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Dear Elector,
I am offering to represent you on General Synod because I believe that God, in guiding my life, has given me the interest, experience and ability to serve in this way.

Education

George Abbot School, Guildford
Durham University: Degree in Theology
King's College London: MA in Biblical Studies.

Employment

1993-95 London & Edinburgh Insurance
1995-97 Advisory Board of Ministry
1997-98 Archbishops' Commission on the Organisation of the Church of England
1999-2000 Archbishops' Council Statistics Unit
2000-07 House of Bishops' Department
2007-21 The Bar Council: currently Head of Policy for Legal Practice & Remuneration. The work includes answering barristers' ethical enquiries.

Church Governance

2001-7, 2010-ongoing Parochial Church Council
2010-ongoing Deanery Synod
2010-15, 2018-21 Diocesan Synod
2010-15 General Synod
2015-18 Bishop's Council
2017-20 Churchwarden.

You can get a good idea about me by having a look at my website
www.adrianvincent.org.uk

SOME PRIORITIES

Children and Youth

As a father of three teenagers, I may be biased in seeing this as a top priority!
All agree that youth work is important, but we need to do more in practice:

- Funding: the Strategic Development Fund should be specifically directed to fund more children and youth workers.
- Training: we have properly funded training for clergy, but spend few resources training, developing, and maintaining youth workers.
- Education: we should work to expand the number of Church of England Secondary Schools where children can learn about and experience something of the love of Jesus in an open and supportive environment.



Hold firm to the faith (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

From my MA in Biblical Studies, I know the importance of studying different interpretations of Bible passages. We need to be humble because we do not know it all (Job 38). However, we do not have the authority to change what the Bible says. The General Synod should be about good governance rather than changing doctrine.

Support the parishes

Having recently been a churchwarden, I know the challenges parishes face, particularly with funding and with administration. I will press for investment in the parish system. I will also work on the revision of policies and procedures to make them simpler and clearer.

I invite you to pray for the Synod

*“Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world:
as we prepare to elect a new General Synod,
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*