

Eleanor Motion for General Synod

About me

I have grown up in the diocese of Bath & Wells and worshipped at St. Francis of Assisi in Bridgwater until I went to Falmouth University where I studied Press and Editorial Photography. I now worship at St. Andrew's Church in Cheddar, where I am a member of the PCC and Deanery Synod Rep. During my second year of university I did a placement at Flourish House with the communications team. Since graduating university I have been able to get more involved with the life of St. Andrew's by helping to lead Holiday Club, leading our new provision for teens and working with a larger team on S.A.F.E. Project (reordering project).



My Experience on the Ground

I might be young, but I already know how parish life and church decision-making works. I've been actively involved across different levels of the Church:

- **PCC Member:** Helping manage the day-to-day realities and decisions of local parish ministry in two churches.
- **Deanery Synod:** Connecting with neighbouring churches to share ideas and support local mission.
- **General Synod Co-opted Young Adults Representative:** For the last 18 months I have attended three General Synods, I have spoken to Synod and have helped to organise, facilitate and speak at fringe events that shows our work as a growing group.

Why I'm Standing

I've grown up in the Church of England. It has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, and I love what the Church can be at its absolute best: a place where nobody feels out of place, and where everyone finds a warm welcome and a seat at the table.

I'm standing for General Synod because I want to help build that kind of Church. At 23, I bring a voice that represents the younger generation of Christians who are here and now serving in local parishes, caring about our planet, and praying for a kinder, more open Church.

What Drives Me

Everyone Belongs: Inclusivity

For me, faith is about God's unconditional love. Church shouldn't be a place where people feel they have to hide who they are just to fit in. I want to advocate for the inclusive community so that every person feels fully welcomed, understood, and supported in our worship communities. Inclusion isn't an afterthought; it's at the heart of the Gospel and therefore should be at the heart of everything we do in Church. I wholeheartedly support the Inclusive Synod Campaign which states "We are committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the Church, regardless of disability, economic power, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, learning disability, neurodiversity, or sexuality"

Worship for everyone: Styles of worship

Whilst Holy Communion is and always will be at the heart of worship in the Church of England I do feel that we need to create the possibilities of different styles of worship, in order to allow everyone to come close to God in a way that suits them. I myself enjoy a range of worship styles from Taizè to modern Christian music, from calm and meditative to lively child friendly gatherings. I want to be in a Church that is welcoming to all styles of worship and fits the needs of a wide range of individuals.

Protecting God's World: Local Environment & Wildlife

Loving our neighbour also means taking care of the environment we share. I am deeply passionate about nature and local wildlife protection. Whether it's turning churchyards into safe spaces for local wildlife or encouraging our diocese to meet Net Zero goals, I want us to take practical action to protect the natural world around us.

Safeguarding: The Right to Feel Safe

The Church of England has made great strides forwards in safeguarding. Whilst the Church continues to deal with historic cases it has made huge improvements which must continue. I want to create a Church where everyone has a right to feel safe and be safe. If achieving this means creating new and stricter guidelines then I am more than happy to stand and raise the voice of those affected and those who want change.

My Commitment to You

If you choose to vote for me, I promise to:

1. **Listen:** I will stay approachable and listen to what matters to people across our diocese.
2. **Speak up with honesty:** I won't use complicated jargon I'll share straightforward, thoughtful views on key Synod debates.
3. **Stand up for a welcoming, green Church:** I'll keep pressing for real progress on inclusion and creation care.

I would be very grateful for your prayers and if you feel able to support me, for the highest preference you are able to give me in this election. Please contact me if you wish to know more @eleanormotionphotography@outlook.com

