

THE RT REVD STEPHEN GEORGE PLATTEN

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

- Education:**
- Stationers' Company's School
 - London University
 - Cuddesdon & Trinity Colleges, University of Oxford
 - B.Ed. (II.i) Education & Natural Science
 - PG Diploma in Theology (distinction)
 - Research in New Testament and Ethics
- Higher Degrees:**
- BD, University of Oxford (2003)
 - D.Litt (Hon), University of East Anglia (2003)
 - DUniv (Hon), University of Huddersfield (2012)
 - Honorary Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians

PROFESSIONAL POSTS

- 1966-1968** Shell International Petroleum Company
- 1968-1975** University education – see above
- 1975-1978** Ordained deacon 1975 and priest 1976. **Curate** at St. Andrews, Headington, Diocese of Oxford
- 1978-1982** Lincoln Theological College as **Chaplain and Tutor in Ethics**
- 1982-1990** **Residentiary Canon** of Portsmouth Cathedral and **Diocesan Director of Ordinands**, Diocese of Portsmouth. Other responsibilities included being **Canon Treasurer** of the Cathedral and **Chairman of the Finance Committee**. Responsible within the diocese for post-ordination training, continuing ministerial education and lay adult education. One of the two co-founders of the *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics*. Member of *The Association of Teachers of Moral Theology*, a Roman Catholic professional organisation in the same sphere
- 1990-1995** The **Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs**, serving Archbishops Runcie and Carey. **Anglican Co-Secretary of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission** (ARCIC), and the guest-master of the *Nikean Club*, an organisation offering hospitality to church leaders visiting the Archbishop and the Church of England. Also **Honorary Provincial Canon** of Canterbury Cathedral
- 1995-2003** **Dean of Norwich Cathedral** and a member of the Bishop's Senior Staff.
- 2005-2015** **Member of the Cathedrals' Fabric Commission for England**
- 2008-present** **Honorary Canon of St John's Cathedral, Musoma.**
- 2003-2014** **Bishop of Wakefield.**
- 2013-2020** **Chairman of Hymns Ancient & Modern.**
- 2014-2017** **Rector of St Michael's Cornhill and Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Dioceses of London, Newcastle and Southwark.**
- 2015-** **Member of the Fabric Advisory Committee of Ely Cathedral**
- 2017-2019** **Chaplain to St. Martin-within-Ludgate and Honorary Assistant Bishop in the dioceses of London, Southwark and Newcastle**

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- From 1991 to 1996 **Minister Provincial of the Third Order of St. Francis** in its European Province.

- From 1991 to 1997 **chaired the International Steering Committee** for the *Pilgrims' Way* initiative which organised the pilgrimages to commemorate the 1400th anniversary of the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent and the death of St Columba.
- **The Chair of Governors of the Anglican Centre in Rome** from 2005-2019.
- From 2004 to 2010 **Member of the Council** of the University of Huddersfield.
- From 2008 onwards, **Board Member**, Media Standards Trust.
- From 2004 onwards, **Liveryman and Court Assistant** of The Stationers' Company.
- From 2002-2019 **Chairman of the Editorial Board** of *Crucible*.
- From 2011 onwards, **Member of the Editorial Advisory Panel** for *Theology*.
- From 2005 to 2014 **Chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission** and member of the Cathedrals' Fabric Commission for England (CFCE). Sometime member of the Faith and Order Commission (FAOC).
- From 2005 to 2014 regular speaker in the House of Lords as a **Lord Spiritual** particularly on matters relating to defence, agriculture and higher education; most recently initiating a debate on the use of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict zones.
- Active promotion of links with Dioceses of Mara, Rorya and Tarime in Tanzania; Faisalabad in Pakistan and the Dioceses of Adelaide, the Murray and Willochra in Australia, and ecumenical link with the Diocese of Skara in the Church of Sweden, 2003 onwards. Church of England **Bishop for Georgian Affairs**, from 2003 onwards.
- Married to Rossie, whose work is focused particularly on children with special needs. Two sons – Aidan and Gregory – both of whom are ordained. Interests include reading, music, walking, Northumberland, Land Rovers, architecture, poetry, biography and hymnody.

PUBLICATIONS

Author:

- *Pilgrims*, Fount, London 1996
- *Augustine's Legacy*, Darton, Longman and Todd, London 1997
- *Pilgrim Guide to Norwich Cathedral*, Canterbury Press, Norwich 1998
- *Cathedrals and Abbeys of England*, Jarrold Publishing, Norwich 1999
- *Rebuilding Jerusalem: The Church's Hold on Hearts and Minds*, SPCK, London 2007
- *Vocation: Singing the Lord's Song*, SPCK, London 2007
- *Animating Liturgy*, SCM Canterbury Press, 2017
- *Oneness – the Monastic Tradition and the Contemporary Church* (ed.), Sacristy Press, 2017
- *Holy Ground: Cathedrals in the 21st Century* (ed.), Sacristy Press, 2017
- *Borderlands: Exploring Northumberland and the Tweed*, Wanney Books, 2017
- *Nobody's Friends: A Short History*, Wanney Books, 2018
- *Austin Farrer: Oxford Warden, Scholar, Preacher*, (ed. and contributed - with Markus Bockmuehl), SCM Press, London, 2020
- *Austin Farrer for Today: A Prophetic Agenda*, (ed. and contributed with Richard Harries), SCM Press, London, 2020