



## The Worshipful Company of Management Consultants

The WCOMC (<https://wcomc.org/>) Faith Group was formed in 2014 and aims to explore the impact of faith on people's working lives, both in the City and the wider livery movement, by holding evening events each year and inviting eminent speakers to address relevant topics. The focus of our earlier events

was on "Religious Freedom" and the next event relates to the concerns of the Civic City in restoring 'Trust in the City' and how Faith might be relevant to this.

### **Subject: Faith in the Livery today: "Rules for the Conduct of Life".**

The importance, influence and relevance of this important booklet, which was first published in 1740 as a set of standards for Freemen of the City of London. A copy of the booklet is given to all those men and women who receive the Freedom of the City of London and 2nd edition version, was undertaken by Canon David Parrott of St Lawrence Jewry in 2015: [https://www.stlawrencejewry.org.uk/content.php?folder\\_id=67](https://www.stlawrencejewry.org.uk/content.php?folder_id=67) This more modern edition can be bought at the St Lawrence Jewry Office or by contacting [arnel@stlawrencejewry.org.uk](mailto:arnel@stlawrencejewry.org.uk) or at the 5<sup>th</sup> March event (for the special price of £5 per copy).



### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 6.30 to 9.00 pm**

Venue: St Ethelburga's Centre, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG

### **Speaker: The Right Rev Dr Stephen Platten, Chaplain to St. Martin-within-Ludgate.**

Stephen is at present an honorary Assistant Bishop in the dioceses of London, Newcastle and Southwark, and Chaplain at St. Martin-within-Ludgate in the City of London. He was born in London and educated at the universities of London and Oxford. He was a Curate in the city of Oxford, Tutor at Lincoln Theological College, Canon Residentiary and Director of Vocations in the diocese of Portsmouth, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs, Dean of Norwich and Bishop of Wakefield. He is the author of several books, about one hundred journal articles and two hundred book reviews in various journals. He is a member of The Franciscan Third Order and has had a lifelong interest in monasticism. Stephen founded the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics back in 1982 and currently serves as the Under Warden of The Stationers' Company.



### **Responses: Jasvir Singh (Chair of City Sikhs), Rabbi Jonathan Romain MBE, Noorzaman Rashid**



**Jasvir Singh OBE** has worked as a family law barrister since 2006. He is the chairperson for the Faiths Forum for London, an interfaith organisation based in London representing the interests of the 9 major faith traditions. City Sikhs is a non-profit organisation and a registered charity which describes itself as 'A voice for progressive Sikhs'.



**Rabbi Jonathan Anidjar Romain MBE** is a writer and broadcaster and minister of Maidenhead Synagogue. He has a PhD in the history of British Jewry. He writes for The Times, The Independent, The Guardian, The Huffington Post, and The Jewish Chronicle and appears on radio and television.



**Dr Noorzaman Rashid** is a Leadership Development Expert, coach and facilitator helping clients to achieve transformational change through Inclusion and service excellence. He has previously worked for ATKearney, EDS, BNB Resources and Harvey Nash Group. He is Founder of a Multi Academy Trust with over EAP schools and former Chair of the NHS Institute's worldwide business. He is a past Master of the WCOMC and Adviser to several HR and tech businesses. Noorzaman is currently Chair of East African Playgrounds and Trustee of the Foundation for Social Improvement.



### **Chairman: Michael Binyon, journalist and trustee of St Ethelburga's**

Journalist Michael Binyon will be our chair. He is a journalist and foreign correspondent, graduating from Cambridge along with contemporary John Simpson and commencing his career at the BBC Arabic Service and the Times Educational Supplement. He served as The Times's Moscow Correspondent in the 70s and also reported from Berlin, Washington and the Middle East. He is currently a leader writer for The Times. Michael was awarded the OBE in 2000 for services to international journalism, is a trustee of the St Ethelburga's Centre and a member of the Stationers' and Leathersellers' (Past Master) Companies.

**Content.** Faith is important because it can influence behaviour, for good and for evil. In the current climate we have the opportunity to adapt our understanding of the 'Rules for the conduct of Life'. People of faith working together can surely achieve a more positive outcome for the Livery. Is it possible, whilst remaining committed to the Christian belief, which this booklet draws heavily upon, to have a mutual respect for other faiths? Whatever faith we hold often depends on in what societies and cultures we were born into and nurtured. What might each faith contribute to a shared set of values and ethics?

**Cost.** £30 per head. Doors will open at 6 pm. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, canapes and white wine will be served.

**Further details** Please register and purchase your ticket at: <https://wcomc.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=458> or contact John Watson: [jpwatson.6cpr@outlook.com](mailto:jpwatson.6cpr@outlook.com)

