

Proposed trustee – Rev David Mayne



David is currently the Regional Minister Team Leader for the Eastern Baptist Association, leading the team that seek to support and resource the 172 Baptist churches across Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire. From 2011-2023 David was the Lead Pastor of Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church, an affirming Baptist church on the eastern edge of Southend-on-Sea, and from 2005-2011 was part of the team at Selsdon Baptist Church in Croydon.

Beyond his paid roles, David has been a school governor (inc. serving as chair, vice chair, and being responsible for Community Cohesion and Equality & Diversity), chair of the Baptist Union Council (2015-2021), chair of trustees for the Eastern Baptist Association (2012-2016), and a charity trustee (treasurer, then chair) for anti-FGM charity 28 Too Many (2018-2021). In the last few weeks David has returned to the Strategy & Policy Group of the Joint Public Issues Team, the group offering oversight and encouragement to JPIT in their work serving Methodist, URC, and Baptist churches in their commitment to justice, equality, and peace. Until recently, when the Foundation concluded its work, David served on the Inter-Religious Advisory Board of the Ozanne Foundation, working across faith communities for LGBTQ+ inclusion.

David is committed to a Church that faithfully serves the poor, the oppressed, and marginalised. He is keen to help churches be healthy communities which serve as places of sanctuary and hope. As part of this approach to ministry, David undertook the Paths of Peace training at the Blackley Centre in the autumn of 2024 and is now part of the fledgling Restorative Practice for Churches network.

When asked about the possibility of serving as a trustee for the Blackley Centre, David said 'I am honoured to be asked to serve in this way, and I'm glad to support the work of the Centre in whatever way I can.'

David is married to Anna, and together they have Isla (13) and Reuben (12). He is a devotee of The West Wing, an avid visitor of Cathedrals, and runs three times a week in anticipation of his next half-marathon. He takes a keen interest in UK and US politics and is a voracious consumer of politics and comedy podcasts.