

### **Blaenau Gwent - Revd /Y Parch. Patrick Coleman**

Patrick was born and educated in Pontypool, South Wales, and studied for ordination at the Venerable English College, Rome, with later doctoral studies in Munich. He was ordained a priest in 1983 and worked for 9 years in the Roman Catholic Church before deciding that he could not with integrity represent that church's exclusive stance on its nature and relationship to truth.

He taught History in a Newport comprehensive school for 7 years during which time, in 1996, he was welcomed as a priest of the Diocese of Monmouth by its then bishop, Rowan Williams. Since then, Patrick has worked in northern Italy, rural Monmouthshire, has introduced and seen through the leadership training of the Monmouth diocesan clergy, and is now Parish Priest of Abertillery and Cwmtillery in the post-industrial valleys of South Wales.

He has a life-long interest in education at all levels, and is particularly interested in developing theologies that speak to everyday experience. Patrick has interests and contacts in the Anglican Church in Mozambique and South Africa, having carried out parish development and retreat work there. He has considerable current experience not only as a teacher in various contexts, but also as a school chaplain, as a governor and as an examiner. Occasionally he has some spare time, which is devoted to his dog, and the restoration of a 47-year-old Bristol doubledecker bus. He sings, plays the organ, stays fit and keeps a good table and cellar!

### **Caerphilly/Caerffili – Cllr./Y Cynghorydd Michael Gray**

Michael is a life long member of the Methodist Church, holding Offices at local, Circuit, Regional and National with the Methodist church. He is a former Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Club leader and an Accredited Local Preacher in the Newport Methodist Circuit.

Having served as Councillor with the former Islwyn Borough Council, he was the last Mayor of that authority, prior to local government reorganisation in April 1996. he continues to be a County Borough Councillor.

He is Chair of Governors at a Primary and a Secondary School in the Caerphilly County Borough Council and has conducted Assemblies at schools. While as a Governor, at the primary school he supported the RE teacher's role.

Michael has served as Chairman of Caerphilly County Borough Council SACRE since its inception in 1996. In this capacity he is also a longstanding representative of Caerphilly SACRE at WASACRE meetings.

In addition, he has been a member of the WASACRE National Executive Committee since 2004, and wishes to continue serving this Committee for a further term. He requests representatives of SACREs to support his nomination for election to the WASACRE Executive Committee.

## **Carmarthenshire/Sir Gaerfyrddin — Mrs Mary Parry**

- I have been the Religious Education Associate Advisor for the two counties of Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion for 13 years.
- I am the professional officer to the Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion SACREs.
- I have been an active member of the WASACRE executive committee for 11 years.
- I have taken an active role in WASACRE activities since its establishment. For example, I have made several presentations to WASACRE meetings on topics like, 'Using ICT in RE', 'Assessing RE', 'Using Thinking Skills in RE' and 'RE and children under five'.
- I advise teachers on implementing the Agreed Syllabus and on teaching RE effectively. I have provided many bilingual courses and resources for them.
- I inspect schools under Estyn contract.
- Before my present position, I was the head of RE and the head of the lower school in a secondary school.

## **Denbighshire/Sir Ddinbych — Cllr./Y Cynghorydd Morfudd Jones**

Past Chairperson Denbighshire SACRE, and member of WASACRE executive committee

Denbighshire County Councillor since 1999, member of the Life Long Learning Scrutiny Committee

Present Mayor of Ruthin

Deacon, Chair of Building Committee and Organist at Bontuchel Chapel

Member of many Organisations Committees in Ruthin

## **Gwynedd — Revd./Y Parch. Tegid Roberts**

A native of Penmorfa near Porthmadog. A teacher of History (and sometimes RE) at Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle, Pen-y-groes 1973 – 2000. NSM priest 1988-1999. Full time priest 2000 to date. Bangor Diocesan Children and Schools Officer 2000-2003. Minor Canon at Bangor Cathedral 2000-2005. Bangor Diocesan Director of Education 2003 to date, and also since 2005, Vicar of Llandwrog and Llanwnda parish. Chair of Conwy SACRE and member of Anglesey and Gwynedd SACREs.

## **Wrexham/Wreccsam — Mrs.Tania ap Siôn**

For the past sixteen years I have been closely involved in and committed to religious education and religious studies in Wales on a national level as well as a local level.

### **Past experiences**

- Qualified teacher of religious education with teaching experience in a number of schools in North Wales.
- Lecturer of religious education in the School of Education, University of Wales, Bangor for primary level and secondary level religious education, and coordinator for the PGCE secondary RE course.

### **Current experience**

- Member of three SACREs in North Wales, including Wrexham SACRE.
- One of Wrexham SACRE's regular representatives at WASACRE.
- Member of NAPfRE (National Advisory Panel for Religious Education).
- Committee member of REMW (Religious Education Movement Wales)
- Project Officer at the Welsh National Centre for Religious Education which includes
  - acting as Editor for the publication of RE News
  - creating and developing curriculum resources for religious education
  - overseeing and developing a resources centre with over 20,000 resources supporting religious education
  - working on research projects in the broad area of practical theology and publishing in international, peer-review journals
- Part-time lecturer in World Religions in the School of theology and Religious Studies, University of Wales, Bangor.

I would welcome the opportunity to be able to contribute further to RE in Wales, if SACREs across Wales would like me to do so.