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Standing for the House of Laity of General Synod

Mary Gould, Lay Chair Gloucester Deanery

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Dear Deanery Synod member,

I am writing to ask you to vote for me in this important election for the General Synod. I offer significant experience, having served for five years on the General Synod and am an active member with a reputation for getting things done. Being a member of General Synod is a significant commitment, and I feel called to offer myself for another term, putting my experience and skills in service of God, our diocese, and the national church.

I am 53, married with two grown up children and worship at St Laurence's in the heart of Stroud. Gloucestershire is a special county blessed with many local churches that have been part of spiritual and community life for generations, and I love being part of an active worshipping community here.

My working experience includes:

- I am the **National Co-ordinator of Together for the Church of England**, a charity working for the full inclusion of all in the life of the Church of England.
- I also help run Modern Church, a theological charity promoting thoughtful Christian debate.
- **Six years in diocesan administration**, running the synod department, working on clergy housing, pastoral reorganisation and diocesan communications. I have an in depth understanding of how the Church of England works.
- Project management in local government and the NHS.
- Being a full time carer for my children when they were small – the full on reality of family life!

I have **deep experience of church governance**, having served on PCC, Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council, a Crown Nominations Commission and General Synod. I am on the General Synod Business Committee, making me the go-to person for many on Synod needing advice. I have the knowledge of how the system works to serve our diocese effectively if re-elected to General Synod.

I have been fully engaged with the church all my adult life, having become a Christian when I was eighteen. I know that being a Christian was something you have to live so took a step of faith, finding **a way of life centred on Jesus and an everyday spirituality guided by the Spirit**. I have lived this in many ways:

- Lay leadership, as a **Reader since 2008**, creating and leading services, preaching and building up the local church.
- **Outreach in the local community**, establishing and running a parent and toddler group for seven years when my own children were small. During this time the number of parents coming to church with their children increased significantly.
- **Community service**, volunteering with a local foodbank and having led a church project supporting vulnerable families at our church school.
- Exploring faith more deeply, including a **first class theology degree** from Oxford University.

Don't forget to use your vote! Votes must be in by Tuesday 13th October

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As an experienced member of General Synod I have engaged with a broad range of issues facing the church. Issues I care about on Synod include:

An inclusive church for everyone

We are all made in God's image, we are all invited to the Lord's table. I fully support women's ministry and equality for LGBT+ Christians, at all levels and in all roles in the church. On Synod I have been a key player for greater inclusion for LGBT+ people, fairer gender representation, action on racial justice and better accessibility for disabled and neurodivergent people.

Mission and Growth

The Church of England has experienced modest consistent growth in the last few years, and this is something to give thanks for. I want to see a living, faithful, growing church, rooted in and sympathetic to local communities to best serve God through mission and ministry. We also need to support our clergy, and I backed improvements to clergy pay and conditions. I also led on national policy supporting working class people through the discernment and ordination process.

Environment and Heritage

Living in Gloucestershire, it's easy to appreciate the beauty of our local area and it's heritage. I have supported environmental measures relating to climate change and biodiversity. I have also engaged with the importance of caring for church archives and with how we manage the costs of maintaining our historic church buildings.

A better deal for the local church

On Synod I have consistently worked for a fairer deal for local churches. The finances of the Church of England are top heavy, with millions of pounds from the Church Commissioners being spent on questionable projects. If re-elected I will keep working to ensure a greater focus on resources being used to support the 12,000 parish churches we already have.

Valuing volunteers

I appreciate the dedicated work that so many give to keep our churches running. When making decisions on Synod my consistent principle is to make sure things are kept as simple and effective as possible, always considering the volunteers who work so diligently and lovingly. Thank you for all that you do for your parish church.

Working with Others

I love that the Church of England is a broad church with more that unites us than divides us. I work well with people from different backgrounds, and use my knowledge of process to support others on General Synod. As a member of the Synod Business Committee and a leader of the Together on General Synod group I empower others to be more effective, making Synod work better for the good of the whole Church.

Thank you for reading my electoral statement, **I hope you will give me your first preference vote**. I am an experienced General Synod member who cares deeply about the local church. If you want to contact me about anything I would be very happy to hear from you.

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“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

