

The Revd Canon Dr Randolph Ellis

Background

From the earliest times I have been fascinated in one way or another by the strange authority and autonomy of objects particularly in the way that they finally elude the scope of our attentiveness and the way they critically illuminate the limits of that attentiveness. In addition, I have always been drawn to the manner in which we ourselves elude our own capacities to be authentic. These two strands continue to motivate my research interests and have found a confluence within the new metaphysics of object-oriented-ontology and speculative realism. I believe that these new developments within metaphysics promise much, particularly in their relationship to theology.



Current positions

High Street Chaplain and Canon at Bangor Cathedral
Associate Fellow, Warwick Religions and Education Research Unit (WRERU),
University of Warwick
Visiting Research Fellow at Glyndwr University
Visiting Associate Professor, Queen's College, Newfoundland, Canada
Adjunct Faculty member of the St Mary's Centre, Wales

Education

Academic qualifications

- Ph.D. (Bangor) *The Experiencing of Personal Transformations — A Heideggerian Explication. With Reference to a Counselling Training Programme*
- Certificate in Theology for Ministry (Cantab)
- Master of Education (Wales)
Dissertation Title: *Dasein: Death, Finitude and Inauthenticity—Existential Presentations Within a Private Counselling Practice*
- Diploma in Counselling (Wales)
- Certificate in Education (Manchester)

Professional qualifications

- Advanced Certificate In Counselling (C.A.S.E) (Liverpool)

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Professional experience

Current:

- Counsellor in private practice
- Supervisor in private practice
- Facilitator and tutor on the MA Religions, Society and Education (Christian Education) programme, Centre for Education Studies, University of Warwick
- Tutor on the EdD (Christian Education), Centre for Education Studies, University of Warwick

Previous:

- Counsellor in agency practice
- Supervisor Bangor University Student Counselling Service
- Trainer for CRUSE Gwynedd
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- Trainer for SAMARITANS Bangor
- Tutor in Counselling, University College, Warrington
- Head of Counselling, Course designer and Lecturer in Counselling, Mid-Cheshire College, Hartford, Northwich
- Tutor, *BA Humanities Degree and Diploma in Pastoral Studies. (NEWI, Wrexham)* (for St. Michael's College, Llandaff and the Diocese of St Asaph)
- Facilitator/course designer: *Learning to Listen*, a Bangor Diocese experientially-based course for clergy and parish leaders
- Levels 4 and 5 Facilitator and Level 6 Tutor for the BA in Theology for Discipleship and Ministry (Glyndŵr University)

Pastoral Roles

Current:

- Canon, Bangor Cathedral
- Cathedral Chaplain to The High Street
- Spiritual Director

Previous:

- Assistant Curate, Glanogwen, Bethesda
- Minor Canon, Bangor Cathedral
- Chaplain, North Wales Probation Hostel, Bangor
- Chaplain, St. Mary's House, North Wales Housing, Bangor
- Chaplain, Tesco Extra Store, Bangor

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Research Interests

My general interest is in exploring the philosophical bases of human transformation and their relation to counselling, psychotherapy, theology and human/object and object/object interaction. Currently, I am working on research projects concerned with the phenomenology of prayer requests and the experiences surrounding their creation as well as sacred space and sacred place (with the Revd Dr Tania ap Sion). What is of emerging interest here is the invitation opened up by Object-oriented Ontology and Speculative Realism in their challenges to the primacy of the human position and the social and theological consequences of that, and the way in which the Church is challenged by the impacts and tensions generated by such approaches.

Research Projects and Publications

1988 Research Project Leader – The Ethnographic and oral Histories of Local Communities and Occupations in Anglesey and Gwynedd Series (published by Gwynedd Archive Services).

Ellis, R. (2015). Moving from idle talk to transformative conversation: Practising Christian formation within a group *Rural Theology*, 13 (1), pp. 31-41.

Ellis, R. and ap Sion, T. (2015). The Report: Developing a Shrial-Focus in the Lady Chapel of Bangor Cathedral (published 5 May 2015).