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Proposed by: **Dr David Smith**

(Lay Chair Christianity Deanery)

Seconded by: **Mrs Marguerite Shapland**

(Lay Chair Exeter Diocesan Synod)

General Synod needs experienced people rooted in the life of the Parish, Deanery and Diocese, who can influence the decisions that impact on parish life. My experience as an active member of the General Synod for the past 5 years, together with the backing of my proposer and seconder, David Smith and Marguerite Shapland, encourages me to seek your vote in order to continue to serve the Diocese as one of your representatives. I have the skills and abilities needed and am by nature optimistic, hardworking and enjoy committee work! *Overleaf is a summary of my service and experience.*

I have a good track record of participating in the work of General Synod and have been called regularly to speak in debates. I have also made written submissions to various revision committees and posed questions particularly concerning rural issues, vocations and training. Having been elected by my General Synod lay colleagues to the Synod's Business Committee, I have contributed to the work of trying to make the Synod procedures more straight forward, more able to respond to current issues and more user friendly. I have enjoyed reporting back to you through various Deanery Synods and Diocesan Synod, and particularly valued the time I spent at the Readers Conference earlier this year, sharing some of Synod's work on the practical outcomes of opening the episcopate to women.

The purpose of Synod is to understand God's will for the church and to engage representatives of all God's people in that task. It is not about imposing the views of any one group on others. Synod has a reconciling task, as was demonstrated in the process and eventual outcome of making sure we can live with our differences over women bishops. As a long time member of WATCH (Women and the Church) I value the good working relationships I have with my Conservative Evangelical and Catholic colleagues. Our broad church is enriched by the breadth and range of traditions within it.

The new Synod faces debating a range of issues, from climate change, to leadership in the church; issues around human sexuality and inclusiveness, to mission and ministry to young people; relationships with those of other denominations and or/faiths to concerns around finance. The work of Synod is underpinned by worship and prayer, so whatever is on the Agenda, my prayer is that we continue to witness the Good News of the saving and transforming love of God in our parishes, to those on the margins of church life, and to a society where the Christian message seems irrelevant.

I really want to continue to serve as one of your representatives and ask for your first preference vote, or failing that, the highest you are able to give me. As you make your decision, please pray for all candidates and use your votes to return a truly representative group. *Thankyou!*

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**Anne Foreman**  
**Parish and Deanery Experience**

- 10 years on PCC, St. Andrew Hittisleigh
- PCC Secretary
- Lay worship Leader
- Lay Chair Okehampton Deanery
- Member Christianity Deanery
- Church Warden
- Sunday School leader
- Eucharistic Minister Exeter Cathedral



**Diocesan Experience**

- Member Bishop's Council
- Elected Chair Vacancy in See Committee
- Bishop's Selection Adviser for Ordained Ministry
- Vice Chair Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee
- Member of Diocesan Synod
- Member Exeter Ministry Development Team

**General Synod Experience**

- 1999 – 2005 Elected representative for Guildford Diocese
- 2001 – 2003 Elected member of GS Board of Mission
- 2010 – 2015 Elected representative Exeter Diocese
- 2010 – 2015 Elected member GS Business Committee

**Professional Experience**

- Former National Youth Adviser for the C of E Board of Education
- Centre based Youth and Community Worker London Borough of Kingston
- Assistant Principal Youth and Community Officer London Borough of Sutton
- External Examiner BEd fieldwork placements St. Martins College Lancs
- Member Advisory Council Community and Youth Work Course Goldsmiths College London
- Director and Trustee Guildford YMCA
- Member Council of Management Univ Coll St. Mark and St. John Plymouth
- Youth Work trainer and published author on youth work

*About Anne: Born Newton Abbot. Educated Shaldon Primary School, Teignmouth Grammar School and Bradford and Ilkley College. Confirmed and married (at St. Michael's Teignmouth) in Devon. A lifelong Christian active in Parish life since early adulthood. Married to Peter with two adult children and two amazing grandchildren!*

Do please contact me if you have any questions arising from this election address