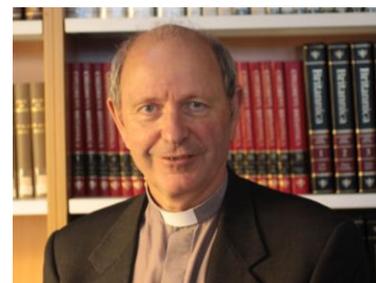


## Rev'd Hugh Broadbent

I am one of four children, all of whom, as a result of our father's army postings, have been born abroad. For three years we lived in Hong Kong, and growing up there aroused in me a keen interest in people of different cultures.

Between school and university I spent the best part of a year in Kenya working in a Harambee School near the Ugandan border and living with a local family in the village. It changed my life and played a pivotal role, not only in my becoming a priest in the Church of England but in sowing the seeds of a lifetime's interest in education.



I studied Theology at Cambridge University and then, before moving on to theological college at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, completed a Post-graduate Certificate of Education.

After being ordained, I served in various parishes within the Diocese of Rochester for forty years, and during that time became a school governor at three different Primary schools, as well as Chair of Governors in two of them (including a State Primary).

Whilst an incumbent in Bromley, I was appointed as a part-time Chaplain to St. Olave's Grammar School and a member of the teaching staff; Tony Jarvis was Head Teacher at the time. I remained there for fourteen years until the Bishop unexpectedly asked me in 2009 to move to Snodland. I retired from stipendiary ministry at the end of September 2018, aged 65.

I am married to Jane, a retired palliative care doctor. We have two children, Christopher and Sarah, and two young grandchildren. In my younger days I played cricket for the Diocese and rugby with Gillingham Anchorians, but that of course is long past! My current hobbies include music, art, drama, chess, and indeed any board games. I am also actively involved with animal welfare issues, serving on the central committee of the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals (ASWA).

It is a great privilege and pleasure to be back at St. Olave's as a Foundation Governor renewing my involvement with this remarkable school. I will strive to do everything I can to enable the young people here to flourish.

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