



## Paul Brewster

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### General Information:

- Retired Bank Manager
- Home: Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- Family: Married with three Gen Z children aged 25 (IT Support at the local Grammar School, 24 (Practice Nurse) and 18 (Completing A Levels)
- Church: Langton with Old Woodhall and Woodhall Spa
- Roles Held – Secretary & Treasurer for over 40 years, Churchwarden in three Churches, Lay Co Lead in East Lindsey Deanery Mission Partnership, Director of Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education, Trustee of Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance (Chair of Assets Committee), Charity Trustee on various Grant Giving Bodies, School Governor for over 20 years – Chair at two C of E Primary Schools and a Grammar School with responsibilities to support other schools with Governance and Vice Chair of Multi Academy Trust. Member of Diocesan Synod.

**I would like to be elected to General Synod as one of The Lincoln Diocesan Lay Representatives as I want to ensure that the Church remains inclusive and relevant for all.** My faith is important to me and it shapes how I love my life. My own children, who all remain locally, have been brought up in the Church but only one is currently a regular attender. My sons struggle to see how relevant the Church is today and whilst not against the Church, they believe it needs to keep up with a modern 21<sup>st</sup> Century Country. I don't disagree with them. It needs to be there for all and not the few.

My Life experience has seen me working in the Finance industry for 35 years, latterly as a Bank Manager leading a team of 35 across the East Midlands and South Yorkshire. I worked in a number of local branches before finishing my career based out of Nottingham. I managed some challenging characters along the way, but I hope they would say that I was compassionate and caring, whilst remaining professional and driven. I completed my Banking qualification (Placed 17<sup>th</sup> out of 778) and worked my way through the ranks. Alongside my career I have long been a Church attender and as time allowed, I expanded my involvement and now hold a licence to lead services. I have led the Benefice through two vacancies and have been important in working towards the Parish Profile and ensuring that Governance remains robust. I am a known face, both at Church and in the Local community.

I feel drawn towards General Synod as I believe that I have a lot to offer:

- Finance experience and a clear understand of Financial Accounts
- Sustainability and the need to be a good Trustee of our assets to hand onto the next generation
- A broad-Church experience which allows me to respect others perspectives whilst sharing my own views with compassion and understanding
- A listening ear
- An outward perspective, knowing that change is fertile ground and that an ability to lead and support change ensures growth for the future.
- A good knowledge of sustainability and the needs of the World to protect Creation
- A broad range of friends and contacts who help to shape my views on the Living in Love and Faith Agenda.
- A willingness and ability to lead.
- An understanding of the need to compromise

I should be grateful if you would consider giving me your vote.  
If you need further information before deciding, then please do contact me on [pdb64@icloud.com](mailto:pdb64@icloud.com)