



*General Synod 2015  
Campaign*

## Campaign Launch Day – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### St John's, Waterloo, 10am-2pm

- 10.00 Arrive and refreshments
- 10.20 Welcome and introductions to the day  
– **Chaired by Rt. Revd. Alan Wilson** (Bishop of Buckingham)
- 10.30 **Key Note Address: Mrs Mary Johnston**, Lay member of General Synod from 1995. Mary has a background in senior personnel management both in the UK and New York. During her 20 years on Synod she has been the Convenor of *Affirming Catholics in Synod* and served as a Central Member of the *Crown Nomination Commission* which recommends candidates for vacant Diocesan Sees.
- 10.50 **Launch of Campaign Packs - Revd Stephen France**, National Campaign Coordinator; including general Q&A
- 11.30 Coffee available to take with you to regional discussion groups
- 12.30 Feedback from Groups
- 13.00 Sandwich lunch available (£5 donation to cover cost)

Please confirm your attendance by 16<sup>th</sup> Jan to Revd Stephen France:

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# General Synod Elections Summer 2015



**[DRAFT DATES 2015 TBC]**

Not later than 21st July – nomination papers sent to electors and election timetable presented

**Friday 4th September** – Closing Date for nominations

**Friday 18th September** – Issue of Ballot papers

**Friday 9th October** – Final date for Return of Ballot papers

**12th – 15th October** – Count

**23rd – 25th November** – Inauguration of new General Synod.

## **Timetable and Stages of General Synod Campaign 2015**

**Autumn 2014** – Draft Election Timetable should be announced by General Synod

**October 2014** – Initial mailout to make people aware of the timescale of elections and invite them to the **Campaign Launch Day:**

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – St John's, Waterloo**

**Nov 2014 – Jan 2015** – Drafting of Campaign Pack

**Feb/March 2015** – Mailout of Campaign Pack

**June 2015** – Repeat of Campaign Pack

**June 2015** - Dioceses will be advised to circulate initial paperwork in June 2015 as the elections take place towards the end of the summer holiday period with likely key dates of 5<sup>th</sup> September for nominations and a closing date ballot papers likely to be 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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