

Sarah Bullock

Archdeacon of York

Ordained in 1993, I served as **Curate in Salford, in the Diocese of Manchester**. From 1998 - 2013 I served as **Rector of St. Edmund, Whalley Range and St. James', Moss Side, Manchester**. Through my work in these parishes, and in my diocesan roles, I gained considerable experience of a diverse range of churches and communities and of working with people from across the spectrum of cultural heritage and faith tradition. **I served as an elected member of General Synod, representing the Diocese of Manchester, for 3 years prior to beginning my ministry in York.**

In July 2013 I was collated as **Archdeacon of York** and now serve the rural, suburban and urban parishes of the archdeaconry. **I served as a member of General Synod, representing the Diocese of York, from my election in November of 2014 to the dissolution of Synod in July 2015.**

Discipleship, Mission and Ministry: I have a passion for communicating the love of God for his people and helping others to encounter that love through the gospel message lived, experienced and communicated in a way that is accessible and relevant. I am committed to enabling the church to reach all communities and I have always worked with colleagues both lay and ordained towards this goal. As Chair of the Discipleship and Ministry Training Committee of the Diocese of Manchester, previously a Vocations Advisor for 7 years, an Examining Chaplain for 5 years, a Placement Tutor for students from a wide variety of colleges and courses and a Parish Priest and Archdeacon who strongly supports the development of all ministries, I have a great desire to see people come to discern and live out God's call on their lives. I firmly believe that God is calling the church to release the full potential of its people, both lay and ordained, of all ages, traditions and cultural heritage backgrounds. **I have been an active contributor to the 'Developing Discipleship' and the 'Resourcing Ministerial Education' discussions as part of the General Synod 'Reform and Renewal' programme.**

Building Community: recognising and responding to the diversity of voices in our churches and communities is critical to healthy engagement with the issues affecting people's lives. As a church we need to engage in all aspects of community life and to hear and respond to the issues and questions raised. As a Parish Priest, an Area Dean, a Borough Dean, with particular responsibility for community and civic engagement, and now as an Archdeacon, I am committed to this engagement in the parishes, across the deaneries, the diocese and in the church at a national level. A particular area of discussion in which the General Synod will be engaging during the next quinquennium will be in relation to the **'Pilling Report', the Report of the House of Bishops working group on Human Sexuality**. As a member of the Bishop of Manchester's Advisory Group on Human Sexuality over a period of 10 years, prior to moving to York, I have had considerable involvement in this discussion and engagement with the various voices present in the conversation. As a Church we need to model serious engagement with the issues and recognise the urgency with which many long to see these resolved. **Please do contact me if you would like to discuss these matters.**

Children and Young People: having previously served as Assistant Diocesan Youth Officer in the Diocese of Manchester, I have always had a heart for encouraging and developing children and young people as they grow in faith and discover all that God is calling them in to. **As a member of the Archbishop's Staff team I have responsibility for developing this area of ministry across the wider diocese.**

Legislative Business: as an archdeacon with significant parish experience, as well as someone who has held diocesan wide roles and as a previous member of General Synod, I can speak with knowledge into debates on the legislative business of the Synod, particularly in relation to the **Simplification Agenda** (this area of work being focussed on “.. considering concerns raised about the constraints caused to the mission and growth of the Church of England by existing canons, legislation, regulations and procedures and to bring forward options and proposals for simplification and deregulation..”)

I would welcome your first preference vote