

## Leeds Diocesan Board of Education Members

### **Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley**

Helen-Ann was born in Edinburgh in 1973, and moved with her parents to Sunderland two years later where she grew up. She was a pupil at Benedict Bishop Church of England Primary school in Moorside, and then at St Anthony's RC Girls' school on Thornhill Terrace. She attended the University of St Andrews (reading Theology), followed by a Master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in the USA, and then doctoral studies at Worcester College, Oxford. She taught in Oxford whilst completing her DPhil and training part-time for ordination. She was ordained deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford in 2005, and priested in Dorchester Abbey a year later. She was a curate (a first appointment following ordination) in the rural benefice (a group of parishes) in Wheatley, and also taught New Testament at Ripon College Cuddesdon (one of the colleges in the Church of England where people train for the ministry). After a few years teaching at Cuddesdon, Helen-Ann and her husband Myles moved to Auckland, New Zealand where she was appointed one of the Deans of the Anglican Theological College in Auckland. She was elected Bishop of Waikato in the middle of 2013, a large Diocese in the North Island of New Zealand. In so doing she became the first woman who had been ordained in the Church of England to become a Bishop in the Anglican Communion. She was installed as Bishop of Ripon in the Diocese of Leeds on February 4th 2018. Helen-Ann loves the night sky, anything that gets her outdoors (mostly!), contemporary fiction and art, going to the gym and watching netball. She is passionate about our environment and advocating for farmers, and raising awareness of issues of climate change, largely influenced by time she has spent with people in the Pacific Islands of Fiji and Tonga. Helen-Ann is actually the youngest Bishop in England.

### **Mr Tony Hesselwood**

Chartered Accountant, retired after 41 years in a local general practice.

Former Chair of the Bradford Diocesan Board of Finance (27 years). Member of the DBE Buildings Sub Group. Director of Bradford Academy Trust. Vice Chair of the Scargill Movement. Board member of the Cottingley Cornerstone Centre. Chair of the Audit Committee of the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England.

### **The Venerable Andy Jolley**

The Archdeacon of Bradford has a wide range of responsibilities overseeing and supporting the churches of the Bradford Episcopal Area and working with the Area Bishop of Bradford, the Rt. Revd Toby Howarth.

Before ordination, Andy qualified as a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, working in the motor industry for Ford and then as a management consultant for Coopers & Lybrand. He trained for ordination at St John's Nottingham and served a curacy in Sparkhill, Birmingham before becoming vicar of Aston Parish Church in September 2002. In 2005 he was also given responsibility for St James' and St Matthew's Churches in what is now the Parish of Aston and Nechells. He also served as Area Dean of the Aston Deanery for 7 years.

Andy, whose doctoral research focused on relating faith to work has been applying his findings to developing the Church of England Birmingham's Mission Apprentice Scheme and New Wine's Urban

network. Andy is also a Member of Bradford Academy, a Single Academy Trust and a Member of BDAT (Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust).

### **Mrs Liz Holliday**

Grown up in Leeds and educated here. Attended Leeds Trinity University before teaching in primary schools across the city. After achieving the NPQH qualification I became headteacher at St Peter's C of E (VA) Primary School, Burmantofts, Leeds in 2008. Previously deputy headteacher at St Matthew's in Chapel Allerton. National leader of education working closely with other schools in Leeds to provide support on areas including progress of pupils, curriculum, governance and attendance. Pupil premium reviewer and adviser to support schools in closing the gap for disadvantaged pupils. Married with two grown up children.

### **Mr Peter Laurence**

Former Head Teacher at Brigshaw High School in Leeds. Development Director, The Brigshaw Cooperative Trust (an 8 school partnership in East Leeds). Formerly Regional Adviser for the National College for Teaching and Leadership, working closely with all of the Dioceses in the region on developing succession planning approaches. Peter is a Trustee of the Abbey MAT, Leeds.

### **Mrs Ann Nicholl**

Stipendiary Lay Minister in the Parish of Leeds City with responsibility for Holy Trinity Church and St Mary's Lincoln Green and Chaplain to St Peter's Primary School. Educational experience spanning 40 years, former Headteacher of Agnes Stewart Church of England High School in Leeds. Member of the Abbey MAT, a Church Majority Trust, Leeds.

### **Revd Nigel Sinclair**

Team Rector of Abbeylands Team Ministry. Degree in Public Administration (included a year working in a County Council Education Department). MA in Theology and Religious Studies. Experience as a governor in six primary schools and Chaplain at Queen Mary's School. A serving governor at St Aidan's C of E High School and St Margaret's C of E Primary School, Horsforth. Chair, Elevate Multi Academy Trust, a Church Majority Trust based in Knaresborough, jointly with York Diocese.

### **Ven Peter Townley**

Archdeacon of Pontefract. Governor at Holy Trinity RC/C of E 3-16 School. Former Chair of Wakefield Diocesan Board of Education. Chair, Enhance Multi Academy Trust a Church Majority Trust (former Wakefield Diocesan Academy Trust).

### **Jon Norden**

Jon has been Principal of Abbey Grange C of E Academy in Leeds for the last 2 years, having started at the school in 2010 as Vice Principal. Since the formation of the Abbey Multi Academy Trust, he has served on the board as a Director, as well as being a Local Governing Body member. Jon has been in the profession for over 20 years, initially as a History and Politics teacher in a Wakefield school before moving to a Leeds school as Assistant Principal with responsibility for the Humanities specialism. He has had senior leadership experience in all 3 schools that he has worked in, and achieved the NPQH qualification in 2007. Jon grew up in the south east before attending university in the Midlands and then heading to Yorkshire for teacher training, where he has remained ever since. He has 3 children, all teenagers.

### **Matthew Ambler**

As summarised on my Twitter bio, I am a liberal Christian, traveller and lawyer, active in the local community and engaged with an interdependent world, who:

- Has worked in corporate law since 1998, initially advising on property matters, before focusing on pensions law since 2004.
- Advises corporates and trustees (in England, Northern Ireland and also international businesses with UK pension arrangements) on the full range of legal matters, including governance and strategic issues.
- Was the trustee of a pre-school playgroup between 2004 and 2009, responsible for the finance and HR functions.
- Has been involved in church governance since 2005 on my PCC, deanery synod, diocesan synod and as a trustee director of the Wakefield Board of Education (2012 to 2014).
- Has been a co-opted member of the DBE Buildings Sub-group since 2014.
- Enjoys exploring unusual holiday destinations, such as Ethiopia, Lebanon and North Korea!
- Enjoys music, having played the bassoon in several groups at school and university.

### **Elaine Watson**

NLE, SIP, Professional Partner, Ofsted Inspector

Executive Headteacher Scissett C of E First School

Executive Headteacher- Yorkshire Anglican Teaching School Alliance

CEO of the Learning Accord Multi Academy Trust.

I became a National Leader of Education in 2009 and have worked with schools in challenging circumstances (in an Ofsted Category or vulnerable) to lead and shape the school improvement process. As an accredited School Improvement Partner & former Kirklees Transformation and Quality Improvement Officer I have worked with a range of Kirklees schools with widely differing contexts and needs, liaising with Head teachers, senior leadership teams and Governors to shape and drive forward the school improvement process.

I am an NCTL Professional Partner and have supported a number of new head teacher colleagues in their first year/s of Headship. As a professional partner I tailor support to meet the needs of the supported person and school. I became an Additional Inspector working for CfBT to carry out Ofsted Inspections in May 2014 and have continued to work for Ofsted as a team and lead inspector.

My roles and responsibilities are wide and varied and the challenges and opportunities of the work to raise standards and ensure effective school self-evaluation have been both rewarding and stimulating.

### **Richard Bourne**

Richard taught across a wide range of areas in theology, philosophy and ethics. Research is primarily in theological ethics and political theology, often in dialogue with contemporary political philosophy. Co-writing (with Dr Imogen Adkins) *A New Introduction to Theology: Embodiment, Experience and Encounter* - a book intended for readers encountering theology for the first time. It introduces them to Christian doctrine as it is embodied and encountered through the arts, culture and politics.

His current research includes two broad themes:

- A Theology of Criminal Justice and Punishment - in critical engagement with both the well-established philosophical literature on the nature and justification of punishment; and with contemporary criminological accounts of the complex nature of desire and character in criminal offending. This theology draws in particular on Christian accounts of sanctification, penance, atonement, and the education of desire.

- Consumerism, Biopolitics and Urban Discipleship - in critical dialogue with major continental thinkers deploying theological arguments in their analyses of consumerism biopolitics and radical political action (Agamben, Esposito, Žižek and others).