

# REVD BEN GARDNER

**Pioneer Minister**  
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## **Pre-Ordination:**

- Fresh Expressions Core Team (2008-2010)
  - St John's Woodbridge - Gap Year Leader (2008-2010)
  - St Thomas Crookes, Sheffield - Student Church Leader (2010-2016)
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## **Post-Ordination:**

- Emmanuel Loughborough - Curate (2016-2019)
- Pioneer Minister - STB (2019-present)
- Loughborough Churches Partnership - Chair (2020-present)
- Diocese Resourcing Church Programme Board - Member
- Diocesan Plant Course - Team Leader (2020-2022)
- Outwoods Edge Primary School - Governor (2020-present)
- Pastoral Supervisor (2023 -present)

## **Networks:**

- New Wine
- Evangelical Alliance
- The Alliance
- Leicester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship

**PROPOSER: REVD ROB GLADSTONE**

**SECONDER: REVD MICHAEL BROADLEY**



## **ABOUT ME:**

I am married to Helen, and we have two children (Beth and Samuel). I enjoy running ultra marathons and getting outdoors. I have supported Ipswich Town Football Club since I was six. I spent most of my childhood living in Suffolk, where my father was a priest in the CofE, but I have lived in different contexts across the country. I love Jesus, and I am passionate about seeing people come to faith. I have a particular passion for church planting in new areas to reach the 95% of those who don't connect with the Church and the Gospel.

## **WHY I AM STANDING FOR GENERAL SYNOD?**

I have been encouraged to stand for General Synod and have put myself forward to listen and contribute to the life and mission of the wider Church and Anglican Communion.

There are many issues facing the Church Of England today, but there are also incredible opportunities for the Church to be salt and light / full of grace and truth as we continue to live out the Great Commission and serve society - locally, nationally and internationally.

The key issues that I particularly look forward to engaging with are:

**Discipleship & Multiplying Missional Leaders** - keeping this front and centre is crucial for the future of the Church of England.

**Church Planting** - as new housing estates are built, we will need different models of Church Plants to reach and serve all people in all contexts.

**Growing Younger** - having seen growth in this ministry within our church, I hope to be able to play a part in helping the whole church reach, serve and disciple the next generation for Jesus.

**Anglican Communion** - having had the privilege of visiting our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro it has highlighted to me the importance of this relationship and the need to learn from one another as we partner in the Gospel.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you for considering me as your representative on General Synod.