

The Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee oversees the work of the Pastoral and Closed Churches teams of the Church Commissioners, and determines objections to schemes for proposed pastoral reorganisation, settling the future of closed church buildings and certain church property matters. The Committee is chaired by the [Third Church Estates Commissioner](#), and a full list of its current membership can be found below. The Committee's scope and Terms of Reference are still being finalised, and will be posted in the Documents section below as soon as they are available.

In **2021** the Committee is currently scheduled to meet on the following dates:

- 7th September
- 18th November
- 16th December

A list of the cases to be heard at the next meeting, with links to the relevant pages for each case, will be posted here nearer the time of each meeting.

#### [Details of next meeting - 7th September 2021](#)

The cases to be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 7th September 2021 will be

#### **In Private Session**

**Full statements of reasons for each of the Committee's decisions will be sent to each group of representors in due course.**

The papers for each case will be found on the pages linked to above.

#### [Committee Members](#)

- Dr Eve Poole\* (Chair)
- Lay Canon Peter Bruinvels\* (Deputy Chair)
- The Revd Stephen Trott\*
- Morag Ellis QC\*
- Jay Greene\*
- The Bishop of Liverpool
- The Bishop of Newcastle\*

- The Venerable Mark Steadman
- The Revd Canon Clare MacLaren
- Lay Canon Susan Pope
- The Revd Christopher Smith\*
- The Revd Anne Stevens\*
- The Revd Canon Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu
- Garth Watkins
- Mr Mark Beard

### Committee Member Biographies

#### Canon Peter Bruinvels

**Public affairs, community engagement and media management. Commissioner from 1992. Trained as a lawyer, MP for Leicester East 1983-87, many current and former voluntary roles including member of General Synod from 1985, Dioceses Commission, Legislative Committee (former acting Chair), Cathedrals Fabric Commission, General Synod Board of Education and Dearing Commission. Also lay canon Guildford cathedral, Civilian-Military Liaison Adviser and Regional Fundraiser. Ofsted Church Schools inspector and former independent lay chair of NHS complaints tribunal.**

*Member of the Board, Assets Committee and Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee*

#### Dr Eve Poole

**Third Commissioner from April 2018. Academic and writer. Formerly leadership, strategy and change faculty at Ashridge Business School. Previous careers included Deloitte, where she specialised in Change Management, and the Church Commissioners. Degrees in Theology and an MBA. Chair of the Board of Governors of Gordonstoun school.**

*Member of the Board and Chair of Bishoprics & Cathedrals and Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committees*

#### The Rev Stephen Trott

**Commissioner from 1997. Ordained 1984, Curacies in Hull (York diocese) 1984-88, Rector of Pitsford with Boughton from 1988, diocese of Peterborough. CME Secretary 1988-93. Chair of Church Buildings Committee, member of Bishop's Council and DBF. General Synod member from 1995, Synodical Secretary of Convocation of Canterbury from 2010. Member of Ecclesiastical Law Society. Writer on theology and canon law.**

*Member of the Board and Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee*

### Morag Ellis QC

QC Commissioner from 2019. Practicing barrister, based in London, specialising in planning, local government and environment law. Commissary General of the diocese of Canterbury and the Deputy Chancellor of Southwark, and, on occasions, chairs Clergy Discipline Tribunals. Reader in the Church of England with a keen interest in music, especially choral. Morag is married to a parish priest; they have three children and live in Essex.

*Member of the Board and member of Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee*

### Jay Greene

Commissioner from January 2019. Jay has been an environmental campaigner since 1989 and now also campaigns against modern slavery. Career in Social Work (M.Phil. Social Work University of York 1976) with later training in both project and change management. Took a career break in 1994, gained an HND in Land Use and since then has a special interest in Forestry and the timber industry. Given a Millennium Award in 1999 to study development and capacity building projects in Uganda.

*Member of the Board, member of the Audit & Risk Committee and member of Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee*

### Bishop of Liverpool – the Rt Rev Paul Bayes

Has held clerical posts in the dioceses of Newcastle, London, Oxford, Winchester, Worcester and St Albans prior to becoming the Bishop of Liverpool.

### Bishop of Newcastle – the Rt Rev Christine Hardman

Commissioner from 2017. Deaconess from 1984, ordained Deacon 1987. Tutor and Course Director on St Albans Ministerial Training Scheme 1988-1996 and Director of Mission Studies with Oxford Ministry Course. Ordained Priest 1994 becoming Vicar of Holy Trinity and Christ the King, Stevenage in 1996. Rural Dean of Stevenage in 1999, Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich 2001 to 2012. Assistant Priest at Southwark Cathedral and acting Warden of Readers in St Albans diocese, from 2012. Bishop of Newcastle from 2015.

*Member of the Board and Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee*

### The Ven Mark Steadman

Has held clerical posts in the dioceses of Portsmouth, Southwark prior to becoming the Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey in the diocese of Lincoln. – is soon to take up a new appointment as Chief of Staff at Bishopthorpe, York.

### The Rev Canon Clare MacLaren

Has held clerical posts in the dioceses of Manchester, the then Ripon and Leeds, Bradford, Leeds prior to becoming a Residentiary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral.

### Canon Susan Pope

St Albans Diocesan Secretary

Remuneration and Conditions of Service (RACS) Representative on the Committee.

### The Rev Christopher Smith

On General Synod from 2015, and elected to the Commissioners in 2017. New College, Oxford, and St Stephen's House. Ordained 1995 to a curacy in Wantage, then chaplain to the Bishop of Horsham. Vicar of St Michael's Beckenham for ten years. Vicar of St Alban's Holborn since 2011. Degrees in Music, Theology and Law; called to the Bar 2010. Trustee of the London Diocesan Fund and the London Diocesan Board for Schools. Contributor to an Ashgate/Routledge volume on Religion and Legal Pluralism, and author of a monthly column in the journal New Directions.

*Member of the Board, member of the Assets Committee and member of Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee.*

### The Rev Anne Stevens

**Commissioner from 2019. Ordained in 1991 following managerial roles in the Home Office and British Telecom. Parish priest in Greenwich, Battersea and Central London where she is currently Vicar of St Pancras Church. Also previously Chaplain of Trinity College Cambridge and Director of Reader Training in Southwark Diocese. Member of General Synod for Southwark 2005-2012, and London from 2017. Degrees in English (Warwick) and Theology (Cambridge and London). Trustee of Inclusive Church 2013-2016 and WATCH 2012-2019.**

*Member of the Board and member of the Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee.*

### The Rev Canon Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu

**In Michaelmas this 2021, Amatu will be celebrating 20 years of priesthood. Amatu was one of the first appointed SSM Vicars in the diocese of London and held the post for over 13 years at St Mary's Harmondsworth. He is currently Priest in Charge of St Mark's and St Stephen's Bush Hill Park in the Enfield Deanery and also the Edmonton Episcopal Area Director of Mission and Racial Justice in the diocese of London.**

**Prior to ordination, Amatu trained as an Electrical Engineer and attained Chartered Engineer and Chartered Manager status about 10 years ago having worked for 25 years as consultant in the Public Sector, the Oil & Gas sector delivering major change projects, including Crossrail, Network Rail-Great Western Electrification projects, CB&I, Shell oil. He holds MBA with distinction from University of Sunderland and merit in MSC Project Management from University of Salford.**

**Amatu is married to Princess, a Lay Reader and Chartered Accountant heading the technical finance team at the London Fire Service - They are blessed with five children, three boys and two girls.**

### Garth Watkins

**Member of Mission Pastoral and Church Property Committee since 2017.**

**Member of Commissioners' Strategic Buildings Support Group.**

**Member of local church PCC, lay chair of Deanery Synod and lay member of Kensington Area Council.**

**Board member of the Bishop of London Mission Fund.**

**Retired Chartered Engineer after a career in the manufacturing industry.**

**Chair of a charity called Room For Work, which helps unemployed people to get back into employment.**

**Lay chair of charity called Activate, which seeks to enhance wellbeing and faith in the Hampton deanery churches through fitness, health and community activities.**

**Married with 2 children and 3 grandchildren.**

### Mark Beard

**The Department of Culture, Media and Sports' representative on the Committee.**

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