

Nurturing our Growth as Ministers

Monday, 23rd – Friday, 27th January 2023

Participants' Biographies



The Reverend Martin Anderson

Martin has lived in the Northeast of England for most of his life, and was privileged to study and be ordained in Durham. He and his wife met on pilgrimage to Taize, France and are committed to reconciliation and social justice. They have an active family life with four children and a crazy cockapoo.



The Reverend Simon Archer

Simon is 48 years old, married with four children, two boys and two girls. Before being ordained, he worked for Apple training staff in partnered retailers. He enjoys technology, gaming, streaming but also being outdoors, camping and hiking.



The Reverend Phil Batchford

Phil's current role is Vicar of Rotherham. He is married to Christine with grown up children. Loves walking their dog Gia, a black and white spaniel, playing squash and real ale.



The Reverend Simon Cocks

Simon is a non-stipendiary self-supporting minister, having been recommended for common tenure as an associate minister. He has a full-time secular role in a large multinational company. He is presently working out with his Bishop what form his future ministry will take. He has an interest in how to better support SSM ministers in employment throughout the IME process and beyond.





The Reverend Julie Donn

Having had a varied career Julie was ordained to priesthood 2011. She lives in her own home which she shares with Horace and Doris, her two pugs. When not working Julie loves knitting, DIY, garden nurseries and antique centres.



The Very Reverend Lee Duckett

Prior to ordination Lee worked for 14 years in the telecommunications industry as an engineer, consultant and company director. He has been ordained since 2004, and was appointed the Dean of Battle in 2019. He is married to Angie and has two teenage children.



The Reverend Matthew Earwicker

After studying classics at university, Matthew worked in Bible translation, admin, IT, event management, English teaching and student pastoral support, before being ordained in Salisbury in 2014. He has been in his current post since 2018.



The Reverend Eileen Heaney

Eileen has been married for 38 years, has two grown up sons, and is a new first time grandmother. She was a Police Officer for 29 years (retired eight years) ordained 2011. She was born, raised and worked in a town but now in a semi-rural ministry where she has lived for 34 years.



The Reverend Jon Hidden

Jon grew up in Surrey, with his Mum, Dad and Sister. Started attending church youth group aged 14, and would say he became a Christian aged 18. Worked for Barclays bank for seven years.

Married in 2004. Called to ordination 2008, ordained 2013. He is a father to Matthew (9) and Emilia (5). He loves spending time with his family, going on adventures, exploring the countryside with their dog. He also enjoys cooking, rugby and being by the sea.





The Reverend Philip Johnson

A former clinical microbiologist, Philip has been ordained for 20 years. In addition to the parish, he teaches Biblical Studies and is a Reserve RAF Chaplain. He was the Falklands Padre for the 40th anniversary commemorations of the conflict.



The Reverend Phillip Johnson

Phillip is the Vicar of a large suburban parish with three churches, five schools and a staff team. He is undertaking a PhD in Reconciliation and Christian Ministry.



The Reverend Elaine Jones

Elaine was ordained in 2010, and has spent 12 years in ministry in Toxteth and Wavertree, Liverpool where she is also Area Dean. Key areas of interests include healing ministry and relevant ways to minister in a multi-cultural urban parish.



The Reverend Adam Kradel

Adam was ordained in the Diocese of West Virginia in 1999. He is a first career priest who went on to earn a PhD in Political Science and then returned to parish ministry. He is married to a priest and they have three children aged 17, 15 and 12.



The Reverend Katryn Leclézio

Katryn grew up in South Africa. She worked with Operation Mobilisation in three countries before ordination. Since ordination, she has served as a priest in the Black Country and more recently in two rural parishes.



The Very Reverend Dr Gray Lesesne

Gray has over 20 years of experience in developing and growing communities of faith in the Episcopal Church. He currently serves as Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, USA, a bustling congregation in the heart of a vibrant Midwest town. From 2015-2020, Gray planted a new congregation in the growing suburbs of Indianapolis.





The Reverend Fiona Mayer-Jones

Fiona is a priest in the Anglican church, currently incumbent of the Benefice of Northallerton in North Yorkshire.



The Reverend Canon James Reveley

James has been a priest in the Church of England for 25 years, serving for the majority of that time in parochial ministry in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.



The Reverend Robert Rose

Rob has served in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Methodist Church. Rob's responsibilities included youth ministry, congregational ministry, and now as Assistant to the Bishop. Rob is married to Karen, his wife, for 26 years and has two boys Zach and Ben.



The Reverend Claire Rose-Casemore

Claire is Team Rector of Bideford, a town of about 20,000 population and also oversee the villages of Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh and Weare Giffard. Within her team she has a Team Vicar (who works 0.5 in the villages and 0.5 in Bideford), another 0.5 Assistant Vicar and a Curate, and a Reader.

Her role is oversight and they have wonderful Lay Teams who work in the Schools (offering 'Open the book'), a group for the bereaved called 'Reflections'; a large Toddler group and Messy Church; a Friday Dinner for the homeless and vulnerable. We also have a good choir and are the Civic Parish Church. They offer a new Contemporary time of worship on a Sunday as well as offering six Home groups.



The Reverend Ben Rundell-Evans

Ben was ordained Deacon in 2016 at the age of 22, and served as Assistant Curate of St John with St Mary Devizes, Diocese of Salisbury, for 3.5 years. He then served for 2.5 years as an incumbent of four rural churches and was due to take on another three parishes. Having ministered through covid19 and encountering challenges along the way, he decided to step away from stipendiary ministry and he now works for the Environment Agency in project management, while offering vacancy cover to local churches.





The Reverend Tim Saeit

Tim has currently been the Vicar at St Johns for just under nine years. Before that he was a full time Evangelist for three years and before that served a curacy at St Pauls Ealing. Ordained in 2008.



The Reverend Haydon Spenceley

By the time of the Consultation Haydon will have had his post for just under eight months. He loves to see people realising God is inviting them to things and helping them to explore what that invitation might mean for them and the Church. He oversees the team that trains all lay and ordained ministers in the Diocese. It's great fun but also a lot!



The Reverend Richard Trethewey

Richard has been Rector of two churches on the edge of Leicester for seven years, following nearly ten years as Associate at a church near Solihull. Area Dean for three years, just taking on new duties at the start of 2023 as the Assistant Archdeacon.



The Reverend Dr Mandy Young

Mandy was born in Lincolnshire and worked as a journalist and then as teacher of RE and Philosophy before ordination. She served her curacy in Snodland, Maidstone, before moving to Dartford three years ago first as Missioner Priest and then as priest-in-charge. She has three children.



Speaker & Facilitator Biographies

Chris Blakeley

Chris is the founding Director of Waverley Learning, and runs their highly respected leadership development practice. He has run retreats and development programmes for the Anglican Bishops, The Salvation Army, PwC, NHS, Saga, McLaren Racing, Pret A Manger, Syngenta and many more. The continual theme of his work over twenty years has been combining ancient retreat practices and contemporary psychology/sociology to help leaders appreciate and handle the human aspects of change and growth – in themselves and others. He helps people access and action their deeper insight and energy so that they are leading the system rather than it leading them. Chris also established the Crossroads Retreats Charity to provide space for people at difficult Crossroads in Life and runs the Waverley Learning Community, which provides monastic retreats for people in professional life. He is a Benedictine Oblate, a trained counsellor and Spiritual Director.

Karen Stefanyszyn

Karen is a certified Integral Coach who has held senior global roles in Organisation Development, Leadership Development, and Talent within a FTSE top 50 company. She began her career in youth work and was a member of the YMCA National Executive. For the past 8 years, she has been building a unique coaching practice enabling senior and emerging leaders to achieve sustained levels of functioning they had not thought possible in today's pressurised world of work. Karen's work is aimed at achieving long-term excellence, inviting people to sense the world as it really is today and to work creatively with complexity and ambiguity, preparing to deal with situations they cannot even anticipate yet. She is a Director of Waverley Learning, a Trustee of 'Crossroads Retreats', a Lay member of the Methodist Ministries Committee and a Non Exec Director at Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

The Reverend Jonathan Coore Minor Canon, Succentor & School Chaplain

Jonathan was born in Birmingham and later moved to London where he studied music at Trinity College of Music. He completed teacher training at University College London, Institute of Education and combined a performing career with teaching, composing and choral direction. In 2005, Jonathan was accepted to train for ordained ministry in the Church of England at Trinity College, Bristol. His ministry has included working in prisons, setting up a shelter for rough sleepers and chairing a charity for the homeless and badly housed. Jonathan came to Windsor from the Diocese of Southwark where he was Rector of Christ Church, Southwark and before that was Succentor of St Paul's Cathedral, London. He is a trustee of Southwark Charities and maintains an interest in conflict resolution and reconciliation. Jonathan is the Succentor of St George's Chapel. Unlike many clergy, he does not support a football team and rarely watches cricket. He does like trains though.



Gary McKeone
Programme Director, St George's House

Gary joined St George's House in 2008 as Programme Director. Previously he was Literature Director at Arts Council England. Before that, he worked with Field Day Theatre Company in Ireland and at the Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank. Originally from Derry, N. Ireland, he was educated at St Columb's College and Trinity College Dublin.

