

The Board for Church and Society

The Diocese of St Albans

The Board's task is

"To promote the whole mission of the Church in wider society throughout the Diocese. In particular, the Board has special regard for social responsibility, evangelism, ecumenism, interfaith relations and international links."

The Board's work is carried out through its officers (the mission team) and a range of agencies, advisory and programme groups.

The Board's Officers and Groups

The **Chairman of the Board for Church and Society** is Mr Simon Best.

The **vice-Chairman** is the Revd John Quill

Board for Church and Society Administrator

Mrs Val Geldard *full time appointment*

Provides secretarial assistance to officers and administers several elements of the board's work.

OFFICERS

Officer for Mission and Development

Canon John Kiddle *full time officer*

Executive Officer to the board

leads the Church and Society Team acting as line manager for key officers.

Key areas are *strategic development, consultancy with parishes, evangelism, Fresh Expressions, Back to Church Sunday, new housing areas, town centre mission, resources.*

Social Responsibility Officer

Revd Andrew Coleby *full time officer*

Key areas are *social responsibility, partnership development and funding including Church Urban Fund, close links with Urban Forum, Community Care Group, Penal Affairs Group, Yarls Wood Case Work Support Group, Race Equality, Rural Strategy Group.*

Inter Faith Adviser

Revd Jay Macleod *half time appointment*

Based at All Saints Queens Park in Bedford. Responsibility to act as adviser and consultant in *Inter Faith* matters across the diocese and has developed key initiatives locally.

World Development Officer

Mrs Sue Bentley *voluntary post, offering two days per week*

Responsibility to act as adviser and consultant in *World Development* matters across the diocese and in particular for *The Bishop's Harvest Appeal, Fairtrade* and other initiatives such *Micah Challenge, School and Parish Links*, works closely with *Caribbean Links Group* and *Environment Officer & Group*.

Diocesan Environment Officer

Miss Alice Jupp *voluntary post, offering two days per week*

Responsibility to act as adviser and consultant in *Environment* matters across the diocese and in particular for *The Shrinking the Footprint, Green Energy* and other initiatives, works closely with *Environment Group* and with *World Development Officer*.

Workplace Ministry Team Leader

Revd Mike Shaw *full time post*

Workplace Ministry is an ecumenical initiative with its own board, Mike also relates to the Board for Church and Society and is part of the Church and Society team. Responsibility to develop chaplaincy and other forms of workplace mission and ministry across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Agricultural Chaplains

Revd Monica Robinson (Bedfordshire), *vacant* (Hertfordshire) *voluntary posts*

Support rural ministry and mission working closely with the *Rural Strategy Group (RUSTAG)*

Chaplain among Deaf People

Revd Brenda Pilling *voluntary post*

Acts as a consultant and adviser for ministry among deaf people.

Ecumenical Officers

Revd Christopher Fatcher (St Albans Archdeaconry), Revd Michael Leverton (Hertford Archdeaconry), *vacant* (Bedford Archdeaconry) *voluntary posts*

Advise and support ecumenical initiatives, especially LEP's

Tourism Officers

vacant (St Albans Archdeaconry), Mrs Sharon Cooper (Hertford Archdeaconry), Revd Linda Klimas (Bedford Archdeaconry) *voluntary posts*

Advise and support churches, and the diocese, in engaging with tourists and visitors; work closely with *RUSTAG*.

GROUPS

Caribbean Links Group

Canon John Payne Cook *Chair*

Developing the diocese's links with three diocese in the Province of the West Indies

Community Care Group

Revd Brenda Tipping *Chair*

Raising awareness of issues of mental health and disability.

Council for Partnership in World Mission

Revd Chris Briggs *Chair*

Coordinating the diocese's links and engagement with world mission agencies

Diocesan Urban Forum

Venerable Jonathan Smith *Chair*

Developing and supporting the diocese's mission and ministry in urban priority areas.

Environment Group

Dr Richard Southern *Chair*

Raising awareness of, and developing the diocese's response to, issues of climate change and the environment.

Europe Group

Mrs Helen Hutchison *Chair*

Developing and supporting the diocese's links with churches in Europe, in particular our links in Sweden, Italy and Germany.

Healing Ministry Group

Canon Carl Garner *Chair*

Developing and supporting the diocese's healing ministry. (Carl is also the diocesan adviser for the ministry of deliverance)

HIV / AIDS Support Group

Mrs Eileen Smith *Chair*

Raising awareness of, and developing the diocese's response to, HIV / AIDS.

Penal Affairs Group

to be appointed *Chair*

Raising awareness of, and developing the diocese's response to, issues around criminal justice.

Race Equality Group

Revd Pam Wise *Chair*

Developing and supporting the implementation of the diocese's race equality policy

Rural Strategy Advisory Group (RUSTAG)

Venerable Trevor Jones *Chair*

Developing and supporting the diocese's mission and ministry in rural areas.

Workplace Ministry

Mr Alan Harpham *Chair*

Ecumenical project to develop chaplaincy and other forms of workplace mission and ministry across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. *see Mike Shaw above.*

Yarls Wood Casework Support Group

Revd Graham Clarke *Chair*

Coordinating volunteers who seek to help Yarls Wood detainees find legal assistance.