



The Rev Canon Richard Norburn

Hospice President

Career profile:

I have spent over 50 years in the Anglican Ministry in Suffolk. I was ordained as Curate of St Gregory's and St Peter's, Sudbury, in 1959. From 1965 to 1974, I was Diocesan Youth Officer, living at Raydon, near Hadleigh, and covering most of the county. I then became Rector of Ingham with Ampton and Great & Little Livermere until I retired in 1997. Barnham was also added to my patch and we became part of the Blackbourne Team in 1992. I was also Rural Dean of Thingoe from 1978 to 1988 and was made an Honorary Canon of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral in 1981.

Other community involvement:

I have served on many Diocesan boards and committees and am still involved in the Healing and Deliverance Ministry. Locally, I have been involved with Churches Together in Bury St Edmunds and District for over 35 years having been its Chairman for a number of years. I still serve on its management and unity groups. I have also chaired Time to Listen, the ecumenical counselling group, and the Ecumenical Healing Ministry Group. I am a former Trustee and now a Patron of BECT (Bury St. Edmunds Ecumenical Centre Trust) and until recently was a Trustee of Bury St Edmunds and District Christian Youth. I was involved with the re-founding of Bury St Edmunds YMCA and was a Trustee for over 25 years. I am now a Vice-President and have recently been awarded the Order of the Red Triangle for long service. For about 25 years, I was a school governor and involved with planning governor training both in the western area and across the county.

Why did you become a St Nicholas Hospice Care Trustee?

The vision that led to the founding of the Hospice was given to me and it has been the high spot of my ministry. I have been involved since I chaired the first planning group and the first board. I became President, while remaining a Trustee, in 1987 after our first President, Bishop John Waine, left Suffolk to be Bishop of Chelmsford. I have been a Trustee ever since.

Any other relevant information you wish to share?

I was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours in 1997. I have been married to Joyce for 52 years and we have four children and five grandchildren all living in Suffolk. My interests are history, especially local and family, bird watching, theatre and reading. For six years, I was a member of the Council of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History. I am also a member of the Bury Society, The Bury Past & Present Society, Friends of the Theatre Royal, English Heritage and RSPB.