



Meet our Board of Trustees

Bishop Martin Gainsborough

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Martin became Chair of the Board in 2023. Bishop of Kingston, he has held senior leadership roles in parish ministry, cathedral governance and diocesan strategy. His work has focused on mission, social justice, racial justice and environmental sustainability, including helping to shape the Church of England's net zero ambitions. As Chair, he is passionate about widening access to theological education and values the College's ability to nurture students from a wide range of backgrounds, helping them to flourish academically, spiritually and in ministry.

Term: 2023–2027

Alan Gregory

Principal (Ex-officio Trustee)

Alan has served as Principal since 2014 following an academic and ministerial career in the UK and United States. His experience spans parish ministry, theological teaching, research and senior academic leadership. He is committed to providing high-quality theological education rooted in personal formation, ensuring students are known, supported and equipped for ministry. As Principal, he leads the College's strategic direction while working closely with dioceses, trustees and staff.

Term: Ex-officio

Andrew Strawson

Trustee; Company Secretary

Andrew joined the Board in 2013 following a career in health and safety and charity governance. He brings extensive experience in governance, compliance and administration, including leading the revision of the College's governing documents during its transition to St Augustine's College of Theology. He is a strong advocate for accessible theological education for both ordained and lay ministers and values the College's diverse learning community.

Term: 2023–2026

Responsibilities: Tattersall Bursary Committee

John Moss

Trustee

John joined the Board in 2015 after a distinguished career in higher education, including serving as Dean of the Faculty of Education at Canterbury Christ Church University. His expertise in church education, safeguarding and academic quality strengthens the Board's oversight. He is particularly committed to supporting excellence in teaching, ministerial formation and effective governance.

Term: 2023–2025

Responsibilities: Safeguarding

Stanley Njoka

Trustee

Stanley has served on the Board since 2022. Stanley is the Vicar of St Catherine's Church, Hatcham and former Head of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care for the Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust. Originally from Kenya, his heritage combined with his years abroad have inspired him to value the qualities of diversity, compassion, hospitality, and inclusion in all areas of life, whether within or outside the Church.

Term: 2022–2026

Dr Sylvie Collins-Mayo

Trustee; Chair of the Board of Studies

Sylvie is Emeritus Professor of the Sociology of Religion at Kingston University, where she spent 28 years as a teacher, researcher, Head of Department and School Director of Learning and Teaching before retiring in 2026.

Alongside her academic career, Sylvie trained for ordained ministry as a part-time student at St Augustine's College of Theology, graduating in 2021. She served her curacy at All Saints, East Sheen, and is now Assistant Priest at All Saints, Kingston.

Sylvie has fond memories of her time at St Augustine's and is delighted to serve as Chair of the Board of Studies, supporting the College's commitment to excellence in theological education and formation.

Outside ministry, she enjoys spending time with her family, walking, swimming and caring for dogs.

Term: 2026–2029

Responsibilities: Chair of the Board of Studies

Samuel Karanja

Trustee; Treasurer

Samuel joined the Board of Trustees in 2026 as Treasurer. He brings extensive experience in finance, treasury and strategic financial management. Working closely with the Board and senior leadership team, he oversees the College's financial sustainability providing independent financial oversight and strategic advice.

Term: 2026–2029

Responsibilities: Treasurer

Caroline Armitage

Trustee

Caroline joined the Board of Trustees in 2026. She is an alumna of the College having studied on all three pathways. She brings a strong commitment to education, governance and the mission of the Church. Working collaboratively with fellow trustees, she supports the strategic leadership of the College and its vision to provide outstanding theological education and ministerial formation. She also brings her experience as a solicitor, with substantial expertise in charity law, and experienced Non-Executive Director in the not-for-profit sector, and currently as parish priest in Chichester Diocese.

Term: 2026–2029

Claudette Gayle

Trustee

Revd Claudette Gayle is an alumna of St Augustine's College of Theology and serves as a priest in the Diocese of Canterbury. She trained for ordained ministry at St Augustine's before beginning her curacy in the Whitstable Team Ministry and now serves at St Paul's, Maidstone.

As a former student, Claudette brings first-hand experience of the College's distinctive approach to theological education and ministerial formation. She is committed to supporting St Augustine's mission of equipping women and men for faithful and effective ministry in today's Church.

Term: 2026 - 2029