

## **More about Nick**

I am currently the Diocesan Children's Ministry Adviser and Church History Project Manager for the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. In the past I have been a teacher, Christian schools worker, national trainer for Christian children's and youth organisations, and Cathedral Education Officer. I helped set up the award-winning Time Travelling schools visits to Southwell Minster in 1995.

I am passionate about seeing children, young people and families grow in the church, the place of boys in faith communities, and making school visits to churches much more fun! We have to work hard in order not to lose another generation, and so we must consider how the church needs to think differently and adapt to meet the needs of children now.

My work for the diocese includes policy and training work in the area of Safeguarding, and I lead on DBS checking and our contract with our partners, CCPAS. I work with churches on developing teams, training up new workers, the appointment of staff, consultation, all-age worship, family work, and many other areas! I am also part of the diocese Liturgy group, promoting good practice in worship.

I serve on national bodies including the C of E General Synod, the National Society/Board of Education Children and Youth Reference group, and the interdenominational Consultative Group on Ministry with Children. I am trustee of a number of charities including Nottingham-based Family Care, and have written many resources and songs for children's and schools work. My books have been published by CPAS, Scripture Union, Grove, SPCK and Kevin Mayhew, and I am the course leader for the St John's College 'Leading Children' distance learning course.

I have led all-age worship and taken seminars at Spring Harvest for many years, speak at conferences around the country, and sit as a magistrate in Mansfield and Worksop. I'm a Lay Minister and Reader at St John's with St Mary's, Mansfield. But most importantly I'm married to Clare, who is a primary school Headteacher and huge support. Our sons Jared (a music graduate now forging a career doing studio sound recording) and Callum (at University in Cambridge) are both musical, fun, and a real blessing.