

LEEDS DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES – January 2018

Rt Revd Dr Jonathon Gibbs – Chair of the DBE

Bishop of Huddersfield, Jonathan Gibbs grew up in Cheshire and then studied at Jesus College, Oxford, for his MA in Philosophy and Politics and Jesus College, Cambridge for a PhD on the Theology of Work. He trained for ordained ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and served his curacy in the Diocese of Chester at Stalybridge, Holy Trinity and Christ Church from 1989-92. He was Chaplain at Basle with Freiburg-im-Breisgau, in the Diocese of Europe from 1992 – 98 and was Rector of Heswall in the Diocese of Chester from 1998 until 2014.

Jonathan was Chair of the House of Clergy in the Diocese of Chester from 2006 and Chair of the Diocesan Clergy Chairs Forum from 2011 to 2014. He was formerly a member of the Clergy Discipline Commission and is a member of the General Synod and of the Meissen Commission, linking the Church of England with the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Jonathan was consecrated as Bishop of Huddersfield in York Minster on 17 October 2014.

The Venerable Dr 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 and was responsible for overseeing the Church of England Birmingham's Mission Apprentice Scheme. Andy moved to the Diocese of Leeds in January 2016 to become Archdeacon of Bradford.

Andy's doctoral research focused on relating faith to work and discipleship in the whole of life. He also heads up New Wine's Urban Network, which focuses on encouraging mission and church growth in more deprived urban communities.

Matthew Ambler

Matthew joined the Board in January 2017 and has been a member of its Estates Subcommittee since 2014.

He is a commercial lawyer, and has worked in corporate law since 1998. Initially advising on property matters, since 2004 Matthew has specialised in advising corporates, trustees and third sector organisations on pensions law. His experience includes advising on outsourcing and procurement matters.

Matthew is involved in many aspects of church governance and is currently a member of the Diocesan Synod and the Lay Chair of the Huddersfield Deanery. He was also the Trustee of a pre-school playgroup for five years, responsible for the finance and HR functions.

Richard Bourne

Richard studied Theology at the University of Exeter, beginning with a BA (1997), carrying on to an MA (1999) and a PhD (2005) on the political theology of the Mennonite theologian John Howard Yoder. Since then he has taught at the Open Theological College (2005), Lancaster University (2006), Leeds Trinity University (2006-2007), and the University of Cumbria (2005-2015).

Richard has taught across a wide range of areas in theology, philosophy and ethics. His research is primarily in theological ethics and political theology, often in dialogue with contemporary political philosophy. He is also 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.

Current research includes two broad themes: a theology of criminal justice and punishment, and a project on consumerism, biopolitics and urban discipleship.

Jackie Claxton-Ruddock

Jackie's experience and interest in education began when she became a governor in 2004 and subsequently took the role of Chair of Governors at St Matthews C of E Primary in Leeds - a medium sized primary school. She served as a governor for 12 years and spent 5 of those as Chair.

Having worked in children's services for over 30 years, she has been able to build a vast amount of knowledge, skills and experience in this field of work.

As a qualified Social worker Jackie has worked in the voluntary sector for a substantial number of years. Her background experience is varied including working as a Training and Development Consultant for Barnardo's Yorkshire region, and she has led on child protection, disability and race equality.

She currently works for Leeds City Council Children & Families Directorate, as Complex Needs Area Lead ENE with strategic responsibility for Health across the service.

Mr Tony Hesselwood

Tony is qualified as a Chartered Accountant, retired after 41 years in a local general practice.

Former Chair of the Bradford Diocesan Board of Finance (27 years), Tony is currently the Chair of the DBE Buildings Sub Group, a member of the DBE Finance Sub Group. Tony is also a Director of Bradford Academy Trust, Vice Chair of the Scargill Movement and a Board member of the Cottingley Cornerstone Centre.

Tony has many years' experience of voluntary roles in finance and governance at local and national level, rapidly gaining a working knowledge of wider education issues.

Mrs Liz Holliday

Liz has been the headteacher of St. Peter's C of E (Aided) Primary School for 10 years and worked in two church schools previously. She is a National Leader of Education, providing support to headteachers and leadership teams within schools who require additional development. She also carries out pupil premium reviews for schools to assess the impact of pupil premium spending on outcomes for children. St. Peter's is a National Support School providing guidance and training for other schools in Leeds.

Liz has been on the Board of Education for a number of years and serves on the School Effectiveness Committee. She has worked in education for 27 years in 5 schools in Leeds serving as a deputy head for 6 years before gaining the NPQH qualification and moving to headship.

Mr Peter Laurence

Peter is the Development Director of The Brigshaw Learning Partnership, a cross-phase multi-academy trust in outer East Leeds. He was previously Headteacher at Brigshaw High School, and, as a former Regional Adviser for the National College for Teaching and Leadership, worked closely with all of the Dioceses in Yorkshire and the Humber on leadership development and succession planning. Peter is also a Trustee of the Abbey MAT.

Mrs Ann Nicholl

Ann was formerly Headteacher of Church Secondary School in Leeds, the School Chaplain to the Primary and Secondary school and stipendiary Lay Minister. She is currently a Governor at St Peter's C/E Primary School and at the Leeds City Academy. Ann is Reader at All Souls Church, Leeds.

Jon Norden

Jon has been Principal of Abbey Grange C of E Academy in Leeds for the last 3 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.

Revd Nigel Sinclair

Reverend Sinclair's Educational experience spans 40 years. He is a former Headteacher of Agnes Stewart Church of England High School in Leeds and is currently Team Rector of Abbeylands Team Ministry. Reverend Sinclair has a degree in Public Administration (included a year working in a County Council

Education Department) and followed this with an MA in Theology and Religious Studies. He has experience as a governor in six primary schools and as Chaplain at Queen Mary's School. He is a serving governor at St Margaret's C of E Primary School, Horsforth, Member of Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust and of the Learning Accord multi-academy trust.

Ven Peter Townley

Archdeacon Townley has been the Archdeacon of Pontefract since 2008. He was formerly the Chair of the Wakefield Diocesan Board of Education. Before that, for 28 years, he was a parish priest in Greater Manchester and Suffolk where he worked with a number of church and state schools. He is the Chairman of ENHANCE Multi-Academy Trust and a foundation governor at Holy Trinity joint Roman Catholic and Church of England 3-16 school in Barnsley.

Elaine Watson

Elaine is Executive Headteacher at Scissett Church of England Academy & Yorkshire Anglican Teaching School Alliance and CEO of the Learning Accord Multi Academy Trust.

Elaine became a National Leader of Education in 2009 and has worked with schools in challenging circumstances (in an Ofsted Category or vulnerable) to lead and shape the school improvement process. Elaine is an accredited School Improvement Partner & has worked with a range of 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.

Elaine is an NCTL Professional Partner and has supported a number of new head teacher colleagues in their first year/s of Headship. Elaine has carried out Inspections for Ofsted since May 2014.