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Who am I?

- I'm 32yrs old and have been in full time work since I was 18
- I'm currently working at ITV in advertising however soon leaving to begin training for ordination alongside a study placement locally.
- I've served on General Synod from 2015 – 2021 (We got a bonus year thanks to Covid!)
- I was elected onto the Crown Nominations Committee for the appointment of the Archbishop of York.
- I'm a family girl and a lover of dogs – especially cocker spaniels (see above!)

What do I stand for?

- Being part of the Church community and bringing people of all ages together is something I'm very passionate about. I've enjoyed being part of my Church's youth and children's work and extending that out to across our deanery, enabling Churches to work together and share resources. The idea of community and the importance of it, was thrust to the forefront during the Covid 19 pandemic and I believe it also forced us, the Church of England to think fast as to how we can extend that beyond the Church walls.
- Moving the Church out of the building is something I believe is incredibly important. Being the national Church, we are often vulnerable to 'bad press' and it's our role to combat that by taking the message to those who often only pass through the Church doors for baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- Inclusion is something that is close to my heart, particularly in terms of gender and sexuality. I'm pleased that we finally have LLF (Living in love & faith) to get stuck into, both nationally and on a local level. Having conversations about difference, particularly around sexuality & gender, is so important in making sure the Church of England can make it through as one family, even if we don't all agree!

What sort of experience do I have?

- I have served on General Synod since 2015, and while it was a steep learning curve (and continues to be!) I've enjoyed it, and learnt so much about the Church of England. Although serving before doesn't guarantee me election this time round I would like to continue for as long as I am able.

- Being elected onto the Crown Nomination Committee for the appointment of the Archbishop of York was a huge honour and one I will never forget. Only you can be the judge as to whether, as a team we did an ok job!
- Since 2016 I have organised and lead a Deanery wide holiday club for children aged 5-12 in conjunction with the local primary school, often running Scripture Union clubs but occasionally adding my own flare!
- In 2013 with the help of a local retired archdeacon I founded the LGBT Christian Fellowship which over the past 8years has provided a welcoming safe space throughout Hull and the East Riding.

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 (for the CofE anyway!) I believe I can bring a fresh, outside 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. As I learnt during my time at Synod that can sometimes be needed when emotions and tensions run high, and I pride myself on being able to discuss hard 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 & 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 the complicated, less glamorous topics, but a commitment to learn and understand things I currently don't.

Want to know anything else?

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