

Clergy Mentors

Steve Burston

Parish priest in Crawley, where they have a wide range of Traditions from Traditional Eucharist to Informal charismatic worship in a church that has been assisted by the Strategic Development Fund. Steve was a police officer in the Metropolitan Police for 20 years before training at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. Leadership development and discipleship are at the core of his calling as a priest and teaches at the Leadership College London and St Mellitus on resilience. He would be more than willing to offer to mentor any couples that either lead together or are finding ministry and marriage hard to manage. His wife Liz, has led social action in our Church for the past 6 years and was also a police officer for 15 years prior to our call to ministry.

James Clarke

Former vicar of Lindfield (1996-2020). Chaplain to College of St Mark & St John, Plymouth (1991-1996). Vicar of four rural Welsh speaking parishes on west coast of Wales (1987-91). James lives in retirement in Lunsford Cross, outside Bexhill-on-Sea. Has had experience of overseeing a large-scale reordering project at Lindfield. He holds a doctorate in American political history

Richard Coldicott

Served as Vicar of St. Mark's Holbrook, a church of open evangelical tradition in the northern fringe of Horsham, for 12½ years. The church has both central BCP and CW services, and contemporary charismatic family and café praise style services. [God willing!] Richard is now Rector of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint in 2024, a church straddling the central and evangelical traditions in a more rural village setting. Richard has been an ordained minister for 15½ years and would describe himself as an open evangelical with an orthodox view of the scriptures, happy to minister in both contemporary charismatic and central expressions of church.

Gaz Daly

Rector Broadwater Parish – previously director of a charity in London. Running a fairly large parish with a staff team and retired clergy. In the Diocese for 8 years' experience as a governor for church schools. He is an evangelical charismatic in tradition. Married to Susie with 4 children & keen on classic cars / theatre and sports.

Tim Edge

Is currently PTO at St. Luke's Church Prestonville Brighton, though live in Hove and moved there in early 2020. As recently retired with over 35 years of a varied ministry. Tim has over 15 years in full time parish ministry in Chester, Coventry and Oxford Dioceses, before becoming a Lead Prison Chaplain for over 6 years, then overseeing the chaplaincy to the deaf in Oxford Diocese whilst he studied for a research degree. Tim would describe his tradition as "Open Evangelical" respecting all traditions.

Jo Elvidge

Prior to ordination Jo had a career in HR and Training and Development in the retail and leisure sector industries. Having trained at STETS, and was ordained deacon in 2006 and priest in 2007 in Chichester Diocese. She served my curacy in Horsham Parish and then served there for a further 4 years as Assistant Vicar of St. Mary's Church Horsham. In 2014 Jo moved to be Vicar of Hythe in the diocese of Winchester and served there until retirement at the end of 2020. As well as parish

ministry she served as Assistant Area Dean for Lymington Deanery and as Diversity Adviser to the Diocesan Bishop. Jo currently live in Horsham and Have PtO in both Chichester and Guildford Diocese & was brought up worshipping in the Anglican Church in Nigeria. The best description for the tradition of the church Jo worshipped in was “charismatic catholic”.

Arwen Folkes

Rector of East Blatchington & Bishopstone, Chair of The College of Catholic Anglican Women and General Synod member. Trained at Westcott House, Augustine of Hippo was the main focus of her undergraduate and master degrees. Arwen ministers from a sacramental, credal and liturgical heart and lead a growing and exciting Anglican Catholic Church alongside a Prayer Book church (which has a bold Mission Action Plan). She hold a theological position that is progressive and inclusive.

Matthew Foy

has been Priest in Charge of two parishes in St Leonards on Sea since September 2019. He has reformed evangelical convictions and both churches sit within the evangelical tradition, St Matthews being slightly more conservative. Matthew is passionate about ministry in deprived areas (both parishes are in the bottom 10% for deprivation). He has two large church schools (both part of DACT) and a complex set of buildings and properties across the two churches. Matthew has a background in planning law so interested in how space and community work

Philip Jones

Prior to ordination, Philip was in practice as a solicitor for 17 years doing mainly crime and matrimonial law, involving lots of advocacy. During that time he took part in the first Diocesan Counselling course. Ordained at 43 & served his title at St Mary's, Horsham, then a large team ministry, which gave him valuable experience of a wide range of churchmanship and practice. After curacy, Philip was Vicar of Southwater, nr Horsham for eight years and also served as Rural Dean of Horsham before becoming Archdeacon of (Lewes) and Hastings. Finally, he went back to parish ministry in the fairly rural but wealthy three parish benefice of Slindon.

Martin King

Prior to ordination He worked in electronics / telecoms R&D and then telecoms project management. Experience of town and rural churches; oversight of children's work in a large town Church; recruitment and management of staff; re-development of churches; Church tech (PA & visuals); open graveyards; extending a graveyard; dedicated Youth Centre; partnership with parish council; training incumbent; ADDO / vocational discernment; Rural Dean; charring a parachurch group (DEF); Governor of private school; and working with a Japanese boarding school.

Marc Lloyd

Marc is an a conservative evangelical with experience of town centre and rural multi-parish ministry based in Dallington Deanery (near Hailsham, not far from Eastbourne / Hastings). He is the rural dean and has been the acting archdeacon for Chichester. Marc also sits on the CDEF. He has four children. Before ordination, the closest he came to a proper job was briefly teaching naughty school boys RE.

Paddy McBain

Is Vicar ina rural parish in Danehill near Haywards Heath. Our patron is Church Society Paddy is a conservative evangelical in background and being a rural parish they attract people from a variety of

churchmanships. Paddy have been in post for ten years, before that he was a curate in Notts and previously taught English in Bournemouth and did some lay church work in Kent and East London.

Steve Nichols

Vicar, All Saints, Lindfield (since 2021). Village church but with gathered congregation. Staff team. Evangelical. Curate, St. Andrew's, Plymouth (2009-14); Associate Rector, All Souls Langham Place (2014-21); led both parishes through interregnums.

Paul Ratcliffe

Currently the Vicar of Wadhurst, Tidebrook and Stonegate where he has served for 5 years, before which Paul was incumbent of a very rural multi-parish benefice in Canterbury Diocese for 6 years where he also served as Area Dean. Before ordination Paul was a research scientist for 21 years working first in space science and then armoured vehicle technology. Before ordination he was responsible for career development of a team of 7-8 scientists, since ordination has supervised an ordinand and mentored a new vicar.

Peter Sills

He trained as a lawyer and was ordained in 1981 after an initial career teaching law at Kingston. He served in three parishes in south London (in the Southwark Diocese), and then as a Canon Residentiary of Ely, where he was Vice-Dean from 2003 until his retirement in 2008. He now lives in Hassocks and is attached to the Beacon Parish of Ditching, Streat & Westmeston.

Chris Skilton

retired to Worthing in 2020 after 40 years of stipendiary ministry: 23 of these were in parish ministry (curate twice; Team Vicar and Team Rector) and the rest as an Archdeacon in Southwark (first in Lambeth and then in Croydon). Chris has always worked in urban or suburban contexts. He would most readily identify as an Open Evangelical although as Archdeacon worked with clergy and parishes of every tradition. Areas of interest and experience - working with colleagues and as team; stewardship; church processes and procedures; school governance; DAC.

Felix Smith

Is a Traditionalist Catholic Vicar of 2 parishes and 5 churches in an area that might be best described as suburban, although in the past he has ministered in both rural and city centre contexts. Felix manages a team that consists of an Associate Vicar and Curate, as well as retired clergy. He has been an Incumbent since 2017, was Ordained in 2013 and also Rural Dean of Worthing.

Nick Tucker

He is married with three children. Previously Research Fellow at Oak Hill College and Vicar St Bartholomew's Edgbaston. Involved with Patronage with the Church Society Trust. Now Vicar at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, Hove. Churchmanship: Evangelical.