

Ray Simpson Curriculum Vitae

Born 1940 at Aylesbury, UK.

Family Single. Relatives in UK and Ireland.

School Woking Grammar School, UK 1951-58
6 GSE's, 3 A levels. Also studied Latin.
Winner, Declamation Trophy
Leading roles in Richard 11 and Darius the Mede

Piano Grade 7

Teaching 1959 Etonhurst Private School

College 1960 London College of Divinity/St. John's
Nottingham

University 1962 London, Kings, Bachelor of Divinity course

Ordained 1964 Lichfield C of E Diocese:

Ministry 1964 Stoke-on-Trent, Longton Parish.
Taught Humanities in College of Building weekly
1967 Locum priest in charge of St. Jude's, Elephant
& Castle, London.
Priest, London, Tooting: multi-racial work.
One half day weekly at South London College.
Weekly local newspaper column.
Two days teaching RE at Tooting Grammar School

Bible Society

1971 employed to communicate the society's fresh
work to a changing culture.
Led a research project into the Bible and rural
culture: Evangelical Alliance lecture on this subject.

Chair, Thetford Council of Churches
Chair, Thetford Liberals.
Clinical Theology course (four years) completed

Church plant

1979 Founder of The Christian Church in Bowthorpe, Norwich (sponsored by Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, URC with RC and Quaker involvement)
Recognized as a Methodist, a United Reformed minister, as a minister to Baptists and as a Quaker adherent.
Founded Bowthorpe Community Trust.
Founding Chair of Governors of Saint Michaels V A Middle School, took school education courses.
Newspaper and TV involvement and courses.
Counselling course at University of East Anglia
Depth work in Jungian and spiritual direction
Management courses.
Piloted a Diocesan Course on Renewal of Neighbourhoods.
Involved with Diocesan clergy training and spiritual direction.
Sabbatical study of pilgrimage centres.
Began extensive reading on the early churches in Celtic lands.
Published 'How We Grew a Local Ecumenical Project' (Grove)
Published Exploring Celtic Spirituality

Community of Aidan and Hilda

1994 Co-founder of the international Community of Aidan and Hilda.
Appointed Guardian.
1996 moved to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne as 'a post-modern monk'
Pioneered retreats, gave spiritual direction.

Piloted and became principal tutor of the Celtic Christian Studies programme of workshops and seminars, which explores history, saints, Celtic Models for Modern Churches, Emerging Church, New Monasticism.
Developed embryo e-studies courses.
Consultant to students and clergy doing sabbatical studies.
Invited to lecture at colleges such as Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, Open University, Diocesan and other denominational clergy schools.

2000 Launched Open Gate Retreat House, Holy Island, and prepared its Spirituality Programme.

Development of web site with resource/study material for various countries including some in Russian.

Tutored study weeks at St. Deiniol's Residential Library in new monastic and Celtic models of church.

2005 St Andrews University Forrester Lecture: Does the Future have a Church?

Overseas Lecture Tours to colleges, churches, networks.

Canada, 2002, 2007 lectures at Pembroke, Ottawa and to the Foresight Parliamentary, Business and Science Group.

USA: 1999, 2003, 2007 Los Angeles, Delaware, Colorado, Santa Fe

Australia 2004, 2008 e.g. Tabor College Adelaide, Whitley College, Scotch College and Trinity College Melbourne, St. Francis College Brisbane; also Theology House NZ.

2010 Visiting professor, Tyndale University College and Seminary, Toronto Summer School.

Publications

Academic papers include The Lindisfarne Papers series. Books published now number twenty four and have sold well over 100,000. They include liturgical, spirituality, emerging church, and spiritual direction volumes, some popular, others with extensive footnotes.

Hodder & Stoughton:

Exploring Celtic Spirituality (reprinted by H&S and still being re-printed by Kevin Mayhew with a study guide)

Celtic Worship Through the Year (hardback and soft back)

Celtic Daily Light (reprinted by H&S and still being re-printed by Kevin Mayhew)

Soulfriendship

HarperCollins

Before We Say Goodbye

Zondervan

The Joy of Spiritual Fitness

Loyola Press, USA

Celtic Blessings (hard and soft backs)

Morehouse, N America

A Holy Island Prayer Book (best seller)

ATF, Australia

Emerging Down Under

Canterbury/SCM Press

A Holy Island Prayer Book (best seller)

Kevin Mayhew Ltd

The Celtic Prayer Book (four volumes: 1. Prayer Rhythms 2
Saints of the Isles 3. Healing the Land 4. Great Celtic
Christians)

Prayer Rhythms for Busy People (re-printed)

A Pilgrim Way: new celtic monasticism for everyday people

New Celtic Prayers

Eight Little Prayer Books

Should I Do a Somersault in Church?

Church of the Isles

A Seeker's Guide to the Christian Church

The Transforming Church series: leaders guide, log books for
three adults, youth and children, prayer book, meditation
book.

A Guide for Soul Friends

High Street Monasteries

Waymarks for the Journey: daily prayer to change your world

Liturgies from Lindisfarne (with CD rom)

Verbum Books (in Norwegian)

Prayer Rhythms for Busy People

Exploring Celtic Spirituality with new introduction.

Boedal Publishing (in Danish)

DK-3300 Frederiksvaerk translation of the
Norwegian edition of *Exploring Celtic
Spirituality*.