

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF LAITY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate Name	Personal Statement
CURRIE Anne Barbara	Married with two grown up children, I am passionate about Lay Ministry and believe that Lay people have an important part to play in the life of the Church, both inside and outside the walls of the church building. I have been a Reader at St. Matthew's Church Redhill for just over 10 years. I am also one of our Church representatives on the Redhill West Partnership Network and an Area Rep for local Readers. I have served one term on Diocesan Synod and would like to carry on this work for a second term representing the Deanery.
ELLIOTT Christopher	I am chair of the Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus which was formed in the autumn of 2019 to work with Guildford Diocese, Surrey Police, Surrey County Council and other agencies to raise awareness of Modern Slavery County Lines and other social issues across the southern part of our Diocese. Since our formation we have run one face to face event and two webinars. I have also, recently, been appointed by Bishop Christopher as his nominated trustee on the Board of Welcare. I am a member of Diocesan Synod where I have promoted the work of Reigate Deanery.
FRY Wendy	I worship at St. Luke's Reigate, am a Chartered Accountant, widowed with 3 grown up boys. I have been involved in church leadership and the PCC for over 30 years. I believe in the Anglican Church as the state church which is an important institution in our national life. I am passionate in helping the church stay biblically focused in the way Christians live their daily lives and reaching out in Christ to the nation. I am a short-term CMS (Church Mission Society) mission partner, passionate about Africa and totally committed to Social Justice.
INWOOD Ruth Mary Joy	I have served on Diocesan Synod for the last 3 years and welcome the opportunity to continue for the next 3. During that time I have spoken in debate, actively participated in discussions and voted on many varied motions, always with the growth of the Kingdom of God in Southwark in mind. I co-lead 2 homegroups and am a Parish Safeguarding Officer. I regularly lead in Intercessory Prayer and have led services. I have experience of PCCs and church membership in both small and large churches in Reigate Deanery, and have understanding of the different challenges presented.
JACKSON Leslie John	I have been on the Diocesan Synod for one year and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I am currently the Deanery Lay Chair for Reigate and being on the Diocesan Synod gives me a more rounded perspective of where we are heading in the Diocese and in the Church of England generally. I have been involved in Christian activities in Reigate and Redhill for over 35 years and most recently I have taught for seven years at St. Bede's Redhill, Church Warden at St. Mary's Reigate, run Alpha and Bible study groups and am now Chair of Trustees for SparkFish.
NICHOLSON Lesley Karen	I worship regularly at St Luke's Church and am a Deanery Synod representative. After organising Sunday Club for many years, I felt I was being called to become a Street Pastor which I am still involved with. I teach at Reigate St Mary's School and am the Outreach Co-ordinator, enabling me to be involved with the Fairtrade steering committee, which was instrumental in making Reigate a Fairtrade Community. I liaise with local schools to share initiatives and support for Fairtrade Fortnight. I have raised funds for local charities: Loveworks, Stripey Stork and the Easter Project.
SMITH Simon Dow	I have been a member of the Deanery Synod since 2020. I joined St Peters, Doversgreen in 2001 which later merged with St Luke's where my wife and I now worship. I have been Treasurer for many years, and also had periods as Church Warden and PCC Secretary. I have lived in Reigate/Redhill for 23 years and in our parish for the last 10. Outside of St Luke's I am a Street Pastor and involved with RHT Winter Night Shelter.