

The Rev'd Canon David Bruce Bryant-Scott

Candidate for Election as of one of three Proctors in the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury to represent the Diocese in Europe in General Synod

Nominators: Fr. Leonard Doolan & Archdeacon Sam Van Leer



Assistant Chaplain, The Chaplaincy of Greater Athens, serving at the Anglican Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Kefalas, Crete, Greece (part-time), 2018-present.

Priest: 1989, Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada.

Deacon: 1988, Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada.

PhD: School of Advanced Study, University of London.

Awarded this summer, and will graduate in December 2021

ThM: Harvard University, 2003.

MDiv: Trinity College, Toronto and University of Toronto, 1988.

BA: University of Toronto, 1984 (Philosophy).

Reasons Why You Might Not Want To Vote For Me

- I am yet another middle-aged, over-educated male of British descent, of which General Synod already has plenty.
- When in the Diocese of British Columbia (where it was permitted), on two occasions I blessed the civil marriages of same-sex couples.

Reasons Why You Might Want To Vote For Me

- I love Jesus and seek to share the gospel. That's a necessary, if not sufficient, reason!
- With my 30 years working in another province of the Anglican Communion, as a former member of the General Synod there, and as a diocesan archdeacon for 8 years, I would bring an uncommon perspective to the General Synod of the Church of England.
- In particular, I believe that my direct experience with clergy discipline might be useful in the revision of the Clergy Discipline Measure. The CDM needs teeth, but much of its administration in the past is problematic. Likewise, I have extensive experience co-administering a Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy; I suspect the processes of our Safeguarding at the national & diocesan levels can be improved.

Past Experience

- Before coming to the Diocese in Europe & the Church of England I worked in the **Diocese of British Columbia & the Diocese of Niagara in the Anglican Church of Canada**.
- After serving as an **assistant in two parishes** in the Niagara region of Ontario from 1988-1995, I became the rector of the **Parish of the Islands of Pender & Saturna Islands**. During my time there (1995-2004) we built a parish hall, moved the church building 7 km, started a new contemporary "Circle Service", and had our first fundraising campaign.
- In 2002-2003 I was on an unpaid leave of absence to obtain a Master of Theology degree at Harvard University. While in Boston I received **PTO in the Diocese of Massachusetts**.

- I was elected 5 times to the **General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada**. I was on the Pension Committee for 9 years (it was better than you might think!). I was also an Honorary Clerical Secretary, and served as an advisor to the chancellor on procedure.
- I served as **Executive Officer and Diocesan Archdeacon for the Diocese of BC**, from 2004-2012; in C of E language, this position combined the functions of an archdeacon and the diocesan secretary. I supported the bishop in the exercise of his episcopal responsibilities, and the Diocesan Council and its committees. I directly supervised the diocesan staff. I frequently dealt with the “dark side” of the church: schisms, sexual misconduct, and bullying. As Executive Officer, and during the frequent absences of the diocesan bishop, I served as his commissary, and on his behalf exercised those functions which did not require episcopal ordination: appointing clergy; inductions; suspending and terminating some clerics, as well as some wardens, treasurers, and councils; conducting clergy days; dealing with lawsuits; making public pronouncements about sexual misconduct by clergy; and managing parish conflict. On occasion I chaired Diocesan Council and sessions of Diocesan Synod. I had the opportunity to preach and/or preside at almost every church in the diocese.
- I began my PhD by distance in Spring 2013, and was a fellow at the Centre for the Study of Religion & Society at the University of Victoria. I was also the **honorary at St Mary’s, Oak Bay, BC**.
- I was a candidate for election as the 13th Bishop of BC in October 2013. I came second.
- I was made an **honorary canon of the Diocese of BC** in 2014.
- I was the inaugural priest-in-charge (part-time) for a **merger of five parishes** in east Victoria, from Dec 2010 to March 2011. I was also priest-in-charge for six weeks, following a schism, at St. Mary’s, Metchosin. I was **interim priest-in-charge** of two parishes from 2016-2017, in one of which there had been much conflict.
- While I was the incumbent at St Matthias, Victoria from 2014-2017 I was appointed the **Diocesan Refugee Coordinator**. While there, the Refugee Program grew to about 5 times its original size, with over 500 volunteers, \$2 million raised, and over 260 refugees sponsored by 55 groups across Vancouver Island, and two employees (1.5 FTE).
- In addition to working to settle refugees, I have been involved in efforts to support sex workers, street people, alcoholics and addicts in recovery, and the clients of food banks.
- My dissertation’s title is **“Unsettling Theology: The Theological Legacy of the Indian Residential Schools of Canada 1880-1970”**. Using Levinasian meta-ethics and post-colonial theory, it critiques the theologies that justified the Canadian churches’ enthusiastic efforts at assimilating Indigenous peoples through the Residential Schools. It proposes kenotic theology (as found in Sergei Bulgakov & Sarah Coakley) as an alternative to the totalizing theologies of the past.

Current

- Recently elected to Diocesan Synod, Diocese in Europe
- Chair of the Anti-Bullying Policy Revision Task Group, 2021
- Safeguarding Trainer, 2020 – present

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Louis Darrant

Diocese in Europe
Candidate
for General Synod
Election 2021

*On the move to Malaga
last year on the Feast of
Saints Peter & Paul*



Introducing myself

Hello, and thank you for reading my address! As a 44 year old priest ordained in 2001 I've been in the Diocese in Europe for 3 and a half years moving to St George's, Malaga in the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar last year.

Ordained for 18 years I've worked as a parish priest and as associate priest in a number of settings; my passion is living the fullness of life that the Good News brings. That's been a fascinating journey through the permutations of what the CofE calls 'full-time', 'part-time', 'house-for-duty', etc. Moving to Europe has enabled me to embrace the ways we all live this mix of ministry.

Covid means our chaplaincies have huge opportunities to speak about real community and real relationship in Christ. The Church of England Synod will have real opportunities in the next 5 years to speak in truth (Jn 16.13) on racism, climate change, human sexuality and I'm convinced that our experience in chaplaincy here in Europe can offer real value in the debate.

Appreciating the breadth of our Church has been helpful in ministry within this Diocese as we welcome people from different backgrounds within the Anglican fold.

I've been involved in working to set up a homeless nightshelter in south London, a mental health and wellbeing café in rural Essex and pilgrimages to north Wales. These experiences are a type of touchstone for where I place my energy as a priest: creating hospitable spaces for people to encounter God in community whether in a settled place or on the move.

Why am I standing for election?

I was recently elected to Diocesan Synod in a desire to help shape the work and mission of our diocese and connect the experience at the grass-roots level of the church to senior levels of the diocese. I've taken a keen interest in the life of the Church of England from the perspective of the European continent and would like to be given the opportunity to add my voice and work with others across the Church of England on General Synod to further the life of the Kingdom in the communities where we are placed.

The agenda of the next General Synod is demanding. It will address key issues of what it means to be human in terms of race, gender and sexuality. We have a role in shaping the debate on what action we

can take to protect the environment as a gift to be nurtured and not exploited.

The role and identity of the parish is part of the DNA of the Church of England. The recent formation of the Save the Parish network speaks of the concern of the place of the parish as a part of who we are. Thankfully safeguarding is now more embedded into the culture of our communities and how we can create safe, hospitable spaces for healing and growth. We must never take for granted the progress made, but continue to review practices and attitudes and be proactive in our witness and commitment to the wellbeing of all.

A confident European Anglican voice

I've discovered that some people in the Church of England don't fully 'get' the Diocese in Europe, but we have a distinctive voice to offer to the wider Church of England. We understand the importance of taking responsibility for the funding of our ministries locally, the need for social life to enable the Gospel to be shared and for working ecumenically. It's experience which can help the wider Church of England to become more confident in its witness. By learning how to live as an Anglican abroad we discover aspects of who we are that can strengthen the Church of England at large. I believe all the baptised have equal access to the sacraments.

I moved to St George's Malaga a year ago during the pandemic after the previous chaplaincy I was serving in the Valencia region closed due to the dual impact of Brexit and the pandemic. Learning to listen what the Spirit is saying to the Church in this situation should quell any counsels of despair. We have rich resources within the tradition to respond imaginatively to God's call in the time and place we find ourselves.

A team player working with all

I would seek to work positively from those different to myself and eschew any sense of party spirit. I recognise that I am a relative newcomer to the life of this diocese and that I have much to learn. I hope this openness and desire to learn and contribute thoughtfully having listened would serve the diocese well. Thomas Merton, the Cistercian monk, spoke of such things when he wrote, "You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."

I'm asking for your vote in this election to help further the work and serve you well on Synod. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to talk.

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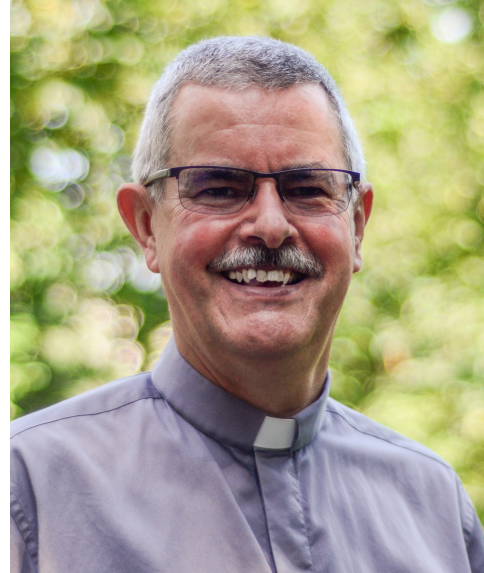
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Dear All,

I'd like to introduce myself to you. I am an Anglican by choice; I came to faith suddenly and surprisingly while a student. I grew up on a Council estate on South Tyneside and was the first person in our family to go on to higher education. I had never set foot inside a church building in my life before some friends invited me to come with them to a service (in an Anglican Church). The very first time that I heard the good news about Jesus I responded with faith - my friends seemed even more surprised than me! My own experience gives me hope for mission and evangelism, encouraging me that God is working in people and places we might not expect.

I studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge University. I have a long term interest in the relationship between science and faith seeing them as friends not enemies and informing each other and our understanding of the universe. I completed a Master's Degree in Biopsychology (the physical understanding of the brain and central nervous system) at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. There I met my wife, Pat, who is Canadian. We have a grown up son and daughter.

My first curacy was in south Liverpool and after that I served at St. Andrew's church, Kowloon, Hong Kong. I returned to the UK to serve as a Vicar in Billingham on Tees-side then at St. Nicholas Church Durham (known as "The Church in the Market Place"). I followed this with a return to ministry in Hong Kong for almost ten years; there I worked in close partnership with Chinese Anglicans, appreciating their strong liturgical tradition and learning from the complex relationship with the wider community during the pro-democracy protests. I joined the Diocese in Europe in 2016 when I came to Saint Michael's Paris before moving to my present post in 2018. It is a joy to discover the riches of living and ministering in France and learn from another very different culture. I am relieved to successfully navigate the "post Brexit" residency pathway!

Throughout all my ministry I seek to offer mission and ministry that makes the Jesus we find in Scripture accessible to people; I try to live and share a thoughtful and generous orthodox Christian faith. I am excited by the Bible and after many years am still thrilled by the challenge of sharing its message. While I belong to the evangelical stream of the church, I am not a narrow or partisan person, first and foremost a disciple of Jesus wanting to do His will. When I left St. Nicholas Durham I appreciated enormously the remark of a close colleague who, at my leaving celebration, commented, "Dale prospers dissent" something that I believe is needed to encourage constructive on going dialogue as we grow together on our journey of faith and discipleship.

My hope is....

I hope that my varied experience of both parish and city centre ministry plus a long term involvement in international, multi cultural ministry and mission equips me well to serve this Diocese and the wider Church through General Synod.

I believe in the Church of England, that God has worked, is working and will work powerfully through it. My prayer is that Synod will play its role fully in enabling mission and ministry as God wills. Thank you for reading my request for your vote in the elections for General Synod. I hope that after prayerful consideration you will give me your support.

Dale Hanson Versailles, France, August 2021



Address of Rob Kean for General Synod 2021

My personal background is that I grew up in Hackney, London and predominantly worked in IT, for many years at Barnardos, and latterly, a few years before ordination, for a teaching union (ATL). I am married with two adult children.

I came to faith quite late in life, around the age of 35, by going along to my local church out of curiosity, which was inspired by a close friend. I was ordained deacon in 2011 in Chelmsford Diocese.

I have genuine heartfelt concerns over the future of the Church of England, it's structures, its finances, and the pressures that these make on the clergy at times, and how to balance that with the structures of parish ministry we currently have in place.

I believe that brave decisions need to be taken to reimagine how church is 'done', certainly in the UK, in order for it to grow and to spread the gospel message. We have *inherited* the parish system in the UK, the buildings and their locations, which can be both a blessing and a curse at times.

Basically, I would welcome the opportunity to take part in the dialogue that shapes and challenges all aspects of the future Church of England.

I am currently Chaplain of St Vincent's Chaplaincy in the Algarve (4^{1/2} years) and Area Dean of Portugal and Madeira.

Rob Kean - 2021

Rev'd Tuomas Mäkipää

I have been a member of the General Synod for the last (extended) quinquennium (2015-2021). As a native Finn, I am the only non-UK passport holder in the Synod and, I believe, can bring a different dimension to the work of the General Synod. A member of the Diocesan Synod in Europe since 2016, I am the outgoing Chair of the Diocesan House of Clergy. I have served in the diocese of Europe since 2005, first as a lay assistant before my ordination, and now as the Chaplain of Helsinki, Area Dean and an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

As a member of the Synod, I am always trying to consider what is good for this diocese in Europe. In decision making I look for ways to make the Church of England more diverse, loving and caring - a church which welcomes all - not only in words but also in action. For this reason, I welcome the 'Living in Love and Faith' project in which the General Synod and the Church of England at large are invited to participate. The process is not always easy but, in order to fulfil our call to *proclaim the faith afresh in each generation*, we must understand who that generation are.

I also wish to represent the concerns facing the Diocese in Europe, from continuing to re-build trust after Brexit, to the very real effects of climate change on our doorstep, and issues of social justice facing migrants and refugees. In Helsinki I work with and support Anglican communities from Sudan and Pakistan and have been increasingly involved in ecumenical and inter-faith dialogues in Finland, as well as governmental discussions on religious rights.

I hope that my work in Finland can be put to good use in the work of the General Synod, helping to build bridges between different groups within the church. We are called to witness by breaking bread and word together.



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Seconded by: The Ven David Waller

Election Address for General Synod 2021

Who am I?

Indian by birth, British by nationality and European by choice, I stand for election to General Synod having served the Diocese in Europe as Chaplain, Bishop's BAME Adviser, member of Bishops' Council and Diocesan Synod. Cradled in the Church of England, I have experienced the vibrancy and challenges of Christian witness in both multi-faith and secular contexts. My husband Peter is a Licensed Lay Reader and together we strive for a church where all are welcome irrespective of age, gender or ethnicity.

Two Strands, One Vocation

I am a former teacher, examiner and trainer. Since ordination nearly 20 years ago I have contributed to the wider church in the following ways:

Diocese in Europe	Service to the wider Church of England
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Racial Justice Working Group- Anti-Bullying Working Group- Speaker at Deanery Synods and Chapters- Host for Ministry Experience Scheme interns- Placement Supervisor for Curates- Member of Cathedral Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Executive member of AMEN Network- Transformations Steering Group- National Vocations Adviser- Archbishop's Nominee on CMEAC- Member of CCRJ- Parish, chaplaincy, deanery and diocesan work

Why am I standing?

I want to be part of the process to reshape, reorient and revitalise the sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ. I wish to work in a spirit of collaboration and conciliation to honour differing viewpoints, creating synergy and synthesis from multiple perspectives. I am keenly aware of the pressures on clergy first hand, and would hope to represent my colleagues. Protest and pandemic have impacted society dramatically and there are many key areas being addressed by General Synod that particularly interest me. These include "Living Together in Love and Faith", Racial Justice, Climate Change and recovery from Covid-19, as well as the implementation of the strategic vision for the 2020s – the call to be "Simpler, Humbler, Bolder." How Synod addresses these areas will not only shape the church for this quinquennium but for many generations to come. I very much hope to be part of that process.

What can I bring?

- Leadership in mission – dedication to bringing scripture alive, refreshing commitment and discipling people
- Over 25 years' experience of governance at Diocesan level as a lay and ordained member of synod
- Sound financial management, proven experience of managing teams and overseeing operational change
- Belief in a church where all can flourish, irrespective of differences and divides
- Inclusive, intercultural and intergenerational worship
- Commitment to promoting a safer church, unlocking potential and widening participation.
- New perspectives – looking at things from inside, outside and outside-in, fostering a culture of generosity
- Devotion to healing and restoration at a time of economic, spiritual, and physical challenge

Why vote for me?

If elected, I will diligently read, prayerfully reflect and wholeheartedly represent you in debates. I will try and speak with clarity and work with charity so that the Diocese in Europe is well served. With a heart for mission and evangelism in an increasingly secular age, I firmly believe that God is all and in all. I relish the holy and the sacramental life of the church. I mean to be representative, compassionate and – if necessary – disruptive, to bring the needs of our diocese and its peoples to the fore at General Synod.

Please give me your 1st Preference Vote. Thank you.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Medhat Sabry



I have been an Anglican since my childhood. The church where I grew up was a result of CMS missionary work in my hometown Cairo in Egypt. I later received my theological training at Trinity College, Bristol UK (1983-1986), a renowned Evangelical college. When I was ordained, however, I was sent to an Anglo-Catholic church and that added another dimension to my theological traditions. Being an Anglican has always helped to broaden my spirituality. Personally, I now feel most at ease with Evangelical Anglicanism, with its biblically-based roots, but I am at ease with a wide range of other traditions as well.

Biblical truth inspires me to be available to meet human needs and to point people towards God and His restorative, healing hands. The spread of His Gospel is my concern, especially among nominal Christians.

Theology and spirituality are two sides of the same coin. Theological understanding of God and His truth is the foundation of my spirituality. This leads to experiencing God in all aspects of my life; where and when He appears in what I do and say.

In all of this I believe I should reflect a true image of the God I worship.

Deeper theological understanding of who I am and what I am called for, has widened both my spirituality and my ability to encompass even those who are very different from me.

For almost 35 years, I have been serving both the local and the wider Anglican church in many and various different positions. Firstly, for 26 years, in the diocese of Egypt, which used to be part of the province of Jerusalem and of the Middle East, and then during the last 9 years in the Diocese in Europe (8 years in Morocco and currently at St. George's Madrid.) During these years I have served at both diocesan level and at provincial level as a member of the executive boards, on the financial, liturgical and standing committees of the province. I have served two terms as Synod secretary and for 14 years as Chair of the House of Clergy. I have also served as a chaplain in Libya and Sudan, ministering most specifically to migrants in those countries.

I have also served on the committee for the restructuring of the province of the Anglican church in the Middle East and chaired the committee to review the canons and by-laws of the Anglican diocese of Egypt.

I have an Old Testament doctoral degree in Theology of the Nations. {How God uses the different Nations to declare who He is}

I believe I have the right experience to represent all of you at the General Synod. We live in times where the pandemic, the Media and commercial pressure have all had a great impact on church life in general. The challenge is this: “How can the church remain a light to the nations at this difficult time?”

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions you would like to ask me, or to know my opinion, or theological perspectives, about any of the issues currently facing the church in general.

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Richard Seabrook

Candidate for General Synod

Proposed by: Louis Darrant (Málaga)

Seconded by: Beth Bendrey (Lisbon)

Who am I?

Born in Essex in the UK, I went to school in Colchester and after a brief career in banking I explored a vocation to the ordained ministry in the Church of England. I spent two years working for the **Mission to Seafarers in Dunkerque** (my first connection with the Diocese in Europe which also

included occasional visits to **Christ Church, Lille**) and then in Brisbane, Australia. Bishop Edward Holland, the then suffragan Bishop in Europe was very encouraging and supportive of my vocation. I went to The Theological College, Chichester and John Hind, later Bishop in Europe, was my college principal. In my last year of theological college, I was one of two Church of England students at the **Graduate School for Ecumenical Studies at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches** just outside Geneva.

What have I done since ordination?

Having been ordained Deacon in 1992 and Priest in 1993, I served a first curacy at Cottingham (Diocese of York) and then a second curacy at Hawley (Diocese of Guildford). I was the Vicar of Hockley from 1998 to 2005 and during this time **I served on the 2000 – 2005 General Synod for Chelmsford** so I bring to my candidature previous synodal experience as I was not a silent member. I also presented Pause for Thought on Radio Two and was a contributor to Late Night Live on Radio Five Live and even had an appearance on The Weakest Link! **I am passionate about the Church's ministers using the media in a positive and dynamic manner.**

So where did that lead?

I moved to Australia in 2005 and served in rural Victoria and then as **Archdeacon of The Murray** and **Vicar-General** for a period of six years including three years as **Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray during an episcopal vacancy**. I also served as **Chair of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee** of the Diocese.

Why Spain?

I wished to be closer to my family and felt a call to apply for the post of **Chaplain, Torrevieja** in 2015 because of my interest in ecumenism and the Spanish language. Since serving as an ordained minister in the Diocese in Europe I was **elected to Diocesan Synod** in a casual vacancy and have **just been re-elected**. I've served on the **Common Fund Working Group** which I found to be a rich experience **working collaboratively** with representatives from across our Diocese.

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Ávila

Why am I standing in this election to General Synod?

I wish the voice of the Church of England in Europe to be heard in the national church as a constant reminder of our place in Europe. In the post-Brexit world, our Diocese is in the unique position of being able to **shine a light on issues affecting Europe** which will inform the Church of England.

What is the importance of our Chaplaincies for the Church of England as a whole?

As we emerge from the Pandemic with the financial challenges around us, as with parishes in the Church of England, I stand to ensure that **our Chaplaincy communities of Christian faith remain the prime units for mission** in this part of the Church of England (as with the parish system in England.) As the Revd Dr Alison Milbank has said (quoted Church Times website, 4th August 2021): *The Church of England has totally capitulated to market values and managerialism. There has been a tendency to view the parish like some inherited embarrassing knick-knack from a great-aunt that you wish were in the attic.* The Pandemic had been an opportunity to expedite further the demise of traditional church. Resources are being drained from the parish system. **I would be working for the resourcing of parishes and chaplaincies to be even more excellent communities of God's faith and love and supporting the traditional parish system.** The "centre" should resource the parishes and not the other way around. I believe that checks and balances must be retained so that the rights of parishioners are not overridden by centralized diocesan or deanery plans.

How will I respond to current "hot topics" in the Church of England?

The Clergy Discipline Measure needs a **radical reset**. **The present system has left many clergy isolated, desperate, crushed, depressed and even suicidal.** I would be supporting proposals that are **just, fair, and compassionate**. The recent Coroner's report into the **death of Alan Griffin** (1) is a watershed moment that shows the urgent need for a completely different way of doing things.

I support proposals to **end racism at all levels of the Church of England** and to reflect carefully and prayerfully on the **Living in Love and Faith** process.

The climate crisis is serious. As members of the Church of England in Europe, stretching over many political jurisdictions, I support measures for a **carbon neutral church**.

The Church of England needs to hear the story of refugees in Europe.

If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact me at richardseabrook3339@gmail.com and I will be only too pleased to help. Thank you to Louis Darrant and Beth Bendrey for nominating and seconding me.

Thank you for reading this election address and please do consider me seriously for your vote to represent you on the General Synod.

May the Lord bless you.

(1) <https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Alan-Griffin-2021-0243-Church-of-England-Published.pdf>