

Frederick George (Rick) Brand

For over twenty years, I have regularly attended All Saints' Parish Church in Misterton, and was a Churchwarden there for four years, including a period of interregnum. Misterton is a rural parish, with an ancient, grade 1 listed, church building. I have represented the parish at Bawtry, now Bassetlaw and Bawtry, Deanery Synod for four years, and currently serve as a member of the Deanery Standing Committee. I have also been a successful candidate for the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Synod in 2015.

In addition to involvement with the activities of the Parish Church, including being vice-chair of the Parochial Church Council, I am committed to promoting engagement within the local community. As part of this approach, I chair the organising team of the Misterton Show, manage the finances and volunteer team for the annual village Gala, and organise an annual village wassail and carol concert.

Most recently, I have been involved with projects in renewable energy usage in churches, and Christian heritage. Currently, as a member of the Steering Group of the Bassetlaw Christian Heritage Network, I am supporting the Pilgrim Families commemoration programme in and around Retford, in Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire.

I am a member of the Chartered Management Institute and the Market Research Society, and was also a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing until I retired last year. I hold an honours degree from Leeds University, and an MBA from the Open University Business School.

My career has provided experience in both the retailing and higher education sectors, gained mainly in marketing, market research, and business strategy. Having recently retired from full time employment, I welcome the opportunity to use my skills for the benefit of the community.