

Curriculum Vitae - Rev. Canon Dr. Philip John Rawlings

Date of birth: 2nd May 1953

Status: Married to Maxine (in 1979) and four children

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Work and Interest in Islam and Christian relations:

Education

- 1975 – Certificate in Education – Exeter University - Mathematics and Religious Studies
- 1983 – Bachelor of Theology – Nottingham University.
- 2009 MA in Islamic Studies – Manchester University – Merit
- 2018- Doctor of Professional Studies in Practical Theology - University of Chester – Thesis: 'Beyond Dialogue' – Ethnographic research into Christian-Muslim relations through and beyond the dialogical process, based on field research with three dialogue groups in Oldham (Greater Manchester).

Experience

- 2016 – present Diocese of Manchester Interfaith Officer in three areas in the City of Manchester: Cheetham Hill, Longsight and Levenshulme.
- 2011 – 2016 Diocese of Manchester Interfaith Officer in Oldham
- 1992- 2011 Church leader (Rector) St. Bride's Church, Old Trafford, in a majority Muslim area of Manchester.
- Co-Director of Centre for the Study of Christianity and Islam at the Nazarene Theological Centre, delivering undergraduate and post-graduate courses on Islam related topics.
- Spoken at many conferences on issues of Islam in Britain in Britain and abroad.
- Trustee of Mahabba which seeks to encourage Christians to engage with Muslim in Britain and beyond. Chair of trustees of 'Word of Life' trust producing materials for Christians to share with Muslim neighbours and friends.
- Set up and involved with many Dialogue Groups – notably a Priests-Imams group, a group with Turkish friends as part of the Dialogue Society (Gülen Movement) and others.
- Chaired the Interfaith Steering Group for the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford (in Greater Manchester)
- Teaching courses – *Encountering the World of Islam and Friendship First*.

Qualifications: in addition to the Islam related degrees:

- Certification in Education from Exeter University in Maths & R.E with distinction
(Endorsed with Urban Studies Unit experience) 1975.
- Bachelor of Theology from Nottingham University 1983.
- Certification in Supervisory Management with distinction (NEBS) 1998
- Master of Arts in Islamic Studies – Manchester University – Merit 2009
- Doctor of Professional Studies in Practical Theology - University of Chester – Thesis: 'Beyond Dialogue' – Ethnographic research into Christian-Muslim relations through and beyond the dialogical process, based on field research with three dialogue groups in Oldham (Greater Manchester). 2018

Orders:

- Ordained Deacon (July 1983) - Ordained Priest (June 1984) - Manchester Cathedral
- Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral - December 2004

Employment History:

- Assistant Teacher (Scale 2) Maths & R.E. Tomlinscote Comprehensive School, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey, with responsibility for the organisation of exams 1975-1980.
- Assistant minister at St. Andrew's, Blackley '83-'87 and St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton '87-93
- Rector at St. Bride's Church, Old Trafford, Manchester. 1993- 2011.
- Area Dean of Stretford 1998-2004
- Oldham Church of England Interfaith Officer. October 2011 – 2016
- Diocese of Manchester Interfaith Officer – in City of Manchester 2016 – present.
- Part-time lecturer at Nazarene Theological College in Didsbury, Manchester teaching undergraduate and post-graduate courses in Islam in Contemporary Britain and co-Director – Manchester Centre for the Study of Christianity and Islam – 2008 - present.
- Part-time guest lecturer at All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry (formerly Southern North-Western Training Partnership) – two courses on Cross-cultural Mission at Undergraduate and post-graduate levels 2009-present.

Recent responsibilities in the wider Church (few of the many) :

1998-2004	Area Dean of Stretford & Bishop's Consultation Steering Group
2002 - present	Lahore Link Task Group – Secretary.
2011 – present	Trustee of Mahabba charity
2006 – 2010	Trustee of Street Pastors – South Manchester
2010 – present	Chair of 'Word of Life' Charity

2012 – present	Trustee of Boaz Trust Charity.
2013 – present	Chair of 'Alexandria Lighthouse' Charity.
2018 – present	Chair of 'Boaz Trust' caring for destitute asylum seekers
2018	Organising a CIO – the Antioch Network Manchester, with aim to plant churches in diverse and deprived communities in Manchester

Other areas of interest:

- Cross-cultural dialogue–involved in Christian/Muslim dialogue, teach a training course 'Friendship First' and 'Encountering the World of Islam' Christ with your Asian Neighbour', study Islam from Christian perspective, and six visit to the Diocese of Lahore, Pakistan.

Hobbies:

- Flying – Private Pilot's Licence (Micro-light) which is non-current.
- Bird-watching and walking (with two dogs), aviation and other photography.
- Sport: Season Ticket holder at Sale Sharks R.U.F.C. Life-long supporter of Tottenham Hotspur F.C.