

GENERAL SYNOD CLERGY NOMINATIONS

At our Diocesan Synod, two clergy general synod representatives will be elected from the following:

Nominees in alphabetical order
Peter Bargh
Heather Major
Barnabas Nqindi
Ben Ong
Julian Perkins
Jay Ruka

CV's of Clergy Nominees

The Ven Peter Bargh TSSF

- General Synod Representative 2010-12 (Auckland), 2020-present (Waikato-Taranaki)
- served on, and/or chaired, various bodies in the wider Church (including the Social Justice Commission, New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services, Tikanga Pākehā Conference Co-ordinating Group, General Synod Standing Committee)
- currently Acting Director for Kurahautū | The Archbishops' Wayfinder Unit and licensed as Priest Assistant to the Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki
- passionate about our Church at the grassroots and at a wider level and ensuring there are good connections between the two

The Rev Heather Major

Heather has been the vicar of All Saints – Bryant Park in Hamilton for 8 years and a part-time Waikato Hospital chaplain for almost 5 years. She is a current GS Clergy Representative seeking another term. A regular at Archdeacons' and clergy meetings (unless the Gospel Choir is performing on the same night!) and having learnt what GS involves, she takes her role as rep very seriously.

She has a long history of Christian leadership, is a strong advocate of people living with disabilities, chronic or terminal illness. Heather was part of our Diocesan End of Life Choice Act Response Group.

Father Barnabas Nqindi

- Ordained Deacon 1996, Priest 1997 (Anglican Diocese of Matabeleland, Zimbabwe)
- Vicar of Holy Trinity Forest Lake, Hamilton (since May 2024)
- Extensive ministry across Zimbabwe, South Africa, UK, and New Zealand
- Social justice advocate; arrested 2005 for human rights work (noted in USA Congressional Record)
- Engaged in diocesan synods in multiple countries, contributing to mission priorities and governance
- Committed to Tikanga structure and cross-cultural ministry
- Approach centres on Missio Dei, prayer, generational church vision, and meeting practical needs
- Seeks to serve General Synod with global Anglican perspective, fostering inclusive, mission-driven ministry

Ben Ong

Current Ministry Roles

- July 2025-Current, Priest Assistant to the Archdeacon of Maungatautari, St Andrew's, Cambridge
- May 2025-Current, Priest Assistant to the Dean, St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton
- June 2024-Feb 2025, Kaikokiri Puawananga, Te Hui Amorangi ki te Manawa o Te Wheke
- Dec 2022-January 2024, Curate Priest Assistant, Te Rohe o Waikato, Te Hui Amorangi ki te Manawa o Te Wheke

Governance Experience

- July 2025-Present, Vestry Chair (Ex-officio Clergy), St Andrew's Church, Cambridge, Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki
- May 2025-Present, Vestry Member (Ex-officio Clergy), St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki
- 2022-2024, Hinota (Synod) Member, Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke
- 2022-2023, Vestry Member (Ex-officio Clergy), St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki
- 2021, Vestry Member Dunedin North Parish, Diocese of Otago and Southland

Relevant Skills

- Cross tikanga understanding and experience
- Relationally focused ministry
- Detailed oriented
- Analytical

The Very Rev Julian Perkins

- Dean of Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter since 2022
- 2021-2022: interim roles at Chartwell Cooperating Church, St Andrew's Cambridge, and Bishop's Chaplain
- Decade as hospital chaplain (2011-2021): six years Sheffield, UK; four years Waikato
- Parish ministry (2001-2011) in three contrasting English parishes
- Broad ecclesial background from low church to evangelical with charismatic leanings; served central to Anglo-Catholic parishes
- Strongly inclusive theology recognizing diverse expressions of God's work
- B.Sc. physics, M.Sc. mathematics, B.A. and M.Phil. applied theology; Myers-Briggs practitioner and Enneagram Teacher
- Waikato-Taranaki: standing committee (4 years), finance/audit committee, tikanga pākehā liturgy working group representative
- Trustee of: Interchurch Council of Hospital Chaplaincy; Te Whare Korowai (Hamilton Christian nightshelter)
- Interests: environment, mental health, poverty action, contemporary spirituality, chaplaincy

The Very Rev Jay Ruka (Te Āti Awa / Ngāti Mutunga / Ngāti Koata / Ngā Puhi)

- Dean of Saint Mary's Cathedral (Mere Tapu), New Plymouth, since October 2021
- Director, Te Manu Hononga - Sir Paul Reeves Centre (March 2021-present): education initiative exploring missional history and gospel intersection with Te Ao Māori
- Leading cathedral governance restructuring according to Te Pouhere (1992 Constitution) empowering bicultural governance and leadership

- Created Te Whare Hononga: whare wānanga partnership between Taranaki Cathedral and Ngāti Te Whiti hapū for honest storytelling of church's conflicted past
- Storyteller at Huia Come Home (14 years); freelance musician (17 years)
- Former Minister at Edge Kingsland (2010-2016); New Zealand National Director, Youth With A Mission (2005-2010)
- Theology studies, Laidlaw College (2010-2017)
- Passionate about cultural partnership, Te Ao Māori, and strengthening settler heritage with indigenous heritage