

The Reverend Professor Mike West

Profile

The Reverend Professor Mike West is Rector of Wrexham and Vicar of St Giles. Previously Mike has been an Officer in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and more recently was Principal of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Ministry Course, Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Visiting Fellow at the University of East Anglia working with the Department of Education and Professional Development.

Mike is the founder and Director of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Centre for Rural Ministry Studies and served as Lincoln Diocesan Director for Formation in Discipleship and Ministry, Founder and Director of the Lincoln School of Theology and Ministry Studies and was Visiting Professor in Theology at Lincoln University

Research interests

Long term joint research programme with Professor Leslie Francis investigating the church's contribution to rural community life and mapping changes in parishes that have undertaken 'local ministry'

Investigating and applying models of theological reflection to support practical theology and promote effective ministerial practice within churches

Exploring ways in which religious faith can contribute to the political life of a secular democracy

Publications

West, M. (1989), *Images of Glory*, London: Scripture Union.

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West, M. (1993), 'Study of LNSM within the Church of England' in *Educational Action Research*, Vol 1, Number 3.

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West, M. (1996), 'Developing Identity as an LNSM in the Church of England' in Russell, B. (ed.), '*Formation in a Changing Church*', European Network for the Study of Theological Education.

1999, 'Developing Identity as an NSM Priest' in Francis, L. J. (ed.), *Sociology, Theology and the Curriculum*, Cassells.

West, M. (1999), *Living Theology*, DLT.

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West, M. (2001), 'Using Life History Narrative as a Tool to Support and Enable the process of Ministerial Development' in Hansson, P. (ed), *'Education for Ministry in the Church of Sweden'*.

West, M. (2003), 'The Pastoral Epistles' in *'Guidelines'* BRF.

West, M. (2007), *'The Lincoln Magna Carta- an icon of freedom for the twenty first century'*, Lincoln Publications.

2002/3, A series of publications with the University of Wales Bangor to support distance learning at undergraduate level, including:

- The New Testament
- Interpreting St Paul for Today
- Preaching the Word' 'Gospel, Church and Society
- The Lay Pastor
- The Local Evangelist
- Worship and Liturgical Formation
- Practising Kingdom Ethics
- The Nature of Christian Ministry