



## **Susie Leafe**

My name is Susie Leafe. I live, work, and worship in Fowey and have been married to Dan for 18 years.

It has been my privilege to be a Lay Member of General Synod for Truro Diocese for the past five years.

I have decided to stand again for General Synod because of my desire to see parish churches flourish throughout our nation. I am convinced that healthy churches need to be rooted in the local community if we wish to reach out effectively to those around us.

### **What have you done at General Synod 2010-2015?**

- I listened and learned. I found my first few years on General Synod were a steep learning curve and I believe that I have gained valuable experience which, if you elect me, can be put to good use in the coming five years.
- I contributed to debates through speeches, small group work and written questions on topics as diverse as education, rural mission, climate change and international relations.
- I campaigned to improve the legislation that introduced female bishops so that the Church could move forward together. I was one of five lay people entrusted with forming and steering the successful legislation through General Synod. Whilst the failure of the Measure in November 2012 was a painful shock to many people, most would now agree with the Bishop of Rochester who said:

*“I am convinced that what we have now is significantly clearer than what we had in November 2012 and, more importantly, is expressed in a very clear tone and manifests a very different tone”.*

### **What are your priorities for General Synod 2015-2020?**

- Supporting local churches that serve local people.

- Preserving the core doctrines of the Church of England and the freedom to teach and proclaim them publically.
- Defending biblical patterns of marriage and family life.

At the heart of our task as **local churches** is the clear presentation, in word and action, of the good news of Jesus Christ - his life, death and resurrection. I long for people to see their local church as a **place of God's grace** - their first port of call in times of joy and difficulty - where all who recognise their need, receive God's love, forgiveness and hope for the futures.

To that end I believe that the function of General Synod is to ensure that governance and accountability in the Church of England operates in accordance with the **historical forms of the church and traditional interpretation of biblical principles**. It is my passionate belief that only on so doing will we provide the spiritual leadership that the nation requires and arrest the decline of the influence of biblical Christianity.

#### **Other Relevant Experience**

- *A varied career:* I have been a teacher and pastoral Head of Year in a secondary school, the Family Life and Marriage Education (FLAME) Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Truro, the Women's Ministry Facilitator at Fowey Parish Church and I now find myself as the Director of Reform, a network committed to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the original doctrines of the Church of England.
- *A track record of growing gospel work:* Six years ago we began the Peninsula Womens' Conference - an annual, ecumenical gathering of women from Devon and Cornwall for bible teaching and worship. We have now had to put on two conferences, one in Exeter and the other in Truro due to the increasing demand for places.

**If you share my vision for a confident and distinctive future  
for the Church of England  
please give me your first preference vote in the coming election.**

If you would like to discuss any issues that are of particular concern to you I would be only too happy to meet with you, talk on the phone or answer your questions by email:

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