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## KEY SKILLS, EXPERTISE AND ACTIVITIES

- Experienced manager of teams and projects with major budgetary responsibility
- Networker with track record of collaboration and developing wide relationships
- Trusted bridge-builder between the university sector, the church, and wider society
- Well-known communicator working in TV, radio, social and print media, and public debate
- Writer and author, having published thirteen books, and numerous articles and pieces
- Champion for equality and diversity, identity, and inclusive multiculturalism
- Internationally respected academic specializing in ethics and biblical studies
- Undertakes major lecture tours and conferences in Europe, USA, South Africa, Australia, Hong Kong etc.
- **Hon Research Fellow, Dept of Religions & Theology, University of Manchester, 2019–present**
- Priest of the Church of England with experience of both education contexts and parishes
- Educationalist, trained schoolteacher, university lecturer and research supervisor
- Winner of the Ratzinger Prize for Theology, Vatican 2013 (first non-Roman Catholic to be so honoured)

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## WIDER NATIONAL AND CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Chair or Trustee of Christian Evidence Society, Eric Abbott Memorial Fund, Montgomery Trust
- Gresham Visiting Professor of Ethics and Theology, Gresham College, London 2018–2019
- Deputy Chair Ethical Investment Advisory Group, overseeing C of E's £9billion portfolio 2009–2016
- Hon Life Fellow and Trustee of Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park – charity and hotel business
- Visiting Professor at Regent's College Vancouver; Fuller Seminary CA USA; Pretoria University, S Africa; Virginia Theological Seminary, VA USA; Trinity College Melbourne Australia
- Canon Theologian to Bishop of Salisbury and Sarum Canon of Salisbury Cathedral 2013–2020
- Member of Church of England General Synod, coordinating university representatives 1994–2015
- Educational selector for bishops' advisory panels, selecting those offering for ministry 1996–2019
- Chair of Educational Validation Panel, for quality assurance of ordination training 1995–2004
- Writer/Consultant to Millennium Greenwich Dome & the National Gallery 1998–2000
- Holder of bishops' licences and permissions to officiate for London, Southwark and Chelmsford

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## DEAN OF KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

**1994 - 2019**

- One of the senior officers for King's College London, ranked in UK top 10 and world top 25 universities, with annual turnover of nearly £1 billion; largest UK academic health institution with major hospitals
  - Ensuring that the religious purposes of the College were carried out with respect for its Anglican tradition in today's multicultural and multifaitth context, respecting diversity and being inclusive
  - Overseeing spiritual and pastoral care for about 31,000 students and 8,000 staff
  - Management of Dean's Office and Chaplaincy teams comprising 25 staff, budget of £500k
  - Oversight of religious provision, refurbishing / building 3 Chapels and 3 Muslim Prayer Rooms
  - Promoting good relationships between different faith communities across the university
  - Provision of the Associateship of King's College (AKC) lectures & exams to over 2,500 students
  - Professor of Biblical Interpretation and Director of New Testament Studies
  - Lecturer in undergraduate and taught masters courses; supervisor and examiner at MPhil and PhD levels
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- Senior Chaplain overseeing an ecumenical team of 15-20 full- and part-time Chaplains
  - Coordinating pastoral care and student welfare across the whole university
  - Responsible for all daily and weekly services in the University Chapels
  - Lecturer in Depts of Theology, and Classics & Ancient History, undergraduate and postgraduate courses
  - Chaplain to the Northcott Theatre, Exeter
  - Adviser to the Bishop of Exeter on New Religious Movements
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## **OTHER POSITIONS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION**

- Chaplain to Hendon Golf Club 2004-19
  - Assistant Curate, Bromley Parish Church, Kent 1985-87
  - PhD studies on gospel genre, University of Nottingham 1983-89
  - Ordination training, St John's College, Nottingham 1982-85
  - Classics Teacher and House Master, Sevenoaks School, Kent 1978-82
  - Postgraduate Certificate in Education, University of Nottingham 1977-78
  - Exhibitioner, University College Oxford, Classics, BA and MA 1973-77
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## **MAJOR PUBLICATIONS**

- *Money, Sex, Power, Violence, and the Meaning of Life* (2023?), 200,000 words done, in preparation
  - *Holy Communion in Contagious Times* (Wipf and Stock, 2022) pp. xii + 282; about the Covid Pandemic
  - *Confronting Religious Violence: Framing a Counter-Narrative*, edited by Richard A. Burridge and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (Baylor University Press/Templeton Foundation, 2018) pp. xxvi + 284;
  - *What are the Gospels? A Comparison with Graeco-Roman Biography*, SNTS MS 70, CUP 1992; 1995; revised 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Eerdmans, 2004; 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Baylor 2018, pp. xvi + 508
  - *Four Ministries, One Jesus: Exploring your vocation with the four gospels* pp. xvi + 260 (London: SPCK 2017); USA/worldwide edition (Eerdmans, 2018) pp xviii + 228
  - *Imitating Jesus: An Inclusive Approach to New Testament Ethics*, Eerdmans, 2007, pp xxii + 490; Shortlisted for the Michael Ramsey Prize, Guardian Literary Festival, Hay-on-Wye, 2009
  - *Four Gospels, One Jesus? A Symbolic Reading*, SPCK/Eerdmans 1994, 2005, 2013, 2014, pp. xviii + 200
  - *John* The People's Bible Commentary Series, BRF, 1998, 2008, 2022; USA edn Hendrickson, 2007;
  - *Faith Odyssey: A Journey Through Lent*, BRF/Eerdmans, 2000; pp. xiv + 226
  - *Faith Odyssey: A Journey Through Life*, BRF/Eerdmans, 2003; pp. xiv + 230
  - *Jesus Now and Then*, co-authored with Graham Gould, SPCK/Eerdmans, 2004; pp. xii + 215
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## **MEDIA WORK**

- Regular writer and reviewer in newspapers, church press, and full range of academic journals
  - Social media commentator, blogger, developing major website, Facebook, etc.
  - Monty Python: *Jesus & Brian – what did the Pythons ever do for us?* Conference and book
  - BBC 1: *Nine o' Clock News*; *First Light*; *Lives of Jesus*; *Son of God*; *Live worship (Advent Sunday)*
  - BBC 2: *Newsnight*, *Top Gear*, *The Miracle Maker* (with S4C and Icon Productions)
  - ITV Granada, ITV GMTV, ITN News, contributions; *The Easter Enigma* (David Frost Productions)
  - Channel 4: *The Nativity Decoded* and Channel 5: *The Christmas Story*
  - BBC Radio 2: *The Love Principle*
  - BBC Radio 3 *Choral Evensong* (regular contributor)
  - BBC Radio 4: *Today programme*, *PM*, *Sunday*, *Ascension Day*, *Footsteps of Jesus*, *Witness*, *Worship*
  - BBC Radio 5: *After Hours*
  - BBC World Service: *Focus on Faith*; *In Praise of God*; *Founders of Faith*; regular services
  - Premier Christian Radio: regular contributor to numerous programmes over many years
  - Voice of America, Vatican radio, Deutschlandfunk, ZDF (German TV), Australian Open House radio
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## **INTERESTS**

Golf, music, guitars, skiing, swimming, cycling, science fiction, good cuisine, fine wines, and real ales