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I am a priest currently living in the northern tip of the diocese. I was ordained in 1996 having trained for stipendiary ministry with STETS at Sarum College.

In my curacy, I trained as a spiritual director under Bishop Graham Chadwick (at Sarum College) and this has continued to be an important aspect of my ministry (in Guildford and Southwark Dioceses as well as Salisbury).

I have often found myself drawn to the edges of life and both spiritually and theologically challenged to make sense of how God is present in the mess and uncertainty so many of us can experience.



I instigated an holistic project – ‘Space To Be’ – which included listening, massage, meditation, and social spaces for adults and children. It has been used in various church and community settings to create a place of calm and soul searching in a God centred environment for those of all faiths and none.

Whilst in parish ministry I was drawn to train as an Addiction Counsellor and, for the last 10 years, I have been a part time sessional counsellor at a residential alcohol treatment centre in South London. I now specialise in developing and delivering workshops on the spiritual aspect of the 12 Step treatment programme of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In 2012, I chose early retirement from parish ministry in order to focus on spirituality and accompanying others. I began the North Wilts Spiritual Directors network which meets quarterly and is a thriving small network for those of us in the north of the Diocese. I look forward to helping to raise awareness of our ministry of spiritual accompanying for all within a safe and well administered environment.

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