

# Board of Faith and Justice

## Annual Report for 2023

Diocesan Synod  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Ven Javid Iqbal  
Archdeacon of Doncaster  
Chair of the Board



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# Introduction

- Revised Terms of Reference
- Approved 2022 by Bishop's Council
- Board Membership Document separate
- Memberships refreshed in 2022/23: now 14 members
- Quarterly meetings held January/April/July/October 2023
- Church House/Hybrid on Teams



# Membership

Chair	Ven Javaid Iqbal (Archdeacon of Doncaster)
Secretary	Vacant
Elected by Diocesan Synod: Diocesan Synod member, Doncaster Archdeaconry	Revd Canon Eleanor Robertshaw [Fairness & Wellbeing]
Elected by Diocesan Synod: Doncaster Archdeaconry	Zarish Nadeem
Elected by Diocesan Synod: Diocesan Synod member, Sheffield & Rotherham Archdeaconry	Ian Downing
Elected by Diocesan Synod: Sheffield & Rotherham Archdeaconry	David Price [Poverty & Inequality Group]
Bishop's Interfaith Advisor	Revd Dr Casey Strine
Bishop's Adviser for GMH/UKME	Revd Anesia Cook

## Membership (cont)

Diocesan Environment Officer	Dr Cathy Rhodes
Bishop's Adviser in World Development Vice Chair of the Board	Dr Jackie Butcher
Bishop's Adviser on Healing and Wholeness	Revd Louise Castle
Diocesan Ecumenical Missioner	Revd Gina Kalsi
Diversity in Participation group representative	Miriam Cavanagh
Working group lead and/or co-opted member [Modern Slavery and Exploitation Co-ordinator role:	Revd Joy French
Working group lead and/or co-opted member [Poverty & Inequality Group]	Revd Steve Millwood
Working group lead and/or co-opted member	Vacant

# Objectives



Develop the last three Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- *To respond to human need by loving service*
- *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.*
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

To encourage, advocate for and promote aspects of Christian life concerned with social justice, transformation and action.

Responsibility to facilitate networking and delivering or

# Key work in 2023: groups

- Social Action Mapping Review, Phase 2 ongoing and SYCF grants
- Hallam Deanery Synod Motion submitted to General Synod on Food Banks, Letter sent to MPs
- Vision for Racial Justice statement & Archdeacon's articles of enquiry
- Diocesan Synod, Diversity in Participation group, National GMH Register
- Faith Leader Forum
- Healing and Wholeness service & other events  
Wellbeing day
- Eco Diocese: Bronze Award and appointment of new zero project officer. DFO National Conference in



# Key work in 2023: Diocesan

- Promoting Racial Justice Sunday, Black History Month: Cathedral service 29 Oct, Creationtide: Eco Church Celebration at cathedral, Interfaith week
- Sheffield Faith Covenant launch 16 Nov, Linking with Lights for Christ
- New website content for Board and connected groups/issues
- Budget obtained: £5000
- JD done for new secretary with support from Diocese: the lack of a secretary has affected reporting and overall work of the Board



# Key areas of work: The future

- Engage with Strategy Refresh: Alex Shilkoff was at Oct meeting
- Focus on relevant areas including racial justice and creation care: option discussed of future lead for social justice at senior level to oversee the work of the Board
- Ongoing process to appoint a secretary
- +Pete to attend the Board Meeting in April 2024
- More interfaith links? Faith forum planned for early 2024
- Develop work with asylum seekers and refugees
- Open evening: invite those doing similar work/projects & and connect them
- Ideally, then enable and resource this work, e.g. policies/documents/templates and other support



# Thank you! Any questions?

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