



Reverend Jackie Doyle - Brett

Tadcaster Benefice.

Assistant Curate.

I am a third year curate, ordained Deacon at York Minster in 2013 and Priest in June 2014. I am 53, married to my husband David and have two grown up daughters both living and working in London.

Before coming to the York Archdeaconry, I had lived, worked and worshipped in the East Riding all my life. Prior to my appointment to the Tadcaster Benefice, I had worshipped for several years at a small rural church in South Holderness which gave me an invaluable insight into the massive challenges associated with rural ministry. I also taught humanities at an inner city school in the city of Hull and saw the impact of social deprivation upon young people and their families. I have first-hand experience of how young lives can be blighted by poverty with far reaching effects, as a result I feel strongly about social justice and the need to invest in our young people.-Although I am fairly new to stipendiary ministry I consider that my previous experience as a Head of Faculty in a large secondary school has given me the skill set necessary to become a useful representative at General Synod.

I trained with the Yorkshire Ministry Course based at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield where I studied for an MA. Training with the YMC provided me with the amazing opportunity of being with fellow ordinands from a wide array of traditions and with different viewpoints. This allowed me to explore different approaches to worship and ministry and I consider myself richer for the experience. It also highlighted just how diverse we are as a church and the issues that can arise due to such diversity. This generated my interest in Synod and the legislative process. Since ordination I have attended General Synod when it has met in York and felt strongly that I would like to be part of the process that I was observing, as an active member representing the York diocese. I am at present, a member of the Diocesan Synod, a Foundation Governor of a church school, a supporter of Inclusive Church and a tutor for the Recognised Parish Assistants course.

My first degree is History, I then took a foundation degree in Theology as I continued to work full time as a Head of Humanities. My ordination training was part time (still working fulltime) and my MA is in Theology and Ministry. My dissertation focused on the development of the Eucharistic Prayer and how it has changed over the centuries in response to political, social and theological influences. I am equally fascinated by how the Church itself has changed due to the same influences that affected its liturgy. In both my history degree and

my MA I studied Reformation England and how the Reformation movement impacted upon every sphere of life and existence at the time. As a member of Synod I would be actively involved in the historical change that fascinates me.

I am influenced by the total belief that the love of God and faith in Jesus Christ can be a transforming power in people's lives. I am inspired by many but especially Thomas Merton who asserted that a Christian cannot be fully what they are meant to be in the society we live in if they are not prepared to or interested in building a better society free of war, of racial and social injustice, of poverty and of discrimination. This is a view I wholly ascribe to and would endeavour to use these beliefs as guiding principles if elected to General Synod. I believe we are on the threshold of a major paradigm shift in the church and I consider that we are beginning to experience the challenges that change inevitably brings - those challenges will be debated at Synod and concluded in the parish.

As someone new to parish ministry I believe I could bring a fresh and creative approach to the forthcoming issues and if elected I would undertake to vote in such a way that I prayerfully believe would be good for the Kingdom of God, the Church of England and the Anglican Communion.

I would dearly love the opportunity to become a representative for the York Diocese at General Synod and would greatly appreciate your vote. Thank You.

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Nominated by Rev Canon Sue Sheriff

Seconded by Rev David Mann