

# Through the Roof



## Council of Reference

### The Lord David Alton of Liverpool

Born in 1951, David Alton began his career as a teacher but was elected to Liverpool City Council in 1972. He became the youngest MP at age 28 and the youngest Life Peer of the House of Lords in 1997. Now an Independent Crossbench Peer, Lord Alton has vigorously campaigned for human rights issues throughout the world and is involved in a wide variety of issues, including euthanasia, forced abortion, sterilization of women in China, genocide, human cloning etc and is an officer of the Parliamentary Pro-Life Group. He co-founded the Movement for Christian Democracy in 1990.



### Miss Marilyn Baker



Marilyn became blind as a child, but soon demonstrated a gift for music, which took her to the Royal College of Music and on into a teaching profession. She had a longing to communicate her faith and began writing anointed songs. Her deep desire to help others discover the love that has so changed her life led her into Christian Ministry through music. During the past 20 years Marilyn has travelled around the world, becoming one of Britain's most popular and well-loved singer-songwriters.

### Mr Steve Blaber

Steve is an elder at New Community Church (SE London) and on the Newfrontiers International Core Team. Steve's training was in electronic engineering and for many years he worked for the Ministry of Defence traveling widely both in the UK and overseas. In 1991 he left the MoD to work full time on the eldership team at New Community where he was able to use his management skills both in the local church and latterly with the Newfrontiers Team.

Steve is married to Ann and they have three grown-up children, all of whom are married, and one son Joel, still at home. Joel has Down's syndrome and other complex medical needs. During the last Stoneleigh Bible Week in 2001, Steve and Ann ran "The Ark" special needs group, catering for well over



100 children and young people across the two weeks, all with a wide range of disabilities. Ann has worked in a local school for children with learning disabilities and both Steve and Ann have found God open up opportunities to help others through their personal experiences with disability.

### **Rev Lyndon Bowring**



Lyndon Bowring has been Executive Chairman of *Care* for over twenty five years. *Care* is a mainstream Christian charity seeking to make a Christian difference for the sake of the future, by undertaking a variety of social, caring and educational programmes as well as research and lobbying on associated issues, bringing Christian insight to matters of public policy and education.

Lyndon was born in Wales, studied at the London Bible College and was a full-time Minister at Kensington Temple for ten years. He is now a 'consultant Minister' at the church and is on the board and Councils of Reference of many Christian organisations, Lyndon is also chair of the Council of Management of Spring Harvest. Lyndon lives in London with his wife Celia, a writer and speaker, and they have three children Daniel, Emma and Andrew. His hobbies include reading, cooking, watching rugby, building friendships and exploring London.

### **Mrs Fiona Castle**

Fiona was born in the Wirral in 1940 and at the age of 9 went to a boarding school in Surrey to study ballet and theatre arts. She worked in the theatre from 1956 as a dancer and singer and married Roy in 1963. They were married for 31 years before Roy died of lung cancer in 1994.

Fiona has written 12 books including autobiographies, and 5 anthologies of poems and prose. She had a regular daily slot on Premier Christian radio for 5 years. She travels the country speaking about aspects of her Christian faith, at a variety of events such as Salvation Army and Activate, which is an organisation encouraging women to take God's love into the community in a practical and relational way. She is also involved with various charities, such as Oasis Trust and Global Care, for which she has had the opportunity to travel abroad on many occasions, and others, like Cancer Research UK and Rotary. She enjoys trying to keep fit and has run the London Marathon twice, for the first time in 2001 and, probably for the last time, in 2005!



### **Rev Steve Chalke**

Steve Chalke was ordained as a Baptist Minister in 1981. In 1985 Steve set up Oasis, which from its very beginnings has pioneered life-transforming housing, healthcare, education and youth initiatives around the UK and across the world. In 2001, Steve founded Faithworks



and in 2003 became senior minister of Christ Church & Upton Chapel. Church.co.uk Waterloo, as it is now known, was the first in the Oasis vision of a church network around the UK. In 2004 Steve set up Oasis Community Learning to deliver secondary education through the Academies programme. Three Oasis Academies in Enfield Lock, Grimsby and Immingham, opened in September 2007, with others in Southampton, Bristol, Salford, Coulsdon and Oldham to follow. In 2004 Steve was awarded an MBE in the New Year's

Honours List for his services to social inclusion.

A well-known speaker, author and broadcaster, Steve has over 40 published books to his name, writes monthly columns for Prima Baby on fatherhood and Christianity on leadership, and has had his own series on ITV and BBC as well as presenting Changing Places for BBC Radio 4.

### **Mr Gerald Coates**

Gerald Coates serves the Pioneer network of churches, training programmes and ministries as a team leader. A speaker, author and broadcaster, he leads the national charismatic evangelical Round Table. Gerald co-ordinates Exchange, a small network of the prophetic and entrepreneurs to ensure communications and events focus on the 'big picture and prophetic'. An expression of Pioneer's Exchange is INSIGHT: School of prophecy which has already run in Glasgow, Sheffield, Exeter and Surrey and will be starting in several other centres throughout the year.



### **Rev David Coffey**

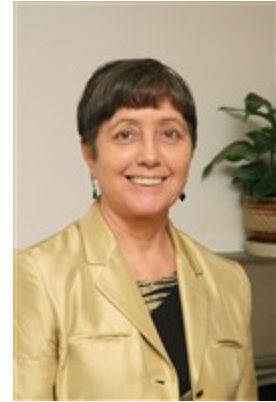


David Coffey has been an ordained Baptist Minister with the Baptist Union of Great Britain since 1967. He was President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain 1986-87. He served for three years as National Director of Evangelism for the Baptists (1988-91) prior to being appointed as the General Secretary of the Union in 1991. After fifteen years he retired from this ministry in July 2006. David served as President of the European Baptist Federation (1997-99) and at the Baptist World Congress in July 2005 he was elected as BWA President from 2005 – 2010. In 2003 he was elected until 2007 as the Moderator of the Free Churches Group to represent the nineteen Free Church denominations in

England. In this capacity he also served as one of the four Presidents of Churches Together in England alongside the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and a representative of the Orthodox churches.

## Mrs Faith Forster

Faith Forster has been involved in Christian ministry and leadership for many years alongside her husband Roger. Within Ichthus, Faith heads up the training department, running the Radical Network course in church leadership and church planting and the July Project course in evangelism as well as the monthly Bible School. In addition she preaches, teaches and pastors, and has also served on a number of boards and councils. She believes passionately in the power of prayer and the Word of God, and loves to see lives transformed by these means.



## Mr Alyn Haskey



Alyn was born with cerebral palsy, which left him severely disabled. Unable to communicate, he was written off at age nine. He began to hear about Jesus and at age 14 became a Christian. In the years since then, Alyn has become able to speak, gained O levels, A-levels and four degrees. He has taken part in sport for people with disabilities, representing England and Great Britain, winning some medals. He has also written a number of books.

Some time ago, he felt the call of God on his life. After two years of training, he became an assistant curate to a cluster of churches in Nottingham, in July 2004. He spends his time speaking in schools, colleges, churches, holiday clubs, camps and anywhere else he is invited.

## Mr David Heron

For thirty years David was a successful stockbroker in the City of London and spent many years serving at board level in financial organisations James Capel & Co., Smith New Court Plc and LIFFE (London International Financial Futures Exchange) where he was Deputy Chairman.

Before joining Premier, he was a trustee of Premier Christian Media Trust (the charity that wholly owns Premier Christian Radio). David joined Premier in December 1995 as managing Director and became Chairman in September 1997 (he retired in 2008).



David and Peggy have four children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and walking in the country. He is actively involved in his local church in the New Forest.

## Mr Richard Hubbard



Richard Hubbard is Chief Executive Officer of Links International, having taken over from Norman Barnes in 2007. He is married to Lynda and they have two children, Sam and Amy. 'Rich' is also a qualified solicitor. He travels widely all over the world, having input into churches and overseeing projects. One of his passions is the interface between the business world and the kingdom of God.

## Mr Jeff Lucas

Author and speaker Jeff Lucas travels internationally in a ministry of Bible teaching which carries a specific vision to encourage and equip the church. Originally a church planting pastor, Jeff understands the dynamics of local church life and has a desire to "build" rather than simply "bless" as he teaches and preaches.

He is part of the leadership team of Spring Harvest and serves on the board of Christianity, Youthwork, and Christian Marketplace magazines. He writes a monthly column for Christianity Magazine, as well as daily Bible notes for CWR (Crusade for World Revival) - "Lucas on Life Every Day", and broadcasts three weekly radio shows. He is an ambassador for Compassion, a charity working to help children in poverty worldwide. Jeff and his wife Kay live in Loveland, Colorado, where he holds a teaching post at Timberline Church, Fort Collins.



## The Baroness Masham of Ilton



Susan Cunliffe-Lister, Dowager Countess of Swinton, Baroness Masham of Ilton is a crossbench member of the House of Lords. In 1959 she married Lord Masham, who became Earl of Swinton in 1972. By this marriage Susan Cunliffe-Lister became Countess of Swinton. Lord and Lady Swinton adopted two children.

Lady Swinton was disabled in a riding accident in 1959, and subsequently became a champion for causes related to disability. She was created a life peer in 1970 as Baroness Masham of Ilton, of Masham in the North Riding of the County of York.

She is an active member of the House of Lords, where she continues to be known as Baroness Masham of Ilton, despite holding the higher title of

Countess. She takes a particular interest in issues surrounding disability, health and penal reform.

### **Mr Roy McCloughry**

Roy McCloughry teaches Personal and Social Ethics at St Johns, Nottingham. He trained as an economist in London. He was John Stott's first Study Assistant and later followed John Gladwin in becoming Director of the Shaftsbury Project, a Nottingham based Christian think tank. He is also Director of Kingdom Trust, a Consultancy on Ethics and Society. He is Chair of Third Way Magazine, a non-executive Director of Lion Hudson Publishers and a Vice-President of the Shaftsbury Society. He has been an ethics consultant to Tear Fund, World Vision and the Children's Society, among other agencies, on subjects ranging from HIV/AIDS, Gender Issues, Population Ethics and Human Rights. He has presented, and participated in, a number of television programmes for BBC1, in particular two series of meditations, and has contributed to many programmes, particularly those with an ethical theme.



### **Miss Hilary McDowell**

Disabled from birth, Hilary McDowell is a Belfast-based dramatist, journalist, performance-poet, author, counsellor, deaconess, broadcaster, evangelist and psychologist. She exercises a ministry of outreach and reconciliation through drama, art and music and humour.

Hilary has been the representative from Northern Ireland on the European Community in the areas of arts and disability and she has travelled internationally as a speaker.

### **Mr Peter Meadows**



Peter Meadows is one of the Directors of Bible Society with responsibility for special initiatives. Married to Rosemary, he lives in Chessington, Surrey and they have five 'grown up' children. Peter co-founded Spring Harvest, founded London's Premier Radio and co-created The Y Course, an evangelism resource to reach the un-churched generation.

## Mr Max Sinclair

Max Sinclair is a former chartered accountant who was paralysed in a car accident but made a substantial recovery and walked out of Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Max and his wife Sue are now in demand speaking at seminars and conferences on such issues as marriage and family life. They also teach the bible and share their experiences of handling life's crises. They have three grown up children and five grandchildren. Max is an author of four books.



## Dr Rob Waller



Dr Rob Waller is a Consultant Psychiatrist working for the National Health Service in Scotland. He is married to Susanna and lives in Edinburgh. His special interest is in complex anxiety disorders, especially worry and rumination. He is also qualified in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Adult Education. He is on the advisory board of Through the Roof and Mercy Ministries.

Rob wants to empower mental health professionals to use their skills in a Godly way and inform the places where they work. He believes the good news of Christianity brings an essential contribution to mental health services.