

GENERAL SYNOD

Appointments to the Archbishops' Council

1. Up to six members of the Archbishops' Council are appointed under the provisions of section 1(2) of Schedule 1 to the National Institutions Measure 1998. Appointments are made by the Archbishops, subject to the approval of the Synod. The appointed members are currently:
 Professor John Craven (1.7.2006 – 30.6.2011)
 Mr Philip Fletcher (1.1.2007 – 31.12.2011)
 Mr Mark Russell (1.1.2010 – 31.12.2011 and previously 2005-2009)
 Mr Andrew Britton (1.10.2007 – 30.9.2012)
 Mrs Mary Chapman (1.1.2010 – 31.12.2014)
 The Revd Dr Rosalyn Murphy (1.1.2010 – 31.12.2014)
2. Mark Russell leaves the Council after seven years at the end of this year and the Archbishops intend to bring the name of a successor to the Synod in February (it had been hoped to bring a proposal this July, but it did not prove possible to complete the process on this timescale).
3. John Craven's five-year term of appointment ends on 30 June and that of Philip Fletcher on 31 December. The Archbishops wish to re-appoint both for a further period, subject to the approval of the Synod: John Craven for a term ending on 31 July 2013 and Philip Fletcher for a term ending on 31 December 2014.

Professor John Craven

4. John Craven is a lifelong academic and has lectured in Economics at the University of Kent at Canterbury, becoming Professor of Economics in 1986. He became Pro Vice Chancellor of the University in 1991 and Deputy Vice Chancellor in 1993. He has been Vice Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth since 1997, where he takes a close interest in the University chaplaincy team.
5. While in Kent, John Craven was involved in his local parish and deanery. Since becoming Vice Chancellor in Portsmouth, he has been a foundation governor of St Luke's Voluntary Aided School. He is a lay canon of Portsmouth Cathedral.
6. John is a valued member of the Council and in the last Synod served on the Business Committee. He has chaired the Ministry Division's Finance Panel since June 2008 and is a member of the working group which has produced the report on the consequences of the Government's HE funding changes for theological training.
7. Given the major changes currently affecting the university sector and their implications for the Church the Archbishops believe that the Council is fortunate to have an experienced Vice Chancellor among its number at this time.

Philip Fletcher

8. Philip Fletcher had a series of senior roles in the Department of the Environment and worked on the development and implementation of policy in areas such as urban regeneration, rural policy, local government finance and environmental pollution. He was then Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District before becoming Director-General and subsequently Chairman of the Water Services Regulation Authority. He steps down from the Authority at the end of the year. He has been a member of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator Board since last year.

9. Philip has been a Reader for over 25 years. As well as being involved in his own parish and deanery, he is a Bishop's Selector and Assessor for pre-theological training in the Diocese of Southwark. Since his appointment to the Council, Philip has taken responsibility at member level for the Council's publishing activities.
10. The Archbishops believe that Philip's substantial experience of public affairs in a range of major policy areas will enable him to continue to make a significant contribution to the work of the Council.

Recommendations

11. The Archbishops wish to recommend the re-appointment to the Archbishops' Council of:
 - i. Professor John Craven for a term ending on 31 July 2013;
 - ii. Mr Philip Fletcher for a term ending on 31 December 2014.

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