

Election Address - General Synod - Jestyn Coke

Having not sought to be nominated for the General Synod, I considered carefully whether I could bring something of value to the Synod.

Initially I wondered whether my age might be unhelpful, but noted the age of the President of the USA, and I felt that maybe I could bring some experience to the General Synod which might be constructive. Added to this is the fact that I am retiring from my business in January 2022 which would give me the opportunity to set aside time for the Synod.

My wife Sue and I have lived in Hazelbury Bryan for over thirty years.

My background includes Sunday school teaching in the 1970s, over twenty years as honorary housing officer to the Wimbledon team ministry responsible for the three vicarages which do not come under the control of the Southwark Diocese and the social housing attached to the parish, over twenty years acting as an independent surveyor in connection with the Salisbury Diocese church schools arranging repairs, alterations and extensions. I have also spent over thirty years as a surveyor advising the AMEZ church concerning their buildings, including advising on the acquisition and selling of their churches.

I have been a member of my local church PCC for over twenty years and some eighteen years as an LLM, including a period when I mentored those training to be LLMs.

I would hope I could bring something of value to the General Synod.