

Stephen East (Chair)

Elected 2023

After graduating from Loughborough University Stephen trained as a Chartered Accountant before joining Redland, an international building materials business, where he went on to run their tax, treasury and insurance operations worldwide. He has subsequently been Finance director of businesses in the property and retail sectors, Chairman/Non exec director of a number of listed businesses and a Past President of the Association of Corporate Treasurers. He now combines his time among a number of commercial and charitable roles and together with his wife Heather is an active member of Christ Church Tunbridge Wells.

The Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley (Vice-Chair)

Elected 2017

Combining his skills in both ministry and science, Michael has had a wide-ranging career in both areas; after study at Imperial, Oxford and Durham, he was ordained in 1999 and went on to work at Westcott House theological college in Cambridge and also at Imperial's Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology. He describes both roles as "a calling to put at God's service the gifts that he has given me". Following his appointment in 2010 as director of mission for the Diocese of Oxford, Michael worked with churches across the spectrum of Anglican churchmanship. In 2015 he was consecrated as Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans and in June 2022 he became Bishop of Bath and Wells. Michael is a keen gardener and lives in Hertfordshire with his wife Lizzie and their two children.

Eric Thompson

Term 2015 – 2024. Proposed for co-option 2025

Eric has had a diverse and lengthy career in finance with Barclays Bank, culminating in his appointment as operations director of the Business Assignment Management Team until his departure in 2004. Since then he has been the director of the Deo Gloria Trust and company secretary of Outreach Properties and Pauline Ltd. He is an active member of his church, St John the Baptist Southbourne. Eric's finance and HR background brings valuable insight into his role as member of the Audit Committee and trustee with oversight for staff and HR. A 'cellist in his spare time both at church and with The Chichester Symphony Orchestra, Eric and his wife Tina have two children and five grandchildren.

Paul Burrage (Chair, Audit Committee)

Elected 2017

After graduating in metallurgy from Newcastle University, Paul became a chartered accountant, a career which saw him take on finance roles in the airfreight sector, responsible for and travelling to sectors in North America, South Africa, Scandinavia and the Middle East. Paul's international experience made him ideally placed to turn his skills to the third sector; posts at the Red Cross and the Refugee Council preceded him joining the National Church Institutions until his retirement in 2017 where he worked with the Archbishops' Council, the Church Commissioners and the Church of England Pensions Board. He is married to Jean and has two children and four grandchildren. He has recently become engrossed in astronomy.

Professor Sue Vaux Halliday (Chair, IVP Publishing Board)

Elected 2019

A highly experienced marketing specialist, Sue graduated in history from Cambridge before completing an MBA at the London Business School whilst working for the John Lewis Partnership and later a PhD in marketing whilst working as a lecturer. Sue has extensive skills and knowledge in industry and academia, and has been professor of marketing at both the University of Hertfordshire and Angela Ruskin. Publishing widely in a range of marketing and management journals, Sue is also a Fellow at KLICE, a research institute that focuses on Christian ethics, where she is currently acting director. Sue has been involved with IVP for many years as a trustee, and now serves as Chair of its Publishing Board. She is married to church worker and art historian Nigel; they recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary and have three children. Sue likes to take a silent retreat each year and loves to write poetry in the contemplative space these provide.

Dr David Muir

Elected 2020

Born in Guyana before coming to the UK in the late 1960s, David read politics and government at Durham and completed his PhD at King's College London. A former director of public theology with the Evangelical Alliance,

independent advisor to the Home Secretary and deputy chairman of the Metropolitan Police Authority, David is currently senior lecturer in Public Theology, Christian Apologetics and Ministerial Theology at Roehampton University as well as director of the Whitelands Centre and European convener for the transatlantic roundtable on religion and race. David is married to Dr Pauline Muir, a lecturer at Goldsmiths College and they have five daughters; when he has time, David enjoys music and DIY.

Dr Sanjee Perera

Elected 2021

Sanjee obtained both her BA and PhD at the University of Liverpool and is now a Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham. She is currently the Archbishops Advisor on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns. Before transferring her degree to the UK, Sanjee studied Psychology, Sociology & Theology in Western Australia, including Aboriginal religions. Later on, her doctoral research included Moral development and ethno-centric identity in societies in violent conflict. Sanjee is also Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Durham; Research Fellow at William Temple Foundation; Associate Fellow at the Open University School of Law; Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University and Honorary Research Fellow in Theology and Religious Studies, University of Chester. She is an avid gardener, choral singer and a church crawler with a passion for stained glass.

Revd. Mark Yan Ying Sum Nam 甄英深

Elected 2022

Mark Nam is a British-Born-Chinese Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Bristol and founder of *The Teahouse*, which seeks to increase the visibility and participation of Chinese-heritage clergy in the Church of England. He is a member of the College of Archbishop's Evangelists and a Minority Ethnic Champion for Bristol Diocese. He is also a core member of CARG (Campaign Against Racism Group) a policy and strategy orientated group that addresses the increase in hate crime towards British East Asians. Before training for ordination, Mark was a Pastor at *The Vine Church* in Hong Kong where he lived and worked for over 10 years. He is a guest lecturer at Trinity College in Bristol, Emmanuel Theological College in Chester, and the St. Padarn's Institute in South Wales. The title of his MA was 'What can the Church of England learn from East-Asian Theology in terms of contextualizing the Gospel?' Mark is a regular contributor to BBC Radio, UCB Radio, and has written for *The Church Times*, *ARocha*, *Preach Magazine* and *The Preacher*. Mark is married to Kayi and they have three young children.

Kate Parkin

Proposed for election 2025

After graduating from Oxford University with a degree in music, Kate embarked on a career that has seen her work at most of the UK's major publishing houses, including HarperCollins, Penguin Random House, where she ran the Cornerstone publishing division, Hachette Publishers, and most recently Bonnier Books UK, where she founded the adult publishing division. Since 2023 she has been working as a consultant for a range of clients across the media industry. Kate has an MA in psychotherapy from Goldsmiths University, specialising in grief and bereavement counselling. Keen musicians, Kate and her husband Bill have recently moved to Canterbury, where they are busy restoring a house, and enjoying visits from their children and grandchildren.

Elspeth McKinnon

Proposed for election 2025

Ellie has worked in the pensions industry for more than 30 years. With a background in the legal sector, Ellie has a strong focus on governance, investment and funding issues and is passionate about clear, focussed and accessible communications in every context. She first became involved with SPCK to provide some support in the pensions context. She then became a member and has been increasingly inspired by SPCK's mission and the wide variety of publications available. As a member of her local church, Ellie supports the parish through hosting social events and playing for services when there is no one better skilled available. Married for 39 years to Simon, she has four adult (sometimes) children, two beautiful grandchildren and a golden doodle called Maddie.