

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION 2015

DOREEN RILEY

Proposed by:

Jean Hosie

Devizes Deanery

Seconded by:

Joan Savage

Devizes Deanery

- **Not a Church Politician:** I am offering myself for election, not as a Church Politician but as an ordinary church member so as to give others like me a voice – a voice that so often goes unheard in Synod, largely because it is unrepresented.
- **A Battleground no more:** For too long General Synod has been a battleground with opposing forces fighting over the question of the Ordination of Women – first to the Priesthood and then the Episcopate.
- **A Comprehensive Church:** The battle has at last been resolved and the Church of England now has both women priests and women bishops. But it has been resolved thanks only to the House of Bishops Five Guiding Principles, which must be upheld.
- **A Broad Church:** The Church of England is both Catholic and reformed. I rejoice to be part of that Church. I rejoice to be part of a Church that looks to the Scriptures, but equally to the Sacraments.
- **A Missionary Church:** The Church of England will not flourish and grow if either Evangelical or Catholic voices are without full and proper presence in its General Synod. Coming as I do from a parish that has a long history of traditional Catholic, Sacramental worship, I can offer both that presence and voice.
- **A Committed Church:** The Church of England, through its General Synod, has committed itself to upholding the Guiding Principles of the House of Bishops' Declaration above. I will seek to ensure that they are properly upheld, in deed as well as promise, for the good and unity of the whole Church.

- **A Priestly Church:** However good and able its members, a Church cannot flourish, or even continue, without the nourishment and sustenance of the Sacraments – for which a continuing supply of Priests is essential. These can only, in the first place, emerge from the laity in its parishes. The means of encouraging and fostering of vocations must be a high priority in the deliberations of the forthcoming Synod. It is a priority which I will strongly support. Consequently, I'd be grateful for a high preference vote from you.
- **Personal:** I was born, brought up and went to school in Devizes. From my earliest days I have regularly worshipped in St. Peter's, despite several years ago moving to Little Somerford (in the Diocese of Bristol). I am on the electoral roll, at St. Peter's, where I serve the Priest at the Altar and am licensed to administer the chalice. In addition I also act Sacristan.
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- **RECOMMENDATION:**

As Lay Representatives on Devizes Deanery Synod, we have pleasure in recommending Mrs Doreen Riley to be a Lay Representative for Salisbury Diocese in the general Synod of the Church of England.

It is vital that the traditional Anglican position should be properly represented, particularly at this time when the call for change is coming from many directions, so that the Church's dialogue will be truly inclusive. Mrs. Doreen Riley will be able to do this if elected.

Mrs Jean Hosie

Mrs Joan Savage

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