

OPEN SYNOD: OPEN TO GOD: OPEN TO ALL

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please return this form to Penny Allen

YOUR NAME.....

YOUR ADDRESS.....

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Your email.....

General Synod number [if applicable]

Diocese.....

Membership fee is £15.00

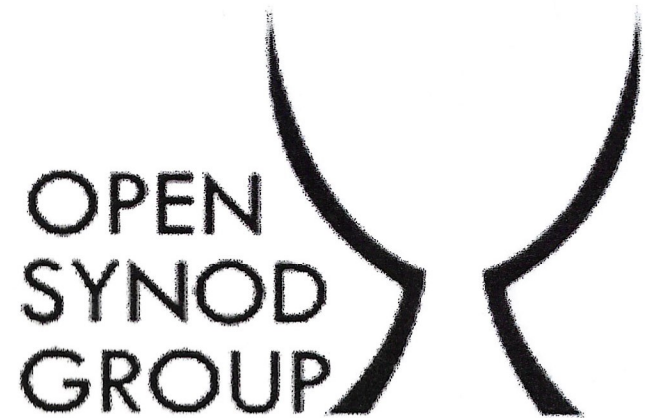
Four ways to pay to our bank account.

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1. By BACS with your name and number [if a member of GS] or diocese as the reference
2. By cash to Penny in person
3. By Standing order
4. By cheque to Open Synod Group at the following address

Penny Allen, [Lay member for Lichfield diocese]

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CHARITY NUMBER 297315

**A group of members from
The General Synod**

**Welcoming all those interested in the
Church of England's Governing Body.
We offer you a warm
invitation to join us!**

Welcome to this new quinquennium!

Are you looking for fellowship and support? We offer this to all members of all traditions.

We welcome those who need a place to feel 'at home'.

- We offer a safe space for everyone across the spectrum of the Church of England, seeking to enhance dialogue with Christians of all traditions and find common ground
- We hold 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 and fundraise for charities eg. we normally hold a Quiz in York for charity

'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'. Canon Sue Booyes [former Chair of Business Committee]

'I felt rather lost and alone during my first year at GS until I joined Open Synod'. Anon



Our Statement of Purpose

1. We proclaim our faith in Jesus as Lord.
2. We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for the whole of life.
3. We rejoice in the goodness of God's creation but are saddened by injustice, discrimination, violence and pollution. We are committed to working for economic, social and political solutions.
4. We believe that the gifts of all people should be affirmed and used in the church and the world.
5. We affirm our hope in the future, living out our faith in a positive spirit. We look for the coming of God's kingdom.