



Reverend Jackie Doyle - Brett

Priest in Charge Derwent Ings Benefice

General Synod member 2015-202

I was ordained Deacon at York Minster in 2013 and Priest in June 2014. I am married to my husband David and have two grown up daughters and two grandchildren. I serve as a Bishop's Advisor; on York Diocesan Synod; on the steering group of Mosaic and I am a member of Inclusive Church.

Before coming to the York Archdeaconry, I had lived, worked and worshipped in the East Riding all my life. 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 the need to invest in our young people and social justice. I felt privileged to give my maiden speech at General Synod in a debate focused upon funeral poverty and the impact of such upon those living in poverty.

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. It has also proved to be invaluable to me as a member of General Synod to be able to value and respect different views.

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. If re-elected I would continue to 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. In my original election address I said that - I was 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 continue to ascribe to and consider this even more relevant in the light of recent . As someone who is committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within society and the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality I would continue to endeavour to use these beliefs as guiding principles if re-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.

Over the last 6 years clergy wellbeing has been a significant issue within debates. With the ongoing work at General Synod in this area, I feel that my experience as an incumbent in both rural and urban contexts would enable me to contribute effectively to further debates.

I have served as your representative on General Synod since 2015 and feel that we began to debate so many issues that will reach fruition in the next session. I consider that my knowledge of the current debates would be useful for the issues which will continue to be debated and voted upon in the next 5 years. 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 continue as one of your representatives for the York Diocese at General Synod and would greatly appreciate your first vote. Thank You.

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Nominated by Rev Canon Sue Sheriff

Seconded by Canon Michael Smith.