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Who am I?

- Lucy, I'm 26yrs old, and have been in full time work since I was 18
- Currently working at ITV in advertising & scheduling
- Full of life, a natural extrovert
- Family girl, and a lover of dogs – especially spaniels!

What do I stand for?

- Being part of my Church's youth and Children's work is not only something I enjoy, but something I'm very passionate about. Growing up and going through your teenage years is one of the hardest things, I'd love to see the Church of England play a bigger role within schools. Young people have a lot to teach us, but we need to enable them, and we need to allow ourselves to listen.
- The issue of sexuality and the Church is very close to my heart. I do not want to see the Church split over this, I do not want to be in a Church where we all hold the same view but I do want to be in a Church where we act out what we preach. We managed it with women Bishops (which I am in favour of), surely we can manage it with this?
- Moving the Church out of the building is something I think is incredibly important. As a diocese we've recently appointed three new pioneer ministers which is a brilliant move! Unfortunately the Church can so often get a bad press, and it's our role to combat that by taking the message to those who often only pass through Church doors for baptisms, weddings & funerals. Locally we've been running beer & hymn nights in pubs in the area – I'd highly recommend it!

What sort of experience do I have?

- I am a voluntary youth leader in my Church helping with the 14-18yrs youth group on a Sunday evening. As well as that, for the past three years I have taken time off work to help lead the children's holiday club in the summer for 5-10yr olds.

- Through working with the (now retired) Archdeacon of the East Riding, I founded the LGBT Christian Fellowship in Hull & East Yorkshire in October 2013, nearly two years on we run monthly meetings, biannual events and work with Churches in the area on the issues of sexuality and gender.
- I am also the Chair of Changing Attitude which is a national charity working for the inclusion of LGBTI people within the Anglican Communion.
- I was chosen by the Archbishop of York to take part in the Yorkshire Shared Conversations back in May, over the course of a weekend we discussed the significant changes in our culture relating to human sexuality and how we as a Church should move forward.
- Above all else, I sit in the pews every Sunday and sit at my desk at work during the week I feel that gives me a reasonably rounded view of where the Church is at, and where we need to go.



Why vote for me?

- I love the Church of England, it's where I have grown up, it's where I have met some of my closest friends, but it's also where I have been hurt the most and that gives me a real passion to carry it forward where ever the path may lead.
- Being relatively young, and a lay member with a secular job gives an outside and fresh perspective that I believe the Church is very much in need of.
- I like to think I'm confident, outgoing and friendly, but at the same time as being level headed and understanding. I pride myself on the ability to discuss flammable topics, while maintaining and listening to another point of view.

What would I bring to the role?

- A realistic but light hearted approach to areas of conflict and division.
- A prayerful attitude and acknowledgement that what I want isn't always what God wants!
- A passion and love for the Church (people) that carries you through even when the going gets tough.
- A knowledge of how the Church of England works, and a respect for complicated issues such as finance & pensions, but also a commitment to learn and understand the things I currently don't.

**Want to know anything else?
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