

Synod Election Address
to support the application of
Paul Richard Taylor
September 2015

I am a 56 year old widower with three grown up children; we are all baptised and confirmed Christians.

I have owned a house in the village of Orcheston since May 2000 and regularly attended church services throughout that period. I became a permanent resident of Orcheston in January 2008.

Following a 25 year career in investment management with Mercury Asset Management and Schroder (having served on the Group Charity Committee of both organisations), I retired to care for my wife during the last year of her life. Following her death I returned to work as Director of Investment and Income Development at St John's Hospital Bath. I retired in June 2013 to enable me to concentrate on non-executive and voluntary activities.

I have served the local Benefice both as a Treasurer and am currently a Churchwarden. I am a Benefice representative at the Deanery Synod.

I have been instrumental in setting up a Trussell Trust food bank collection point in the village and Alabare clothing and equipment collection points in the Salisbury Plain Benefice. I am currently a Governor of Tilshead Church of England Primary School.

I commence LLM training in September 2015

I serve on a number of voluntary bodies including:

Member of the Charities' Property Fund Advisory Board

Member of the Latymer Foundation Investment Committee

Member of the St. Mary's & All Saints' Putney Development Trust

Deanery representative for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

I am responsible for Poppy Fund (formerly the Haig Fund) collections in Orcheston

I served as a Governor of Latymer Upper School for 10 years

I am regularly engaged in a variety of charitable bodies and activities including:

Life member of the Wild Trout Trust

Life member of the Bath Preservation Trust

Member of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT)

Member of the National Trust

Member of English Heritage

In 2015 I have completed the WWT Sarsen Trail, The Connection at St Martin's London to Canterbury Pilgrimage, The Arundel and Brighton Diocese Pilgrimage (Chertsey to Worth Abbey)

In addition to this I have organised and completed a Pilgrimage from Orcheston to Canterbury (the Bishop of Ramsbury and his wife joined the first leg of the Pilgrimage along with a number of others along the way). I am again leading a Ride and Stride walk to visit 16 churches over a route of 25 miles on 12th September 2015, in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust