

Simon Wearn - standing as a clergy candidate for General Synod

'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes'

(Romans 1v15a)



My Passions

I believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the best news in the world – that's why I am a Christian, that's why I was ordained and that is why I am standing for General Synod.

I believe that Jesus' life, death and resurrection give us hope – so I long for his gospel to be proclaimed clearly and graciously across our country.

I believe that the local church is central to God's mission, and yet our parish churches often struggle for support and face increasing burdens. That is not easy to change, but I hope that a fresh focus could increase support and ease the load. In setting apart people for ministry, I am concerned that clergy are adequately provided for in training, service and retirement.

I believe that Jesus changes lives, that he came to bring good news to the poor. There are areas of great deprivation across our county and country, but also pockets of deprivation in many communities. These need our support and encouragement in ministry and service.

I believe that God's Word is true and good. I appreciate that there are a range of theological views across the Church of England, and trusting Scripture I uphold the historical view of marriage expressed in the doctrines of the Church of England.

My Priorities:

1. To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ – keeping the gospel central.
2. To resource the local church – so that the focus and finances of the church are directed to equip and support local congregations in the discipleship of people of all ages.
3. To support clergy wellbeing and their adequate provision in training, service and retirement.
4. To serve our communities – ensuring that ministry is supported in poorer areas and pockets of deprivation, and equip our congregations to live out their faith day by day.
5. To simplify our processes – that the burden on parishes is reduced and the support is increased to release the church in mission.
6. To uphold the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and laid out in our doctrines.

My Story

I spent my childhood living in Hong Kong and the Middle East, being brought up in a Christian family and attending a wide range of churches, mostly Anglican. I appreciated church family and authentic faith in different cultures and contexts. I came to know God in steps – first trusting God as my loving Father, before coming to an understanding of Jesus' death for me on the cross. My teenage years were in Oxford, where I saw my youth leaders model Christ in a compelling way. I worked in manufacturing before studying engineering at university, which led to working as an automotive engineer.

Through my later teens and twenties, I helped in youth work, supported student mission in the university Christian Union and led and then became overall leader on a CPAS Venture - serving alongside study and work. After the four years of engineering, I left to support a church plant and explore fulltime Christian ministry which led to study at Oak Hill College and ordination.

I served my curacy in rural Oxfordshire engaging in ministry in a broad church and engaging in mission in the local community, focussing on schools and outreach to children and their families. Since 2013 I have been Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Hinckley, seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ and serve our community. I'm actively engaged with local schools, chair the ecumenical ministers fellowship across Hinckley and Burbage – together we seek to share the good news of Jesus and show compassion to the poor in our community.

Alongside this, I have sought to navigate the challenges of parish ministry – preaching and leading services, providing for families and children, giving pastoral care, ensuring safeguarding is prioritised, encouraging giving, maintaining a historic building, working at improving our energy efficiency and lowering our energy use. I long for more support in this!

Since 2018, I have been on Diocesan Synod. I am part of the Diocesan Deprivation Panel, supporting communities in need. Over the last few years, I have advocated to restore the clergy pension. I am currently organising a deanery event on sustainable living. In all this, I seek to serve our deanery and diocese and continue to advocate for those in need by serving on General Synod.

My Associations

I serve on the standing committee for Sparkenhoe West Deanery Synod, and am an elected member of Diocesan Synod.

I am a member of the Diocesan Deprivation Panel – seeking to support ministry in poorer communities.

I serve as secretary for the Leicester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (LDEF).

I am an elected member of the Diocesan Board of Patronage.

My Request

If what I have shared resonates with you - please vote for me and pray for me!
Thanks, Simon.