

Mr William Duncan

1. What has prompted you to stand for election to General Synod in particular, and in which ways do you think it will challenge your capacity and capabilities?

The CoF faces many challenges, and it is by holding to its orthodox and traditional teaching from the Bible that it can meet these, and flourish.

I am retired so I have the capacity to be a member of Synod. I hope that my experiences as a solicitor can help.

2. What do you believe the Church of England should prioritise over the next five years to support mission, Christian discipleship and the flourishing of parish and other worshipping communities?

The Church should prioritise (a) teaching the Bible to help give all a solid foundation for their faith and grow their relationship with Christ (b) developing projects that support the community in which the parish is based to enable churches to shine as beacons of hope

3. What should General Synod do to help the Church become safer, more accountable and more trusted, ensuring that national reforms work effectively in parishes, dioceses, and cathedrals?

- (a) Avoid acrimonious debate
- (b) Seek funding and other ways to develop safeguarding within our churches.
- (c) Ensure that proper process is followed

4. How should the Church prioritise good intentional investment in mission and growth whilst also resourcing parish ministry in all its forms?

The Church Commissioners should be persuaded to release more funds to fund more incumbents at parish level and support them in their work. The new system of grant funding may prove to be good working practice.

5. General Synod must address issues on which faithful Christians hold deeply differing views. How would you contribute to honest debate, good disagreement and clear decision-making while helping the Church maintain its common life and mission?

I hope my experience in negotiation and mediation as a solicitor can assist debate and in seeking solutions.