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TRUSTEES



Rev'd Canon Andrew Holliday (chair)

Andrew has been the Rector of Standish St. Wilfrid since 2011. In September 2012, he was made a Canon of Blackburn Cathedral. He has served curacies in Blackpool and Poulton-le-Fylde; his first Incumbency was at St James' Leyland in 1997, where he was Area Dean from 2002 - 2004. In 2004, he was appointed to the Team Ministry of St. Peter's, Darwen with St. Paul's, Huddlesden. Andrew has served as the Diocesan Warden of Readers, supporting the Diocesan Vision for licensed lay ministry and collaborative styles of leadership. Andrew chairs the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches. Andrew has been in Education since he was Ordained, serving as a Governor and Trustee, with particular experience of appointments, safeguarding and building strong links with the Church and the wider community. Andrew has interests in cooking, history – especially biographies, visiting the Lake District, and sharing in the glories of the beautiful church of St. Wilfrid.



Mrs. Jillian Hyde (Vice-Chair)

Jillian is a committed Christian and a retired headteacher of a Church of England Primary School. During her 23 years in post, the school had three 'Outstanding' SIAMS inspection grades. Jillian was a Lead Headteacher in Wigan Local Authority and a mentor for newly appointed Headteachers. Within the role of Lead Headteacher, Jillian conducted school reviews, providing challenge and support. Jillian previously worked as an Education Consultant at Kingsbridge SCITT, where she mentored Associate Teachers in Wigan schools. Jillian was an active member of the Wigan Safeguarding Children Board for over fifteen years and is currently a Magistrate in The Family Court. Jillian is also a Trustee on Wigan and Leigh Churches Association for Family Welfare. Outside of education, Jillian enjoys singing in a choir, visiting the theatre, watching musicals and walking, particularly in Jersey.



Mr. Paul Witkiewicz (Chair of Finance & Audit Committee)

Paul is a senior consultant within a company of financial advisers, providing bespoke financial planning for individuals and corporate clients. Paul has served as a Governor for many years, chairing a range of committees. Paul previously worked in the secondary school sector as a Head of Music – and until 2019 utilised his leadership skills within the music education sector with his work for Trafford Music Service, where he had been the conductor of their Youth Philharmonic Orchestra since May 2000. When time permits, Paul enjoys watching his son play rugby, baking and playing golf and squash.



Mrs. Carol Aspinall (Chair of Performance & Standards Committee)

Carol is a part-time Educational Consultant, specialising in Headteachers' Performance Management and supporting newly appointed Headteachers. Carol worked as a School Improvement Professional for Bolton MBC, where she had responsibility for 20 primary schools and six special schools. She line managed the Educational Psychologists and EHCP Team. Prior to this, Carol was a Headteacher of a joint Anglican and Methodist School for 14 years. During her time as a Headteacher, she qualified as both an Ofsted and SIAMS Inspector and carried out inspections as a serving Headteacher. Carol worships at St Wilfrid's Church, is a member of the Church choir and helps with Young Voices. Her personal interests include singing, playing the piano, walking and travelling.



Mrs. Madeleine Digby (Co-opted Trustee)

Mandy is a retired, experienced HR generalist and leader, with extensive knowledge of retail and hospitality, both multi-site and headquarters-based. She specialises in recruitment and selection, employee engagement and relations, conflict resolution, and change management. Mandy has served as a Parent Governor and has also been a member of the Trustee Board of the National Football Museum. Mandy has many interests to keep her busy, including voluntary work and consultancy, as well as walking and travelling.



Dr. Sheila Fisher (Co-opted Trustee)

Sheila has enjoyed a varied and fulfilling career from the time of her graduation as a doctor in 1985; firstly, as a maxillofacial surgeon specialising in face and jaw cancer surgery and trauma, and later in clinical research and governance. In 2010 she completed her PhD at the University of Leeds, studying the experiences of hand and neck cancer patients. She moved to Wigan in 2019 and is a Licensed Lay Minister. In response to the call for volunteers, she became a volunteer vaccinator at a COVID-19 vaccination hub. Sheila became a trustee of Wigan and Leigh Hospice in 2019 and is currently their Chair of the Board of Trustees. In her time off, Sheila enjoys walking her dogs, gardening, music and reading.



Dr. Ade Oyeyele

Ade has worked in District Hospitals in General Medicine since 2002, and now works as a GP within Lancashire. Ade is an active member of his Church Council and has vast experience in Governance, serving as a Foundation Governor for over 10 years. Ade has developed his skillset and experience through training and professional development opportunities. He enjoys this role and relishes being part of a team that strives to achieve the very best for children and their families within a School Trust. Ade enjoys spending quality time with his growing family.



Mr. Andrew Stokes

Andrew has lived in Standish since 1987, having originally resided in Rochdale. Andrew is employed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs, and specialises in the field of VAT, where he serves as an inspector, based in Manchester. Andrew has significant experience in School Governance and is passionate about education. He is a committed Christian, a Parochial Church Council member and Lay Chair of the Chorley Deanery Synod. Andrew enjoys holidays and reading, and spending time with his wife and two grown-up daughters.



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