

General Synod 2022

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I grew up in the Methodist church with a strong family history steeped in theological conversation, music and worship and a childhood faith nurtured in an experience of the gospel as both personally and socially transformative. I began my working life as a teacher in both primary and secondary schools. Across my teaching years I raised my three children and completed a Bachelor of Arts (History) which included time spent in some rewarding ecumenical research about women in the history of the Church in Australia. A move into Lay Chaplaincy meant that I could spend more time engaged in the relationship and community building work I loved. I worked for three years as State School Chaplain and then for six years at Prince of Peace Lutheran College in Brisbane. During this time I discovered my heartland in the Anglican Church and enjoyed ministering with youth at Aspley Albany Creek Church and commencing study at St Francis College.

Entering formation for the priesthood enabled me to grow deeper in faith and vocation and led me through roles in chaplaincy and coordination in Religion and Values Education at St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School and Churchie. I began working in other pastoral contexts including hospitals and prisons after joining the ecumenical Chaplaincy team at the Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre. After being ordained in 2015 I served on the clergy team for three years at St John's Cathedral in Brisbane which provided many and varied opportunities to serve in a wide range of pastoral ministries amongst a sacramental community seeking to live out the good news, working for justice and peace in the inner city context. This time also gave me the opportunity to pursue further study and began the journey of recording the *On the Way* podcast with friends, which continues to be a source of delight in the chances it provides to meet many wise and gifted people of faith and share conversations from different contexts both ecumenically and within the Anglican Communion across the globe.

I am Area Dean for the Brisbane West region and am a member of the Diocesan Vocational Task Group and involved with Qld Churches Together. I love my role as parish priest at St Andrew's Indooroopilly which is a community that centered in prayer and worship and engaged in finding new and creative ways to respond to local need in friendship, service and hospitality.

I am currently completing my BTh Honours and the best days for me include a good mix of time spent in community, reading, walking the dog and playing my cello.