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### Who am I....

- a laywoman, and member of the congregation at St Mary Magdalene, Newark.
- former Chaplain at King's Mill and Newark hospitals, and previously Lay Chaplain at Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln .
- currently Chief Executive of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.
- involved for 8 years in the Greenbelt festival of Christian faith, arts and justice, where I am currently part of the worship programming group.
- partner to Sandy, who teaches in a large secondary school in Boston, Lincolnshire.

### ...and what can I bring to General Synod?

- almost 30 years' membership of the Church of England, initially in an Urban Priority Area of Bristol, followed by 20 years in rural and city-centre parishes in Lincoln, within a range of traditions.
- previous experience on Diocesan Council, Board of Education, editorial board of the diocesan newspaper and the steering group of the Edward King Centre of Spirituality.
- professional experience as a social worker and charity manager, with a strong commitment to community regeneration and social justice.

### **but probably more importantly:**

- a passion for the work, witness and liturgy of the Church of England, combined with a strong sense of ecumenism.
- a particular heart for those on the fringes of church, deepened by my experience in chaplaincy, and through the Greenbelt movement.
- a willingness to embrace the challenge of change, convinced that our faith remains relevant and transformative for individuals, communities and the wider world beyond church – if we are willing to be courageous, honest and generous in our dealings one with another.

### Why am I standing?

- because I want the new Synod to reflect the theological diversity, generosity and grace which characterises the Church of England I encounter at a parish and deanery level
- because I want to be part of building a Church which embraces and welcomes the lives, gifts and stories of everyone, and which is trying to speak and acts as if we believe that each person is created and loved unconditionally by God.

### Why vote for me?

*Vote for me if you share this passion for our Church, value its heritage and diversity, and want to see it reach out confidently with a message of God's abundant love and welcome, to a generation, a nation and a world which longs for the Good News of healing and transformation.*