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We look forward to welcoming you as one of our members.

PS: We can text reminders of meetings, events etc. If you let us have your mobile no:

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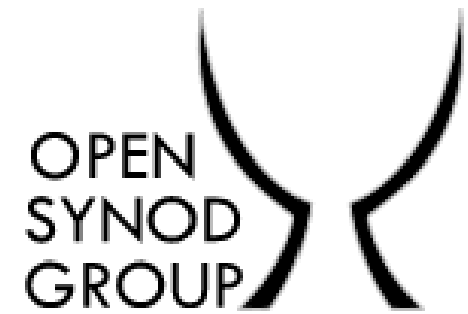
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We offer you a warm invitation to join the

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

<http://www.opensynodgroup.org.uk>

OSG Charity no: 297315

OPEN TO GOD - OPEN TO ALL - OPEN TO EACH OTHER - OPEN-MINDED - OPEN TO THE VIEWS OF OTHERS - OPEN TO ...

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.

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

5 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. We look for the coming of God’s kingdom.



Reflections on the Open Synod
Group
From one of our former
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' because

- *I had been infuriated by the divisions within the Church of England from the moment I became aware of them!*
- *I'd 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. We welcome those from each of the churchmanship groups or from none.

We hope you will encourage your diocese, your 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

Please return this completed form to the

Acting Membership Secretary,

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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EMAIL.....

General Synod number and Diocese
(if applicable).

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- I wish to pay by Standing Order and I enclose the completed form
- OR
- I enclose a cheque payable to the Open Synod Group.

Please tick as appropriate:

£20 pa waged.....

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