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*Feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss my application further*



About me

I'm Will, I've lived in the diocese of Southwell and Nottingham all my life and I would love to be your representative on the General Synod.

I was born in Mansfield, went to University in Nottingham to study and I am now working as a materials engineer in an environmental test lab and live in Nottingham.

I am married to Nikki and we have an 8-year-old daughter. Nikki is the children's and families' worker at Lady Bay Church and has worked for Anglican churches nearly all our married life. I have also been serving in the local church and have a passion for young people, children and families, wanting to share the love of Christ with them and see the gospel passed on to the next generation.

I have a wide range of church experience and have worshipped at a number of different churches within the diocese. I became a Christian in my teens, through the work of a church in Mansfield, which is another reason I'm passionate about young people and local worshipping communities. I have served at churches alongside my wife in Ravenshead, Mapperley, the city centre and currently, Lady Bay.

My interests include playing the bass guitar and since becoming a Christian I have enjoyed playing in worship teams and have often found my place within a church community through serving in this way. I have also served in children's and youth work, service leading and preaching at both traditional services and fresh expressions of worship and serving on the PCC.

I am also a trustee for an independent charity called Frontier Camps ([Frontier Camps](#)) where I lead a team of volunteers providing a Christian summer holiday camp for children and young people.

## Why General Synod

Put simply, I love God, I love the Church and what God is doing through the Church, and I love the Church of England, both at a parish level but also at a national level.

I love the Church of England's history, its traditions and the way it holds its theology and I love the call to proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation.

In sixth form I was able to join my school's board of governors as a student representative which taught me the importance of good governance, listening to others and being well represented.

As a 17-year-old I wouldn't have thought I'd be thinking about applying the same principles to General Synod. When our curate asked if I would consider General Synod, after prayerful discernment I realised I felt a calling to this which is why I am offering myself and asking for your support.

One of the C of E greatest assets is its depth and breadth. There is no doubt that the C of E is going through a crucial time, and at times has struggled to "disagree well". I am Committed to being a part of the conversation and a positive voice in finding a way forward. I believe also that my passion for youth ministry aligns me well with the need to discern how to prioritise well to bring younger generations into the church.

I am called to, and love serving God through the parish church and believe the church is a way that God chooses to work and reveal Himself in our communities. Offering myself for general synod feels like a way I can serve that call, both for local parishes and at a national level.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Woolley', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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