

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Nomination for inclusion in the Preferment List

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname	Christian names	Title	Marital status
BALL	PETER JOHN	BISHOP	UNMARRIED
Diocese	Present position	Held since	Date of birth
CHICHESTER	SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OF HEWES	1977	DPA 32
Children	Sex/Date of birth		

EDUCATION

Secondary Schools	Dates
WYCHIFFE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	1940-45
HANCING COLLEGE	1945-50

HIGHER/FURTHER EDUCATION

University/College	Dates	Subject/Thesis	Class of Degree
QUEEN'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE	1951-54	NATIONAL SCIENCE TRIPOS DIST PART CERT IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY	BA 3rd CLASS HONS
WELLS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE	1954-56		

Theological College	Dates	Qualification
WELLS THEOLOGICAL COLL	1954-56	

ORDINATION

Deacon (year)	Priest (year)
1956	1957

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

	Dates
CURATE - ROTTING DEAN	1956-58
NOVICE - SSM	1958-60
PRIOR - CGA	1960-77
WICENCE TO OFFICIATE, BIRMINGHAM	1965-66
" " " BATH & WELLS	1969-77
SUFF. BISHOP OF HEWES	1977-
	1978

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(Please write a free and candid description under each heading. The questions are intended to be a stimulus; they invite comment rather than demand an answer in every case.)

1. MINISTERIAL LIFE: Please comment on, inter alia:

spirituality, churchmanship, scholarship, specialist knowledge, personal intellectual life (incl. commitment to reading and study)

Deep spirituality of the 'Little brother of Jesus' type. He is firmly rooted in catholic churchmanship + spirituality. He is not a scholar but somehow manages to keep up with what is going on.

2. ATTITUDES AND VALUES:

General outlook: conservative?, liberal?, radical?, or what?

Attitude to major church issues: any of significance or relevance to a major appointment?

Ambitious? if so, for what?

He is not in sympathy with modern liberal theology but it would be unfair to his originality of outlook simply to label him conservative. He is opposed to the ordination of women to the priesthood but does not see them to the diaconate.

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3. GIFTS AND SKILLS:

What particular strengths or weaknesses have you or others identified? What is he/she good at? And less good at? And with whom? What plans to develop gifts and skills? What about preaching and teaching ability? Style? Pastoral skills?

He has particular gifts with young people and is for them a charismatic character. When his imagination is caught & he thinks something important he can be a good organizer & administrator. He is less good at the more routine administration but this is partly because he has had an excellent undersecretary to do it for him. He will now have to cope for three months on his own & I shall be interested to see how things go. He has not been well served by his secretary (who has now retired) & he has been too kind-hearted to get rid of her earlier.

4. CONTRIBUTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

What has been and is being accomplished in ministry? What are the principal issues of interest and concern in the world? What involvement in community activities, locally or elsewhere; what skills and experience gained, of value in a major post?

His outstanding contribution has been the foundation, with his twin brother, of the Community of the Glorious Ascension, which has without cease they both became bishops. In East Sussex he has started a new a fine pension scheme called 'Caring & Sharing' which has raised very large sums for projects in the Church in the Third World. He is highly prized by the leaders of local society - mayors, MPs & Lord Lieutenant.

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5. PERSONAL QUALITIES:

What kind of person? What reputation — for what and why? What loved for? And disliked for? Trusted? And what about vision, imagination, memory, judgment of people and situations? Stamina, physical and mental? Sense of humour? Self-knowledge? How tested, how come through?

He is loved for his humility & simplicity of life and his humour. I do not know of anyone who dislikes him. He has considerable physical & mental stamina. The trouble in C & G A since he ceased to be Prior have been a great source of sadness for him which he has come through well.

6. LEADERSHIP QUALITIES:

A leader? And in what way: by command or by persuasion? Holds forth and listens equally well, or stronger at one than the other? Administrative ability? Tenacity? Capability under pressure? Relationships: team or solo player? Steady or brilliant? Consistent or spasmodic? Grasps nettles?

He leads by example & inspiration and is capable of dealing firmly with clerical misdoings. I have written about administrative ability in relation to Sabar.

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7. FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES:

Health

Please comment on the health of the minister, his/her spouse, and where relevant to a new role or location, family (children or other relatives).

Health good - a tendency to overwork

Family

Spouse's profession, commitments? Children's education? Spouse's attitudes (and family's where relevant) to minister's role? What support? Relatives to care for? Any problems?

A very close relationship with his twin brother. He
sows quite a lot of a rickety when is married to a doctor
in Chichester

Home Life

Quality? Atmosphere? Hospitality? Family bonds? Hobbies or recreations?

He is dependent on companionship which he has found
particularly in the community of young people who
have gathered round him. He likes walking & classical
music - specially Mozart

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8. FUTURE:

What suggests the capacity for a bigger role? How should his/her ministry grow? Which roles best — where and why? Urban, rural, inner city? Geographic limitations? Opportunity apart, what will determine limits? What capacity to re-direct/renew his/her own ministry while leading? What post would you offer, or invite colleagues to consider? What training and development needs?

*He could manage the right sort of diocese — Blackburn,
Derby, Bath & Wells, Lincoln, rather than Manchester
or Birmingham.*

9. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

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10. POTENTIAL

Please put a tick in one box (using the key shown) for each kind of role for which you think the minister may have future capability. Cross out any complete category that is inappropriate.

Diocesan Bishop

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Suffragan Bishop

Dean

Provost

Archdeacon

Residentiary Canon

KEY

Probable now	Probable later (2-5 years)
Possible now	Possible later

Specialist Appointment

Alternative appointment:

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Notes:

1. For Residentiary Canonries and specialist Appointments, please indicate in the appropriate box the preferred kind of role (e.g. Canon Missioner; DDO; DDE; Diocesan Secretary, etc.).
2. Alternative Appointment signifies someone who has been in their current post for a substantial period and ought to move, yet may not have the capability for a more responsible role. A sideways move might be right for the minister and the church.

Date: 24 November 1988 Signed: DPA

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