

# BIOGRAPHIES

Conference Speakers

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‘Educating for Dignity & Respect’

### Biographies:

Rt Rev’d James Jones

Rev’d Nigel Genders

Mrs Elisabeth Gilpin

Dr Paula Gooder

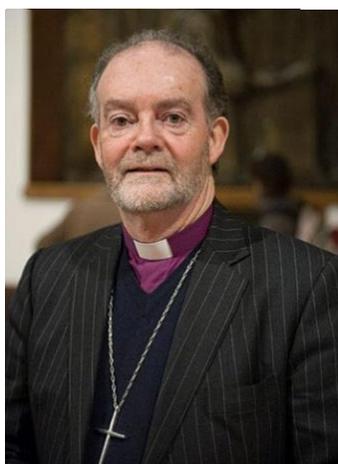
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### The Rt Rev'd James Jones



The Rt Rev'd James Stuart Jones KBE was appointed Bishop of Hull (1994-1998) and Bishop of Liverpool four years later (1998-2013). In Hull and Liverpool Bishop James was involved in the regeneration of the cities.

Together with the Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool Bishop James was Co-President of Liverpool Hope University, the only joint Anglican and Catholic University in Europe.

The Liverpool Echo invited him to Chair their Stop the Rot Forum which campaigned to regenerate derelict buildings in the City in time for the City becoming European Capital of Culture in 2008.

He was a member of the House of Lords from 2003 - 2013 speaking on criminal and restorative justice issues, the environment and urban regeneration. He served on the House of Lords Communications Committee. He was also Bishop to Prisons (2006-2013).

In 2009 the Bishop was appointed by the Home Secretary to chair the Hillsborough Independent Panel examining all the documentation concerning the death of 96 Liverpool football fans at the 1989 FA Cup Semi-final. The Panel reported in September 2012 and this led to the quashing of the original inquests. He continues to serve as Adviser to the Home Secretary on Hillsborough.

He has a particular interest in environmental issues. He founded Faiths4Change which brings together people of all faiths working on environmental projects.

### The Rev'd Nigel Genders



The Rev'd Nigel Genders is the Church of England's Chief Education Officer and has lead responsibility for the development of the Church's national strategies and policies for education in schools, colleges and universities.

There are approximately 4,700 Church of England schools serving one million children. Of these schools, over 1,000 are

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academies, making the Church of England the largest provider of academies nationally.

Nigel's role in education has developed throughout 25 years of ordained ministry working in a variety of roles, including: vicar, school chaplain, area dean and chair of governors in primary and secondary schools. He was Director of Education for Canterbury Diocese from 2008-2012, Head of School Policy for the Church of England from 2012-2014 and has been Chief Education Officer since 2014.

### **Elisabeth Gilpin (Chair)**



Elisabeth Gilpin is Headteacher at St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School at the heart of Bristol. The School achieved an Outstanding Ofsted judgement in January 2012 and again in April 2015. The school has been judged outstanding in three church school (SIAMS) inspections. Elisabeth was awarded NLE status in September 2013, and the School was made a Teaching School in March 2014.

She was Headteacher of St Augustine of Canterbury Joint Roman Catholic and Church of England school in Oxford. She worked for Oxfordshire Local Authority between Headships as leader of the 'Unlocking Potential' project jointly supported by a Farmington Fellowship at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. She is passionately committed to Church schools that are both distinctive and inclusive and worked on the bid and supported the development of the new Church of England free school in Swindon. She loves salsa dancing.

### **Dr Paula Gooder**

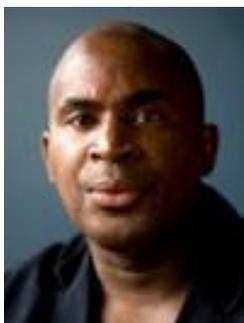


Paula Gooder is a speaker and writer on the Bible, particularly on the New Testament. She began her working life, teaching for twelve years in ministerial formation first at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford and then at the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education in Birmingham. Following this she spent around eight years as a speaker and writer in

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biblical studies travelling the country and seeking to communicate the best of biblical scholarship in as accessible a way as possible, after that she spent six years working for the Bible Society as their Theologian in Residence and then for the Birmingham Diocese as their Director of Mission Learning and Development. She is currently the Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

### **Professor Robert Beckford**



Prof. Robert Beckford is an activist-scholar and broadcaster based in Birmingham. He is currently Professor of Decoloniality and Theology at the Queens Ecumenical Foundation in Birmingham, and Visiting Professor in Sociology at Birmingham City University. Robert has written numerous books on the intersection of religion and popular culture, but is best known for his media productions. Robert has presented television and radio documentaries for Channel 4, BBC and Discovery and worked as a radio presenter for BBC West Midlands. He has also co-written several radio dramas and recorded and produced a contemporary urban gospel album. Robert has received numerous awards for his work including a BAFTA, A Race in the Media Award and a Jamaican Diaspora Award.

### **Dr Robert Loe**



Dr. Robert Loe is the Founder and Director of Relational Schools. Having studied Education at Cambridge University, he pursued areas of specialism such as schooling and exclusion, the family and community dimensions of social exclusion and school improvement and effectiveness. A former teacher and senior leader, Robert now researches, writes and speaks on the importance of fostering positive relationships between key stakeholders in schools. In October of 2018, Rob was invited to become the new CEO of Relationships Foundation, the original charity that founded and incubated the schools' project but also works across a range of public and private sector contexts internationally

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### The Rt Rev'd Helen-Ann Hartley



Helen-Ann was born in Edinburgh in 1973. She attended the University of St Andrews (reading Theology), followed by a Master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in the USA, and then doctoral studies at Worcester College, Oxford. She taught in Oxford whilst completing her DPhil and training part-time for ordination. After a few years teaching at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Helen-Ann and her husband moved to Auckland, New Zealand where she was appointed one of the Deans of the Anglican Theological College in Auckland. She was elected Bishop of Waikato in 2013, a large Diocese in the North Island of New Zealand. In so doing she became the first woman who had been ordained in the Church of England to become a Bishop in the Anglican Communion. She was installed as Bishop of Ripon in the Diocese of Leeds in February 2018. Helen-Ann loves the night sky, anything that gets her outdoors (mostly!), contemporary fiction and art, going to the gym and watching netball. She is passionate about our environment and advocating for farmers, and raising awareness of issues of climate change, largely influenced by time she has spent with people in the Pacific Islands of Fiji and Tonga. Helen-Ann is the youngest Bishop in England.