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WHO AM I?

I am 45 years old, a mother of two children, Harry (15) and Kate (13), and have been married to my husband Nathan for 19 years. We share a love of the outdoors and like nothing more than setting off on walking, cycling and camping adventures.

EXPERIENCE

I grew up attending our rural parish Church with my family and since I can remember, I have known Jesus as my close friend and constant companion. My degree in Modern Languages gave me the opportunity to spend a year between university in France and a rural development centre in Mexico where I was privileged to experience being part of the church family in different cultural contexts. After completing my degree, I spent time in the Philippines with OMF.

After leaving university, I was accepted into L'Oréal's Graduate Management Trainee programme in London where I trained as a marketing professional, a role that eventually took me to the Chanel group for 8 years.

In 2009, we moved to Ireland where Nathan took up the management of Scripture Union's Retreat and Adventure Centre in Avoca, Co Wicklow. It was an incredibly enriching experience for us as a family to live as part of a Christian community, welcoming interns from different countries and groups from diverse church backgrounds. After 7 wonderful years, we returned to the UK in 2016 and put down roots in Dorset. We are now members of the Lantern Church Family where we lead a Life Group and I have recently started a Creation Care team. Previous roles in church over the years have included Sunday School leader, Youth Group leader and Worship team member.

I have worked for Tearfund since 2016 as a Community Fundraising Manager. Working for Tearfund has reinforced in me God's passion for justice, deep care for the suffering of the oppressed and his desire to bring freedom and abundant life to all people.

General Synod Election Address 2021

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WHY I AM STANDING FOR GENERAL SYNOD

I am passionate about the Church of England as the main image-bearer of God's love in the UK and a primary agent in bringing more of his kingdom to come.

Some particular areas of interest in which I would feel eager to contribute to on General Synod are:

- **Safeguarding the integrity of creation** and showing the just love of Jesus both to those in the UK as we lead by example, and to our neighbours overseas, who are already feeling the effects of climate change.
- **Engaging with our young people** - it is vital to the future of the Church of England that we listen to our young people and hear their prophetic burden for issues of discrimination, poverty and climate change. With teenage children myself who clearly see justice as an important part of their faith and are looking for leadership in this area, I am challenged to ensure that the church both leads the way in taking courageous action, and supports young people in taking action themselves.
- **Investing in mission and evangelism** - I am passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus and have been involved in leading Alpha at my current church. I feel strongly that our churches should be places where all are loved, cherished and welcomed as God's image-bearers and are given the opportunity to come to know His life-giving love for them through Jesus, regardless of race, sexuality or gender.

- **Investing in discipleship** and ensuring our churches show God's love in action in the practical out-working of the daily lives of believers.

MY COMMITMENT TO YOU

If you choose to vote for me, I would commit to:

- Being **prayerful** in my service
- Being **faithful** in upholding the truth and authority of Scripture in all areas
- Being **missional** in seeking to ensure the gospel is being served across the breadth of our diverse parishes
- Promoting **unity** and seeking to love in the way that Jesus has modeled for us.

I would be so grateful if you would consider giving me either your first or highest available preference vote.

With many thanks and every blessing in Christ,

Proposer: David Morgan, Chair -
Diocesan Environmental Group

Seconder: Jane Hazell, Parish
Safeguarding Officer, Canford Parish
Church