Sydney Diocesan Services - profile of members

Mrs Michele Carpenter

BCom, BAcc CA(South Africa) Chartered Accountant employed by KPMG from 1999 to 2006. Currently working for a boutique firm helping small businesses with tax and accounting needs. Came to faith in 2006 as a new mum. Passionate about encouraging women to study the Bible and serves as a substitute teaching leader at Bible Study Fellowship. Attends Cherrybrook Anglican Church where she was a warden and is currently a parish nominator and member of parish council. Board member since 2020.

The Rev Mike Paget BSc, BEd, BD(Hons1)

On staff at St Barnabas Anglican Church, Broadway, since 2003, and rector since 2010. He is the Anglican Chaplain at the University of Sydney and the University of Technology. Mike is married to Fiona and they have four teenage children. Board member since 2021.

Mr John Pascoe FCA, BEc Partner, Pascoe Whittle Chartered Accountants; Member of Standing Committee, Finance Committee, St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter and Diocesan Resources Committee; Independent member of the Glebe Administration Board's Audit & Risk Committee. He attends St Andrew's Cathedral. Board member since 2009.

Dr Laurie Scandrett ME (UNSW), PhD (Camb), MAICD, JP Company Director, previously CEO of the Anglican Schools Corporation (1999 to 2016), Interim CEO of Anglican Youthworks (2017) and COO of Moore Theological College (2019 to 2023). Member of the Synod and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney, the Synod and Standing Committee of the NSW Provincial Synod as well as being a member, since 1987, of the General Synod. He currently serves on the Boards of Two Ways Ministries Limited, Gafcon Australia Limited and The Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (a UK Charity). Since 2018 he has been the Chair of ICCOREIS, the Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools (NSW) Inc. Laurie is married to Claire and they have four adult children and seven grandchildren. Laurie and Claire attend St Matthias Anglican Church, Centennial Park, where Laurie leads a men's Bible study as well as being a Warden, the Hon. Treasurer and a Parish Nominator. Board member since 2024.

Bishop Michael Stead BCom(Acc), BD(Hons), DipMin, PhD Bishop of South Sydney; Member of Standing Committee Diocese of Sydney; Diocesan Representative on General Synod; Member of General Synod Standing Committee; Secretary of the General Synod Doctrine Commission. Prior to ordination, worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1990-1996. Board member since 2015.

The Rev Lily Strachan BEc(Soc sc), LLB (Hons), B Div Senior staff worker with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at Macquarie University. Assistant Anglican chaplain to Macquarie University. Associate Pastor at Trinity Chapel Macquarie. Senior Residential Advisor and assistant chaplain to Robert Menzies College. Prior to ordination, worked as a corporate lawyer at Blake Dawson (2005-2008, now Ashurst) and Prolegis (2011). Board member since 2019.