

Governor Profile - Rev'd David Billin

I grew up in Wallington, attending Stanley Park infants and junior schools, followed by Wallington Boys. After taking "A" levels I joined London Underground as an undergraduate trainee, working for them while I obtained a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at what is now South Bank University, still commuting from Wallington.

After a career of eighteen years in technical and managerial roles with the Underground I left to become a consulting engineer in Croydon, specialising in the technical and organisational factors contributing to the safety and operability of railways, both in UK and overseas. This involved understanding legal and social requirements, analysing and improving complex systems, and negotiating with clients and their suppliers. I represented clients such as London Underground in negotiations with regulatory bodies or third parties. Over a period of twenty years I became increasingly senior, with responsibilities for recruiting, training, managing and assessing staff, for project management, and financial management. I took early retirement to release time for church work.

I have been involved in church life since I was three, and moved to All Saints church in 2006 when I was ordained. I work there full-time as Associate Rector (non stipendiary). I am on All Saints' Parochial Church Council, chair the Pastoral Care Group, and maintain the church website.

I live in Carshalton with my wife; we have no children of our own, but engage with many in church. My outside interests include wildlife, DIY, music, the out-of-doors, computer programming, and sustainable technology. For some years I was principal double-bass and treasurer of Sutton Symphony Orchestra, and played in a country dance band.

I thrive in the interfaces between disciplines, and hope that my technical skills and background will enable me to gain a thorough understanding of the aims and work of the school, and so to contribute to its excellence.