



## **Governors' News.**

St Peter's governors have been so impressed with the way that children, parents, carers and staff have continued to keep the school running during the past year. Not just academically, but also keeping our community spirit and adding a touch of fun, such as the Christmas window display and the St Peter's Pilgrimage (what an amazing job everyone is doing!). These achievements are a testament to the hard work of all our staff and also the commitment of our families.

It has undoubtedly been a hard year for all of us and some may have suffered from isolation, illness or lost a member of their family or friend. You have all been in our prayers during this time and we hope the school has provided an on-going source of support and care for you.

Given that we have some new faces on the Governing Body, we thought we'd write some short pen-pictures to let you know a bit more about who we are.

**Foundation Governors** (From the church): Fr Michael Turner; J Christine Moretto (acting Chairperson); Kamella Hudson (Vice Chair); Rita Sequeira; Geraldine Rowe; Gerard Menezes; Stephen Eastmond.

**Staff Governors:** Miss McCluskey, Miss Hockley.

I am **Fr Michael Turner** and have been a Foundation Governor of St Peter's since I arrived here in November 2010. I shall be retiring shortly after Easter after 50 years of priestly ministry. Over these years I have been very moved by the endless dedication of so many teaching and support staff under the leadership of our head teacher and her team. Our governors too give so very generously of their time and expertise. I hope that my presence as a governor underlines the importance of the bond between the School and the parish as we share our love for Jesus. Together we rejoice in his endless love for us and for the children confided to our care.

I am **J Christine Moretto** and I am acting Chair of Governors. I am originally from Blackpool and qualified as doctor at Liverpool University in 1974. It was there I met my husband Raffaele and we moved down south. We have three children and seven grandchildren, 3 of whom attended St Peter's.

I was a GP in Flackwell Heath and Loudwater before I retired 10 years ago. I enjoy music, reading, baking and travelling with our motor home.

I am **Kamella Hudson** and I am Vice-Chair of Governors. It's been wonderful getting to know the staff and children at St Peter's since I joined in September 2019. My family is from the local area and St Peter's church was very much part of my childhood. I now have two small children, Peter and Teddy, and live with my husband, Stuart, in Bourne End. Before settling here, I worked in politics, spending some time on education policy and also public affairs, advising companies and charities. In addition to being Vice-Chair, I also co-chair the Teaching and Learning Committee and sit on the Finance Committee. In my spare time, I am a keen cook and enjoy running.

Hi I am **Rita Sequeira**, originally from Mangalore, a beautiful coastal port town south of Goa, India. I now reside in Marlow with my husband Godwyn and my two girls. I have been associated with St Peter's School since 2013 when my youngest started school. I took on the role of the Foundation Governor mainly to be a part of my child's school, to get to know the staff and support the Senior Leadership and staff to provide excellent care and education to children. My youngest has since moved to the local Grammar school, but I have kept my ties with St Peter's. I am a health and safety governor and co-chair the Teaching and Learning Committee, my main focus being Numeracy. I work in the IT industry as an Agile Delivery Manager and have a Master's degree in Mobile & Telecommunication from Oxford Brookes University.

I am your new Foundation Governor, **Geraldine Rowe**. I go to St. Peter's church and my background is in Educational Psychology. I have three grown-up children and a little grandson, and my hobbies include singing, rowing on the river and gardening. I have recently written a book, *It's Our School, It's Our Time* about teachers and children making classroom decisions together. I am the governor for Inclusion and Participation - making sure that nobody gets left out or left behind or is unfairly treated by the way we do things here.

Hi, my name is **Gerard Menezes** and I have been a Foundation Governor at St Peter's Catholic Primary School since Jan 2020. I live in Marlow with my wife, Deborah and son, Gareth who studies at a local secondary school. We are first generation immigrants to the UK.

My professional and educational background includes a Masters degree in Earth Science and a MBA in Human Resources Management. I possess industry experience as a Petroleum Geologist, and have served in various public service roles across Mineral Exploration, Environment, and Education.

I have also successfully reinvented myself as a Project Improvement Professional, helping blue chip clients across EMEAR achieve capital discipline through project benchmarking. During the pandemic, I have been active across the adult social care and special educational need services.

My motivation as a Foundation Governor is to help every child at our school thrive and celebrate their unique abilities. I intend to support our children in fulfilling their potential through providing equal opportunities. I also wish to ensure public sector funding can deliver value for our future generations through better educational outcomes

Hello I'm **Stephen Eastmond** and have served as a Governor since 2017. My wife Nuala, 4 children and I arrived in Marlow from Ireland in 1991. Two of our children then went to St Peters Catholic School (reception and year one). Our other two children followed and our youngest daughter was born in Marlow and she followed on to St Peters. They all got on well at school and went on to University and are all now gainfully employed in the UK, Netherlands and USA. I was a member of the St Peters PTA for several years and the most fun was helping to teach the children cycling proficiency. I am a Chartered accountant and retired from my Maidenhead practice last year.

Hello, my name is **Miss Hockley** and I am the Staff Governor. I have been teaching Reception at St. Peter's for almost 5 years and I am an Early Years specialist teacher. I am also Maths Lead for the school. Before training to be a teacher, I worked as a Rides Manager at a local theme park for 6 years. In my spare time I enjoy spending lots of time with my family including my niece and two nephews. I also love to set myself new challenges like learning Spanish or learning how to roller skate! I love St. Peter's and have done since the moment I first walked into the school as a new trainee teacher in 2013. I have a real passion for improving the profile of our school and this was one of my main reasons for joining the governing team. I currently sit on the Teaching and Learning Committee and have really enjoyed being part of the governing team since 2018.

In the next few weeks, there will be elections for Parent Governor.