

General Synod Election 2021 –House of Laity

ELECTION ADDRESS of **MRS. BARBARA ROSE ROWE**

Proposer Kevin Sanford - Gipping D.

Seconder Betty Wells - Hartismere & Hoxne D.



Who Am I?

I am a lifelong Anglican. We have lived in and worshipped at St. Matthew's Leavenheath for 44years. I taught in Secondary and Primary schools in Wales, England and the Solomon Islands and worked as Deputy Diocesan Director of Education. I have served as Assistant to The Diocesan Director of Ordinands having been a Bishops Adviser recommending priesthood candidates for training. I was a Cathedral Welcomer, Discovery Centre helper and am now a Lay Canon Emeritus. I enjoy walking in groups, gardening and village life.

What Can I Offer?

I offer the insights of being PCC Chairman during our Benefices interregnum in this time of Covid-19 restrictions. The resulting extension of our Church's outreach not only with Zoom services led by clergy and lay teams but also with gifts to the free Community Pantry, in fund raising efforts for roof replacement and their carefully choreographed visiting within the village. I offer my knowledge as a long time member and sometime Chairman of Hadleigh Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod and the Diocesan Board of Patronage. I bring participation in lifelong learning always encouraging its accessible provision. I am happy to share this experience at meetings and with individuals.

What Do I Value In The Church?

My focused support for the worldwide Anglican Communion is through the Melanesian Mission UK and as an Associate of the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia. My service to the community has been long life, trade union, National Childbirth Trust and Parish Council being my practical working out of the Church of England community and public role in society. My experience of receiving the care and support of fellow parishioners and generous clergy is strength of the parish system. This is further enhanced in encompasses a broad spectrum of belief and worship styles within this Benefice. While the tradition of internal debate and collective decision making at all levels continues to be worked at.

How I Want The Church To Move Forward

I will work for a Church to be generous, welcoming, inclusive, open and takes note of our changing society. I would support the enabling of everyone to participate in membership and leadership, regardless of gender, ethnicity, wealth, sexual orientation or disability. My life time experience has shown the parish and its structures an able vehicle for this work.

Barbara R. Rowe.