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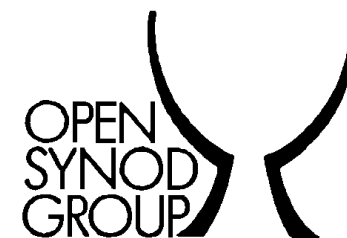
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We offer you a warm invitation to join the

OPEN SYNOD GROUP

We offer a safe space for *everyone* across the spectrum of the Church of England

We hold briefing meetings during each session of General Synod

We publish a regular Newsletter

We encourage you to share your opinions and to listen to all sides of the debates

We host popular social events

Website

[Http://www.opensynodgroup.org.uk](http://www.opensynodgroup.org.uk)

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OPEN SYNOD GROUP

Statement of Faith
Based on the five marks of mission

1 We proclaim our faith in Jesus as Lord. This faith is both firmly rooted in the Bible and open to new insights and understandings. We hold fast to our inheritance of faith, convinced that tradition develops under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2 We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for the whole of life. It equips us for mission and witness, and strengthens us to confront evil.

3 We rejoice at the goodness of God’s creation but are saddened and ashamed at injustice, discrimination, violence and pollution. We are committed to working for economic, social and political solutions.

4 We long for the unity of all Christians. We are grateful for progress already made; we welcome new initiatives; we commit ourselves to working ecumenically.

5 We believe that the gifts of men and women should be fully affirmed and equally used, in the church and in the world.

6 We value and rejoice in Anglican diversity; we believe that the Church is enriched by both tolerance and tension between our different traditions.

7 We affirm our hope in the future, living out our faith in a positive spirit which is open and critical. We seek to overcome inertia, apathy and bigotry in the church and in the world. We look for the coming of God’s kingdom.

**Reflections on the Open Synod Group
From one of our current
Committee members**

I went to my first OSG meeting encouraged by friends from my diocese.

It seemed to me that I was finding a 'home' - I had been infuriated by the divisions within the Church of England from the moment I became aware of them - and someone who grows up in a 'high' Church and wants to go to Guide Church Parade that's held regularly in a 'low' church learns them quite young!! I'd also stood for Synod partly as a result of the sense that the increasing 'party' nature of our church was going to make it into somewhere I didn't want to minister before I retired -

Canon Sue Booy

We are here not only for General Synod members but for all who are looking for a base from which to have their thoughts expressed without fear or favour and to listen to all points of view. We welcome those from each of the churchmanship groups or from none. The church needs **YOU** to be there, open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and willing to sail in often uncharted waters.

We hope you will encourage your diocese, deaneries and parishes to have a more active and informed interest in what is going on in the national church.



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Application for membership

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