

Election Statement for Membership of the General Synod of the Church of England

Dear Friends in Christ, My name is Rev Emmanuel Salako, a self-supporting minister with Bushbury Parish, I was licensed as on the 17th September, 2023. I have served as Anglican Assistant Chaplain with Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and I am currently working with Lloyds Banking Group as a Business Banking Consultant. I am married to Naomi and we have two beautiful children.

I am honoured to offer myself as a candidate for election to the General Synod of the Church of England. I do so with a heart devoted to God, a passion for the mission of the Church, and a commitment to the flourishing of all God's people.

As a lifelong Anglican, I have been actively involved in various facets of Church life, from lay ministry to community outreach programs. I have also been deeply involved in its spiritual and practical ministry. My background as a choir boy, youth coordinator, active lay member, PCC member and diocesan synod member in the church. My professional background as a Direct Business Consultant has honed my skills in listening, problem-solving, and fostering meaningful connections—qualities I believe are essential for effective representation. Additionally, my ACAMS qualification demonstrates my dedication to integrity and transparency, values I aim to uphold within the Synod.

If elected, I pledge to focus on the following priorities:

1. **Defending the Faith in a Changing World** In today's rapidly shifting cultural landscape, it is essential to uphold and articulate the timeless truths of Scripture. I am committed to ensuring that the Church's decisions remain grounded in the Bible, while engaging constructively and compassionately with the challenges of modern society.
2. **Promoting Inclusion and Diversity** The Church of England must be a place where all are welcome and valued. I am passionate about ensuring greater inclusion across all areas of Church life, particularly in leadership roles, ministry, and decision-making. This includes empowering underrepresented groups while celebrating the richness of our Anglican tradition.
3. **Supporting Parish Ministry** Our parishes are at the heart of the Church's mission. I will advocate for increased support for local churches, ensuring clergy and laity have the resources needed to grow their ministries, reach their communities, and sustain worship for future generations. Also, as a self-supporting minister, I will advocate for those who are self-supporting ministers to be more recognised in the church.
4. **Championing Youth and Family Engagement** I firmly believe in the critical importance of nurturing faith in younger generations. As a young man myself, I will champion initiatives that empower young people, strengthen family ministry, and make our Church relevant and welcoming to the next generation.
5. **Stewardship and Sustainability** As stewards of God's creation, we have a duty to act on issues of environmental sustainability and climate change. I will work with the synod to ensure the Church is leading the way in caring for creation and managing its resources responsibly and transparently.
6. **Upholding Integrity and Accountability** Transparency and accountability are vital to maintaining trust within the Church. I will advocate for fair governance, ethical decision-making,

and the effective stewardship of finances, ensuring that all resources are directed towards advancing the Gospel and serving our communities.

My Vision for the General Synod

I envision a Synod that reflects the richness of our Anglican tradition, is united in our mission to proclaim Christ, and is courageous in addressing the pressing issues of our time. I will listen to your concerns, represent your voices faithfully, and work collaboratively to bring about positive change.

Why Me?

I bring to this role a combination of faith, experience, and commitment:

- Years of service in parish ministry, work in governance, and my expertise in finance as a certified member of Association of Certified Antimoney Laundering Specialist (ACAMS).
- Strong communication skills, experience in building consensus, and a passion for community development.

Above all, I bring a heart ready to serve, a mind open to learning, and hands willing to work for the glory of God and the good of His Church

Your Support

I humbly ask for your vote and prayers as I seek to represent you on the General Synod. Together, let us renew our commitment to Christ's mission and ensure the Church of England continues to be a source of hope, transformation, and reconciliation in our nation and beyond. I firmly believe that the Church of England has a vital role to play in the spiritual, moral, and social fabric of our nation. Together, we can navigate the challenges ahead with faith, courage, and hope.

Thank you for your time, trust, and support.

Emmanuel