

MARY WANT

Candidate for General Synod 2026–2031

House of Laity · Diocese of Chelmsford

Faithful to Scripture

Committed to Mission

A Church where everyone belongs



ABOUT ME

I have been married to my husband for 41 years. We have two children and four grandchildren.

I am a nurse at my local NHS hospital, where I work in the specialist plastic surgery unit, with patients who have undergone complex hand surgery.

I grew up in Kenya, where my parents were missionaries, and I attended boarding schools in Kenya and later in England. I realised as a teenager that I was a Christian, and I wanted to continue to follow Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

I am a member of the PCC of my church and have also been a member of Deanery Synod. I attend Holy Trinity Church, Springfield in Chelmsford where I have been a member for the past 20 years.

I enjoy reading, sewing, knitting, playing my flute, gardening, going to the seaside and spending time enjoying God's wonderful creation.

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

I care deeply about the future of the Church of England and want to see it faithful to the Gospel, growing in confidence and mission, and a place where people are loved, supported and able to belong. If elected to General Synod, I would hope to bring my experience, convictions and love for the Church to the areas set out overleaf.

Proposer: Alexander Evans (Chelmsford Deanery)

Secunder: Debra Packford (Saffron Walden Deanery)

I would be honoured to serve on General Synod and would be very happy to answer any questions. Please contact me using the email address below..

I would be grateful if you would consider giving me your **first preference vote**.

Many thanks and every blessing in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Want'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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FAITHFUL TO SCRIPTURE AND THE GOSPEL

I believe in the supreme authority of scripture, that Jesus came to save the lost and salvation is in Christ alone. The Bible should be central to the teaching of the church. The word of God is given so that people can come to know him as their Lord and Saviour and is the supreme authority for our faith. I would like to see the Church thrive through the faithful teaching of God's word. I believe that with faithful biblical teaching of the bible in truth and love the Church will flourish and grow in our land because of the biblical principles that are being taught. I would like to see the Church of England being Gospel driven in our country.

SUPPORTING OUR CLERGY

With increasing workloads and responsibilities for clergy I would work to ensure that they receive the support they need for their wellbeing and that there are sufficient resources available to help them in time of need. I would be interested in exploring ways in which laity are able to support clergy in their ministries.

MARRIAGE, SEXUALITY AND CHURCH DOCTRINE

I believe that the doctrines of the Church of England should be upheld in their entirety. I would like to see the church working together to resolve the issues of sexuality and marriage now that the Living in Love and Faith process has ended. I hold an orthodox view on sexuality and marriage and would like to see a church where all people regardless of their sexuality feel loved and welcomed. I am aware that there are others who hold divergent views to my own. I would be keen to lovingly engage with anyone who holds a different position and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

A SAFER CHURCH

Following the recent revelations of terrible abuses in the past, I would like to see a Church where everyone feels completely safe. I would like to see robust safeguarding policies that ensure the safety of all people who participate in church activities. I will work to ensure that safeguarding remains a top priority for the church so that these abuses can never happen again.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

I would like to see the Church in this country growing and that everyone who enters our doors feels loved and welcomed. The church is for every nation on earth, and all people are welcome in God's church. Having grown up in Africa and being a missionary child I have grown up with mission to the world and the local community as central to my passion for evangelism. As I was growing up in Kenya, I knew many people who were passionate about sharing their faith with others and I would like to see evangelism at the forefront of the work of the church and in the work of General Synod. I would like to see people of all ages and backgrounds hearing the saving power of the gospel and the Church growing with many people coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. I would like to explore ways in which the Church might grow through evangelistic opportunities in the local and wider Church communities.

A CHURCH ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE

Both my son and grandson are deaf, and I am passionate that churches should be available and accessible for all people with diverse types of disabilities, where they feel loved and cared for and where all are truly valued and belong and are welcomed.