

Overview

- Current post: Team Rector – Canford Magna Team Ministry in Wimborne, Dorset (2009 -present)
Rural Dean of Wimborne (2011- present)
- Previous Vicar of St James' Southbroom, Devizes, Wiltshire (2000-2009)
Assistant Curate at All Saints, Catherington & St James' Clanfield (Diocese of Portsmouth 1996-2000)
- Family Married to Sandra (Churches and Festivals team leader for Bible Society). Three children, two married, with three grandchildren.



Other involvement and responsibilities

- Acting Chair of the Aldhelm Mission Fund
- Diocesan Finance Committee (2001-2007)
- Diocese of Salisbury Education Trust Member for the Wimborne Academy Trust
- IME Tutor
- Member of Diocesan Synod
- Member of the College of Canons and the Cathedral Council
- Vice-Chair of the Salisbury Diocese Evangelical Fellowship

Commentary

Leaving school to train as a Chartered Accountant, I worked in business Grant Thornton, Ernst & Young, and IBM.

After the call to ministry and a four year curacy in Portsmouth I have served very happily in Salisbury Diocese for 15 years, both in the north and the south of the Diocese. I love the rich diversity of the Church of England and have always aimed to be a 'bridge builder' between different traditions whilst holding to my own passionately held views on contentious issues. I am committed to Daily Prayer and like to encourage others to develop their spiritual formation through contemplative prayer and movements such as New Wine and Renovare. Having served the diocese for a considerable time, I feel called in this new season to offer the breadth of my experience to the National Church. Here are the key issues I feel passionately about and expect to see coming before General Synod in the new quinquennium 2015-2020:

- The Church in Society: Convinced that a healthy nation needs a praying, serving and prophetic church I would drive for a more challenging voice from the Church of England in society and to government on issues that concerned Jesus: global distribution of wealth, power and migration, peacekeeping, climate change and personal holiness.
- Mission and growth: Having encouraged growth in both Fresh Expressions and inherited church, I welcome the National Church's challenging programme of change towards a 'mission shaped' mixed economy church. I would support funding for initiatives that encourage growth in mission and a reduction in the bureaucracy that blights the church with a 'maintenance' culture.

- Human sexuality: Whilst recognizing we are in a revolution of new expressions of personhood, I take a traditional view on issues of human sexuality and hold to the historic teaching of the Church of England. Although there were many good things in the Pilling Report, I welcome the opportunity to take part in the facilitated conversations between Salisbury, Winchester and Portsmouth dioceses this autumn as I see the Church should have a prophetic voice in this global debate that so affects our relations with the Worldwide Anglican Communion.
- Clergy wellbeing and morale: As clergy numbers reach an all time low during the next five years pressures on the clergy and lay leaders will continue to increase as more multi-parish benefices multiply and workload escalates. One of my passions is to create supportive, relational teams at all levels within the Church and I would initiate and support measures that promote wellbeing within terms of service for clergy and their dependents.
- Faith and values: The Church of England needs more than ever to have confidence in the essential doctrine of the Christian faith such as the uniqueness of Christ, the authority of scripture, the sufficiency of the cross, and the power of the Holy Spirit as we face the challenges arising from living in an increasing pluralist society. I would press for General Synod to make policy and legislation consistent with our creedal values.

Your Vote:

I would be most grateful if you made me your first choice candidate (or if not, please consider making me your second or third vote).

Thank you for taking the time to read this address.

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