chelmsford

Electoral Roll: Parish of Widford

I give my support for the Church of England. In parish life I serve in the Parish of Widford, Diocese of Chelmsford across Essex.

My vision for General Synod is to serve parishes, strengthen discipleship, ensure good governance, and pursue unity with truth and grace.

Support for local parishes

Parishes are where the Church of England is experienced by most people. As a Synod member I will advocate for sustainable parish funding, fair clergy deployment, and resources that help smaller and rural parishes thrive. I will press for practical support on buildings, safeguarding, and administration so clergy and volunteers can focus on mission.

Evangelism and discipleship

The Church must be outward looking. I will support initiatives that help every parish share the gospel confidently, deepen discipleship, and engage children, young people and families. Formation and training for lay ministry should be accessible and well resourced.

Stewardship and governance

We must be faithful stewards of time, money and buildings. I will support transparent decision-making, value for money, and processes that are clear and accountable. Parish voices need to be heard in national discussions on finance, property and governance.

Unity, diversity and truth

The Church of England is called to hold together in love while speaking the truth in love. I will work for respectful dialogue, pastoral care for all, and a common life rooted in Scripture, prayer and the creeds. Differences should be handled with integrity and without coercion.

Public witness and service

As the established Church we serve the whole nation. I will support the Church's role in education, social action, chaplaincy and community life. In a time of economic pressure and social change, the Church must be a place of hope, welcome and practical help.

Conclusion

I offer my time, experience and commitment to serve the Diocese of Chelmsford and the wider Church. I will listen carefully, work collaboratively, and speak plainly. I ask for your vote so that together we can strengthen our parishes and share the good news of Jesus Christ.