

The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth – original (signatory) member

Appointed: 28 November 2016



Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry, read Theology at the University of Manchester. After teaching in secondary education, he trained for ordination and pursued doctoral studies. Bishop Christopher has served in parochial and chaplaincy ministry and in theological education, latterly as Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge. In 2010 he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University of London for his services to education. He has written a number of books and articles in the area of Christian theology and worship with his last book, *Holding Together: Gospel, Church and Spirit* being shortlisted for the 2011 Michael Ramsay Prize.

Bishop Christopher is Co-Chair of the Joint Implementation Commission of the Anglican-Methodist Covenant, and is Chair of the Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England. He entered the House of Lords in January 2013.

Mrs Linda Wainscot – original (signatory) member

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Linda is the former Diocesan Director of Education Linda has been at the forefront of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust from its inception and continues to advise the National Society on issues around Academies.

Linda has over 35 years' experience in a variety of educational contexts with teaching and leadership experience in Secondary, Primary, Teacher training and Further Education. As DDE Linda served on the National Executive Committee of the Association of Anglican Directors of Education.

Mr Douglas Tribe – appointed by Foundation Body or Sponsor

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Douglas has taught history, RE and geography for 34 years and served as Headteacher for the last 16 years; firstly in an urban 11-16 Comprehensive School before moving to an inner city 11-19 Community College. He has worked as an inspector for Humanities for Warwickshire. From 2001 to 2010 Douglas worked as a School Improvement Partner for the Department of Education on the Academies Programme as well as for Warwickshire. At the same time, he was a tutor and assessor to the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) programme. He also advised the Northern Ireland Education Board on setting up a Heads' assessment programme.

Douglas has chaired several Interim Executive Boards for both Primary and Secondary sectors. He has a strong commitment to the development of young people to ensure they are well equipped to take advantage of the opportunities life offers. He has a strong faith based in the Anglican tradition and wishes to ensure that St Gabriel's is clearly seen to have a sound faith identity which embraces all.

Mrs April Gold – appointed by Academy Members

Appointed: 1 September 2020



April is the Diocesan Director of Education for Coventry Church of England Diocese, supporting schools to deliver an education that is distinctly Christian, serving the common good and enabling all to experience life in all its fullness. April has formerly worked as an Assistant Headteacher at a Warwickshire Secondary School.

Mr Richard Coppel – Foundation/Sponsor member

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Formerly Head of Retail Development at Lend Lease, Richard has over 20 years' experience working in planning, development and regeneration. At Lend Lease, Richard promoted and delivered the evolution of Bluewater Shopping Centre and progressed the expansion of Touchwood Shopping Centre in Solihull. He was instrumental on the Elephant and Castle project in securing the Regeneration Agreement with Southwark Council. During his time at Lend Lease he was also the head of the regional residential development business. Prior to Lend Lease, Richard held positions at other development companies, working on Whitecity (Westfield London) for Chelsfield and Northern Quarter Portsmouth for Centros. Richard joined Urban & Civic in 2015.