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Please feel free to contact me.

I'm standing for General Synod because I love the Church of England. I'm excited by the opportunity to serve and contribute to conversations about how our churches can meet the needs of our communities in the future.

I feel hugely privileged to have been able to return to Exeter diocese where my journey towards ordination began. With my wife Jessica, (and the help of our 2 young daughters) I now lead St Matt's, a Diocesan Resource Church which launched in 2019 supported by funding from the Strategic Development Fund. Our mission is to reach unchurched/de-churched families, students and young adults whilst also supporting and resourcing the wider local church.

Having experienced the support of the 'Renewal and Reform' programme, I am keen to see this work continued with support of General Synod and be expanded to benefit new initiatives in churches of all types and traditions. To achieve this will require a prayerful and collaborative synod, willing to listen to one another and engage in challenging but productive conversations.

If I am elected with your support, I look forward to contributing to the varied and important work of the Synod in a prayerful and reflective way.

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AREAS OF INTEREST

○ Mission and Evangelism

This is an incredibly exciting time to minister within the Church of England. I sincerely believe that our greatest assets are the individuals who make up our congregations on Sundays and who are scattered in every area of society through their work, relationships and interests. I'm keen to see every Anglican encouraged, equipped and empowered to live distinctive Christian lives wherever they find themselves and to be able to share their faith effectively with those around them.

○ Planting and Partnerships

Having worshipped, worked and served in parishes, BMO's and more recently church plants, I am now a great believer in the mixed ecology of our church. Alongside greater investment and support for all kinds of innovation, I'm passionate about creating greater unity and collaboration between churches and worshipping communities. There is so much that can be gained through deep listening, loving and prayerful relationships and active partnerships between the many different types of worshipping communities which make up the Church of England. Having planted a revitalised community into an existing city centre parish, I believe this is an area I could use my own experience to contribute towards.

○ Social Transformation

Our church must be one which exists for the last, the least and the lost. Together, we can and must do more for those who find themselves on the margins of society by becoming an open, welcoming and helpful presence amongst the poor and isolated. Having experienced the long term challenges faced by those on the street and leaving our prisons, I believe the Church of England is uniquely positioned to make a long term difference in this area. I will endeavour to fully support initiatives that enable our church to transform society.

CURRENT POSTS

- Incumbent of St Matthew with St Sidwell Exeter (St Matt's)
- Governor of St Sidwell's Church of England Primary School

PREVIOUS POST/EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity, Brompton with St Paul's Onslow Square and St Augustine's Queens Gate (2015-2019)
- Ordinand - St Mellitus College - MA Theology and Leadership (2013-)
- Youth and Worship Assistant - Holy Trinity Sunningdale (2012-2013)
- Theology Student at University of Exeter (2009-2012)
- Parish. Assistant - Christchurch Bayston Hill (2008-2009)
- Freelance Graphic Design and Photography (2008 onwards)

PROPOSER AND SECONDER

Proposer: Revd. Ed Hobbs - St Andrew's Cullompton
Revd. Tatiana Wilson - St Marks Exeter