

### **Profile**

I am a Methodist presbyter with twenty-five years' experience of ministry in various contexts – church-based (rural and urban), chaplaincy, academia, theological education and reconciliation. I bring to my work a keen eye for strategic connections, a passion for building relationships and nurturing potential, and a spirit of innovation.

I was diagnosed with Adult ADHD (combined type) in 2021 and, since then, have been exploring how neurodiversity shapes and enhances my vocation and personal life.

### **Work/project history:**

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

1999-2004      Methodist Presbyter      South Holland Circuit, S Lincs & Leicester (Trinity) Circuit.

My central vocation remains the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Oversight. In the first five years of ministry, I pastored Methodist and ecumenical congregations, served as a District Youth Officer, and as Methodist Chaplain to the University of Leicester. I worked with the Diocese of Leicester in teaching *Exploring Christian Life and Faith*, and as a member of the Bishop's Interfaith Forum.

2023-24      Interim Minister      South Worcs Methodist Circuit

A short-term part-time appointment covering the absence of a full-time presbyter.

#### **Education & Research**

2004-2008      Co-ordinating Chaplain      City, University of London & University of East London

Building on my experience in Leicester, I took on the role of Co-ordinating Chaplain at two universities in London in 2004. This involved building and leading two multi-faith teams and re-establishing services where they had ceased or been reduced. I attended Student Services meetings as a Head of Service and worked with colleagues on issues around suicide, sudden death and global disasters, as well as being one of the leads for the emerging Prevent Strategy at the time. I also served on the University Research Ethics Committee.

2008-2012      Lecturer (Grade 7) in Religion & Social Ethics      City, University of London

I worked within the School of Community & Health Studies, training healthcare professionals in faith awareness and cultural diversity, public health ethics and mentorship for learning in practice. I was the School's lead for Personal Tutoring and chaired a number of Fitness to Practice panels.

2012-17      Director, Global Christianity Programme      Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

This was a leadership role that involved creating a new programme and recruiting staff, designing MA modules (and a period as MA Programme Leader) and developing a parallel programme of intercultural learning, contextual theological reflection and support for those engaging in British Higher Education from the Global South. It also involved engagement with Heads of Partner Churches and potential external funding and scholarship bodies. I was also responsible for developing the MEET (Mutual Encounter & Exchange for Transformation) Programme for home students in ministerial formation, preparing and leading them in overseas mission trips and placements.

During this time, I was elected as President of the Methodist-related Theological Schools in Europe (MTSE), working with a Europe-wide Coordinating Group to build the association, including organising two international gatherings: an academic & student Conference on reconciliation and a Seminar on the Church in Europe.

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2017-2022      Partnerships & Research Officer      Southlands College, University of Roehampton  
A mainly external-facing role, assisting the Head of College to engage with the wider Methodist community in Britain and Ireland, and with IAMSCU (International Association of Methodist-related Schools, Colleges and Universities). I was also responsible for the Small Research Grants process allocating grants to Roehampton academic staff for research projects that reflected Methodist values.

### ***Reconciliation***

2008-2013      Co-facilitator      The Olive Tree Scholarship Programme  
Alongside the Director, Prof Rosemary Hollis, I co-facilitated the Olive Tree Programme, a Palestinian-Israeli Scholarship Programme based at City, University of London. This involved planning the weekly group discussion and residential programmes, as well as the recruitment of participants in the region and advocacy and fundraising work in the UK.

2012-present      Visiting Lecturer      Theological College of Lanka, Pilimatalawa, Sri Lanka  
I have been involved with the reconciliation efforts in Sri Lanka since 2012 when I presented at a World Council of Churches Consultation in Geneva. Since then, I have advised the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka and run training programmes under NCCSL auspices, and been a member of the Advisory Group on Sri Lanka for Churches Together for Britain and Ireland.

At the Theological College of Lanka, the ecumenical seminary near Kandy, I have visited most years since 2012, teaching in the fields of Peace and Reconciliation Studies and Gender and Sexuality.

### ***Qualifications, awards and membership of professional bodies:***

Introductory Cert. in Academic Practice (City, University of London)  
MA (Theology & Religious Studies) (Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge)  
Certificate in Theology for Ministry (Cambridge Theological Federation)  
Certificate (Mission & Evangelism) (Cliff College)  
Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society (2019-present), Royal Society for the encouragement of the Arts (2012-present)  
Associate Fellow, Higher Education Academy  
President, MTSE (2015-2020)  
Member, World Methodist Council (2016-2024)

### ***Teaching Responsibilities***

#### ***Higher Education Modules developed & delivered:***

Worship & Liturgy in Jewish-Christian Relations	MA in Jewish-Christian Relations (Woolf Institute, Cambridge/Anglia Ruskin University)
Death & Dying in Leicester	MB ChB programme (University of Leicester Medical School)
Religion & Conflict in Global Perspective	MA in Theology & Transformative Practice (Queen's Foundation/Birmingham Newman University)
Mission & Theology for a Global Church	MA in Theology & Transformative Practice (Queen's Foundation/Birmingham Newman University)

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Advanced Topic in Christian Ethics: MA in Theology, Ministry & Mission  
War and Peace (Common Awards, University of Durham)

### **Modules delivered:**

Worship (team teaching) BTh Theology for Ministry  
(Cambridge Theological Federation/University of Cambridge)

Diversity & Cultural Awareness (team) MB ChB programme  
(University of Leicester Medical School)

Supporting Learning and Assessment In Practice BSc Nursing  
(City, University of London)

Research Methods MA in Theology & Transformative Practice  
(Queen's Foundation/Birmingham Newman University)

Mission & Evangelism in the World Church MA in Theology & Transformative Practice  
(co-leading) (Queen's Foundation/Birmingham Newman University)

### **Publications. Conference Presentations & Church Reports**

#### **Conference Presentations:**

BIAPT Conference July 2021 *Enough Church Growth?* 20 min research paper

Tearing down walls – IAMSCU Conference, Puebla, Mexico May 2017  
*Reconciliation – why theology matters* (15 minute presentation)  
*Human Dignity – a European perspective* (15 minute presentation)

Being the Church in 21st century Europe - MTSE Seminar, Rome February 2017  
*Two Perspectives – part of a conversation on the church and same-sex relationships*

Positive Working Together Conference, Cliff College, June 2016  
*Did he really say that? Bullying, harassment and microaggressions* (keynote)

Making Connections for Reconciliation – European Methodist Theological Conference, Coventry, Feb 2016  
*Living well with Contradictory Convictions* (workshop)

Tutu Centre Annual Conference, Liverpool Hope University July 2015  
*Living with Contradictory Convictions - using the Biblical narratives in Methodist conversations around same sex relationships* (short paper)

APAMEI Conference, Yonsei University, Korea February 2015  
*Teaching Peace – theological education and reconciliation* (response paper)

Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Christchurch, Oxford July 2013  
*Significantly ordinary – a reappraisal of Wesleyan social ethics in the 21st century.* (paper)

#### **Publications:**

'Inculturation – a priestly task' in M. Forward et al (eds), 2000, A Great Commission – Christian Hope and Religious Diversity, Bern: Peter Lang, pp427-437

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'What does reconciliation look like? – reflections from Ireland and Israel-Palestine' in L. Dareeju & L. Jacob (eds), 2014, "God of life - reconcile us!" : perspectives on peace-building, Pilimathalawa: TCL

Look! No Mitres – a conversation on bishops and leadership in British Methodism, Devon: MSF, 2011

Various review articles for Modern Believing, RRT, MSF Bulletin & Epworth Review

### ***Contributions to Church-related and other Reports:***

His Presence makes the Feast – Holy Communion in the Methodist Church – Conference Report 2003

Faiths in Higher Education Chaplaincy – CofE Board of Education 2008

Justice for Israel & Palestine – Methodist Conference Report 2010

The role of chaplains in public sector institutions – experiences from the Muslim community – Faith Matters 2010

Report of the Working Party on Marriage and Civil Partnerships – Methodist Conference Report 2014

Report of the Marriage & Relationships Task Group – Methodist Conference Report 2016

### ***Interest and hobbies:***

I am passionate about politics and social change and am an active member of the British Labour Party, the Faithworkers Branch of the Community Trade Union and the Fabian Society. I am also keen on wildlife and a member of the Warks Wildlife Trust. In spare moments, I read and watch Nordic Noir, try to learn new languages and spend time in the garden.

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