



Dr. C. Pailing

Chair of Trustees

About



Originally from London, Crispin read Classics at The Queen's College, Oxford before studying theology and training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, he was ordained in the Diocese of Birmingham in 2003. Alongside parish ministry he continued studying and wrote his PhD thesis on the 20th Century German theologian, Karl Rahner.



After 11 years in parochial ministry in Birmingham, latterly as Vicar of Perry Barr (an outer-urban district north of the City Centre) and Area Dean of Handsworth, Crispin was instituted as Rector of Liverpool at Liverpool Parish Church in 2014. He was installed as an honorary canon of Liverpool Cathedral in 2019. He has developed the Church's existing ministry with residents as well as the civic, business and retail sectors, as well as the other traditional associations of Liverpool Parish Church such as the Maritime Community.



Crispin is well known in the city, and serves as a director or trustee of a number of businesses and charitable organisations in Liverpool. He has a particular interest in music and the arts. As well as being a trustee of an Early Music charity and hosting regular concerts in the building, Crispin has animated the city centre site in Liverpool with a number of sculptures and other works of art to inform, enliven and provoke those who visit. Crispin is married to Rowena, who is Vice Dean of Blackburn Cathedral. They have two children of school age, Ambrose and Jerome. They all enjoy theatre and concerts, art galleries, reading, and exploring new places.

