



SAMMI TOOZE

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6.8

Nominator:

Daniel Brookes
(Lay Chair of
Diocesan Synod)

Seconders:

Canon Ros Brewer
(Lay Dean of
Scarborough)



Sammi is wholly committed and brings a range of experience from her work within discipleship and her contribution to the Liturgical Commission. She is articulate and always speaks with care for others.

Liz Hassall,
Archdeacon of York

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I'd love to hear from you! Get in touch with me by email:

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About Me

It has been an honour to **serve in General Synod** over the past quinquennium; contributing to its life and work, speaking into debates, planning Synod's worship, and leading its choir. I hope you will give me your support to continue that service.

I am passionate about the Church of England and the rich, **diverse tapestry of ministry** and tradition that makes us who we are. My faith is rooted in **inclusion, justice, and hope**, and I believe passionately in a Church that is a place of community and belonging, where the **whole people of God** can flourish.

Alongside my work in General Synod, I worship at York Minster, where I serve on the Community Committee and the worship and liturgical team, and sing as part of its musical life. Across the Diocese of York, my role as **Discipleship Adviser** gives me the privilege of working with churches and deaneries in many different contexts, geographical settings, and traditions. I would **bring those stories, encounters, and experiences** with me to Synod, seeking to speak clearly and kindly about the everyday faith of the whole people of God.



During this quinquennium, I have also served on the Church of England's **Liturgical Commission**, contributing to new resources, planning for the revision of the Calendar, and leading its work on **liturgical formation**. This has included steering the We Believe project, resourcing the Church's marking of the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. As a **writer for the Church of England's Everyday Faith app**, I have also helped to encourage and equip people in their faith through series on music in the Bible, saints, and pilgrimage, and I was honoured to write the Church of England's Christmas reflections in 2024.

I bring **creativity, imagination, experience, and a genuine hope** for the future of God's Church. I would value the opportunity to continue serving as a strong, collaborative, and compassionate voice for justice, inclusion, and the flourishing of all.

I live on the outskirts of York and enjoy singing, pottery, tending my garden, playing with my godchildren, listening to audiobooks, and learning new crafts. I would be honoured to have your support, and first preference vote.



Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16.13-14

My heart for the Church

Inclusion

- Working for a Church where people of every identity and background are fully included, affirmed and able to flourish.
- Celebrating diversity and ensuring that the Church better reflects the people and communities it serves.
- Challenging discrimination and inequality, making space for every person to belong, participate and lead.

Grassroots parish mission

- Listening to parishes, chaplaincies, and local communities, and ensuring that their wisdom and experience shape the Church's life.
- Supporting mission that grows from particular people and places, rather than relying on one-size-fits-all solutions.
- Encouraging imagination, courage, experimentation, beauty, and creativity.

Everyday Faith

- Championing faith in the places where life actually happens: homes, workplaces, schools, communities, and online.
- Equipping the whole people of God to recognise, share, and live their faith every day of the week.
- Listening to stories of what God is doing in people's lives and communities.

Justice

- Addressing the climate crisis and our responsibility to care for God's creation.
- Imagining and working for a world that is more generous, equal, and compassionate, and being prepared to change ourselves as part of that work.
- Believing that faith should not simply comfort the comfortable, but help us become agents of hope, courage, and transformation.