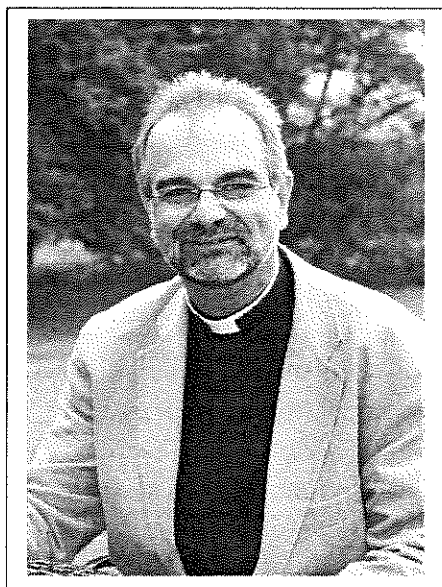


General Synod Election 2015 Address for:



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Dear Colleagues,

It was a privilege to serve the clergy of the Diocese of Salisbury as a member of the General Synod from 2010 – 2015. During that time we saw some historic decisions taken as the Church of England sought to redefine its sense of purpose and direction across the villages, towns and cities of England. During those sessions I listened to clergy and laity across the Diocese and ...

- voted in favour of the Ordination of Women as Bishops
- worked for the reform of Faculty Jurisdiction
- spoke in debates to raise concerns from the Diocese of Salisbury, including the situation in the Sudan & South Sudan
- presented legislation changes to give children the opportunity to distribute the sacrament in parish churches and schools
- supported issues around Clergy Terms of Service, social justice and the environment.

In the next General Synod 2015-2020, we are likely to be debating ...

Migration and Refugees; Human Sexuality; Same Sex Marriage; Multi Faith Britain; Young people and schools; Mission; Environment and Climate Change; Who leads the Church of England; The needs and contribution of older people; Just War; the Criminal Justice System; and Medical Ethics.

So, as you see, we are going to need an awful amount of prayer, patience, courteous listening, and Spirit led wisdom and discernment!

I would be honoured to serve again in the General Synod House of Clergy, and I would therefore please ask you for your first vote on the ballot paper.

I stand as a fellow priest who has ministered for 26 years in the Diocese – serving in both urban and rural parishes, Dorset and Wiltshire, and the Cathedral Church. As a member of the Bishop's Staff, I contribute to Bishop Nicholas' strategic vision for Renewing Hope: Pray, Serve, Grow.

I stand as someone who remains committed to the education and development of the whole people of God, believing that God wants to see his people grow fully into their own humanity and set free to discover all his gifts. I have experience as a Parish Development Advisor, Director of Ordinands, and I now Chair the Diocesan Mission Council – growing Christian Disciples active in the wider community is a passion in my ministry.

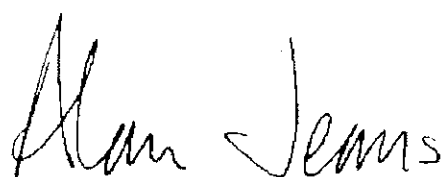
I stand as someone who believes in the centrality of the Gospel and has always valued integrity and a generosity of spirit both in worship and relationships. My ministry as an Archdeacon has sought to see each congregation and our Church Schools grow, each in their own distinctive tradition, with respect, Christian love, trust and confidence. I am excited about seeing a "mixed economy" of traditional congregation and new forms of church, welcoming all into knowing a God who loves them in his son, Jesus Christ.

I offer you the willingness to really listen to your hopes and concerns; drawing experience from the patterns of mission and ministry of our Diocese; the valuable experience of Synodical governance; and the tenacity to stand and speak in debates. I would work towards creating a church which is generous, welcoming, inclusive and open.

I ask for your first preferred vote and if elected I would seek to represent you on the General Synod according to the above principles.

Thank you for reading this address. If you have any questions, please contact me using the details above.

With my thanks and prayers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.