

# Curriculum Vitae

## CURRENT PROFILE

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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Education:

1965-1968 Downing College, Cambridge (open scholar)  
Natural Sciences Tripos (Class I; Frank Smart University Prize),  
Theology Tripos (Class I)  
B.A. 1968, M.A. 1972  
1968-1970 The Queen's College, Birmingham  
University of Birmingham,  
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, 1969 (with distinction)  
1979 Ph.D., Faculty of Theology, University of Durham  
Thesis: 'A Critical Analysis of the Religious Epistemology of Ian T. Ramsey'  
External Examiners: John Hick, Stewart Sutherland

Ordained deacon, priest in the Church of England (1970, 1971)

### Main Posts Held:

1970-1973 Assistant Curate, St Luke's, Cannock  
1973-1975 Chaplain and Lecturer in Divinity, St. Hild's College, Durham  
1975-1977 Chaplain and Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies, College of St. Hild and St. Bede, Durham  
1977-1981 Principal Lecturer and Head of Religious Studies, Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln;  
(also) Associate Tutor, Lincoln Theological College  
1981-present (Founding) Director, North of England Institute for Christian Education  
(for further details, see [www.dur.ac.uk/neice](http://www.dur.ac.uk/neice))  
1981-1997 (also) Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religion and the School of Education, University of Durham  
1995-1997 (also) Vice-Principal, St Chad's College, University of Durham  
(Acting Principal 1996-1997)  
1996-1997 (also) Mansel Jones Research Fellow, Trinity College, Carmarthen  
1997-2012 (also) Honorary Professorial Fellow in Practical Theology and Christian Education,  
University of Durham  
2012-present (also) Honorary Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion,  
University of Durham  
2007-present (also) Professorial Fellow, St Chad's College, University of Durham  
2009-present (also) Visiting Professor, Glyndŵr University  
2010-present (also) Visiting Professor, York St John University

### Undergraduate and Postgraduate Teaching:

B.Ed. programmes (Universities of Durham and Nottingham):  
courses on Christian doctrine, philosophical theology, religious and moral education  
B.C.S./DipHE programmes (University of Nottingham):  
courses on philosophical theology, world religions, history of Christian thought  
B.A./B.Th.M. programmes:  
courses on world religions, reformation theology, science and religion (Open University)

courses on philosophy and the Christian religion, God and the world, science and theology, systematic theology (University of Durham)  
course on science and religion (University College, Stockton)

Taught M.A. programmes:

course on Christian education and Christian formation, faith development and critical education (University of Durham)

#### **Postgraduate Supervision and Consultancy:**

for M.A., M.Ed., M.A. in Theological Research, M.Phil., M.Litt., M.Th.M., Ed.D., D.Min., D.Th.M. and Ph.D. students (in Theology and Religious Studies, Education or Adult Education Departments of the Universities of Durham, King's College London, Newcastle, Nottingham and Sunderland)

#### **Examining:**

'A' Level Religious Studies examiner (Cambridge);

External/Internal examiner for B.Phil., M.Ed., M.A., M.Litt., M.Th., M.Phil. degrees (21 theses examined);

Ed.D., D.Min, D.Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees (40 theses examined) (Universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Durham, Exeter, Hull, King's College London, Lancaster, Liverpool, Nottingham, Open University, Sunderland, Surrey, Wales {Bangor and Lampeter} and Warwick)

External validator/examiner for taught courses (various levels) (University of Birmingham, University of Cardiff, Chester College/University of Liverpool, Glyndŵr University, Liverpool Hope, College of St Mark and St John/University of Exeter, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Scottish Baptist College/University of Paisley, Scottish Churches Open College/Napier University, St Michael's College, Llandaff/University of Cardiff, Trinity College, University of Wales {Bangor})

#### **External Assessor for Senior Lectureships/Readerships/Chairs/RAE and REF submissions:**

Universities of Aberdeen, Glasgow, Glyndŵr, Hull, King's College London, Leeds, York St John.

#### **Membership of Learned Societies:**

British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain, Society for the Study of Theology

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books Published:**

(for further details and reviews, see [www.dur.ac.uk/neice/books.html](http://www.dur.ac.uk/neice/books.html))

(Principal Author and Editor)

*How Faith Grows: Faith Development and Christian Education*, London: National Society/Church House Publishing, 1991 (x + 102pp) (Report of Working Party of General Synod Board of Education).

(Contributor and Editor, with David Day)

*The Contours of Christian Education*, Great Wakering: McCrimmons, 1992 (428pp).

(Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis)

*Christian Perspectives on Faith Development: A Reader*, Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright; Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans, 1992 (xxiv + 411pp).

(Author)

*The Philosophy of Christian Religious Education*, Birmingham, Alabama: Religious Education Press, 1994; London: SPCK, 1994 (322pp).

- (Author, with Dick Hobson)  
*Ideas and Perspectives: A Study Pack for Sixth Form and Other Students*, London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1994 (A4 Pack of Teacher's Notes, Student's Booklets and Worksheets).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis)  
*Critical Perspectives on Christian Education: A Reader on the Aims, Principles and Philosophy of Christian Education*, Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright, 1994 (xii + 513pp) .
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis)  
*Christian Theology and Religious Education: Connections and Contradictions*, London: SPCK, 1996 (xiv + 289pp).
- (Author, with David Day)  
*Beyond the Here and Now*, Oxford: Lion; Sutherland, NSW: Albatross Books, 1996 (239pp);  
in German translation, Haan, Germany: Brockhaus Verlag, 1998 (287pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis and Colin Crowder)  
*Theological Perspectives on Christian Formation: A Reader on Theology and Christian Education*, Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright; Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B Eerdmans, 1996 (xix + 464pp).
- (Contributor and Editor)  
*Learning in the Way: Research and Reflection on Adult Christian Education*, Leominster: Gracewing, 2000 (x + 221pp).
- (Author)  
*God's World*, London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2000 (x + 124pp).
- (Author)  
*Choosing Life? Christianity and Moral Problems*, London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2000 (ix + 132pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Timothy Hone and Mark Savage)  
*Creative Chords: Studies in Music, Theology and Christian Formation*, Leominster: Gracewing, 2000 (xxviii + 252pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis and Mandy Robbins)  
*The Fourth R for the Third Millennium: Education in Religion and Values for the Global Future*,  
Dublin: Veritas, 2001 (254pp).
- (Editor, with Leslie J. Francis)  
*Psychological Perspectives on Prayer: A Reader*, Leominster: Gracewing, 2001 (xiv + 392pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis)  
*Children, Churches and Christian Learning*, London: SPCK, 2002 (298pp).
- (Author)  
*Ordinary Theology: Looking, Listening and Learning in Theology*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002 (ix + 199pp).
- (Editor, with David Brown and Ann Loades)  
*Creation: A Reader*, London: T. & T. Clark, 2003 (119pp).

- (Editor, with David Brown and Ann Loades)  
*Evil: A Reader*, London: T. & T. Clark, 2003 (112pp).
- (Editor, with David Brown and Ann Loades)  
*War and Peace: A Reader*, London: T. & T. Clark, 2003 (111pp).
- (Editor, with David Brown and Ann Loades)  
*Science and Religion: A Reader*, London: T. & T. Clark, 2004 (126pp).
- (Editor, with David Brown and Ann Loades)  
*God in Action: A Reader*, London: T. & T. Clark, 2004 (125pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis, John Sullivan and Andrew Walker)  
*The Idea of a Christian University: Essays on Theology and Higher Education*, Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2004 (316pp).
- (Author)  
*Exploring God-Talk: Using Language in Religion*, London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2004 (143pp).
- (Editor, with David Day and Leslie J. Francis)  
*A Reader on Preaching: Making Connections*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005 (291pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J. Francis and Mandy Robbins)  
*Religion, Education and Adolescence: International Empirical Perspectives*, Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2005 (272pp).
- (Author, with Leslie J. Francis and Mandy Robbins)  
*Fragmented Faith? Exposing the Fault-Lines in the Church of England*, Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2005 (182pp).
- (Author)  
*Christ of the Everyday*, London: SPCK, 2007 (xiv+146pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie Francis and Mandy Robbins)  
*Peace or Violence: The Ends of Religion and Education?* Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2007 (ix+222pp).
- (Author, with Ann Christie)  
*Taking Ordinary Theology Seriously*, Cambridge: Grove Books, 2007 (28pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie Francis and Mandy Robbins)  
*Empirical Theology in Texts and Tables: Qualitative, Quantitative and Comparative Perspectives*, Leiden: Brill, 2009 (xvi + 407pp).
- (Editor, with David Brown and Ann Loades)  
*Christology: Key Readings in Christian Thought*, Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009 (131pp). London: SPCK, 2009.
- (Author)  
*SCM Studyguide to Christian Doctrine*, London: SCM Press, 2010 (250pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J Francis, Mandy Robbins and Mualla Selçuk)  
*Teaching Religion, Teaching Truth: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2012 (281pp).
- (Contributor and Editor, with Leslie J Francis)  
*Exploring Ordinary Theology: Everyday Christian Believing and the Church*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2013 (xiv + 238pp).

**Books in Press:**

(Author)

*Studying God: Doing Theology* (The Learning Church Series).

**Journal Articles, Book Chapters and Reports Published:**

'Revelation Revisited', *Theology*, LXXXIII, 695, 1980, 339-346.

'The "Indispensability" of the Incarnation', *King's Theological Review*, IV, 1, 1981, 15-21.

'The Idea of God, the Reality of God and Religious Education', *Theology*, LXXXIV, 698, 1981, 115-120.

'Religious Experience and the Style of Christian Theology', *Christian*, 7, 4, 1983, 50-60.

'Ian Ramsey and the Problem of Religious Knowledge', *Journal of Theological Studies*, N.S. 35, 2, 1984, 414-440.

'Ian Ramsey's Early Thought and Its Development', *Durham University Journal*, LXXVI, 2, 1984, 157-167.

'Paradox and Christology', *King's Theological Review*, VII, 1, 1984, 9-13.

'The Role of Worship in Christian Learning', *Religious Education*, 79, 2, 1984, 243-251; reprinted in John L Elias (ed.), *Religious Education in Adulthood* (New Haven, Connecticut: Religious Education Association, 1993), 82-90.

'Stages of Faith', in Edward Bailey (ed.), *A Workbook in Popular Religion* (Dorchester: Partners Publications, 1986), 13-14.

(with Bill Pickering) 'Who Cares about Baptism?', *Theology*, LXXXIX, 730, 1986, 264-268.

'On Learning Religion: Some Theological Issues in Christian Education', *The Modern Churchman*, XXIX, 2, 1987, 26-34.

'Theology and Curriculum Selection: A Theoretical Problem in Teaching Christianity in Religious Education', *British Journal of Religious Education*, 10, 2, 1988, 86-91.

(with Carolyn Wilcox) *Diocese of Newcastle Exploration in Faith Evaluation* (Durham: NEICE, 1990).

'Review Article on Don Cupitt: Faith on the Level?', *The Modern Churchman*, XXXII, 4, 1991, 58-70.

'Will the Real Christianity Please Stand Up?', *British Journal of Religious Education*, 15, 1, 1992, 4-12.

'Faith Development: An Overview', in Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Christian Perspectives on Faith Development: A Reader* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright/Grand Rapids, Mich: William B Eerdmans, 1992), xvii-xxiv.

'Tradition and Experience: Conservative and Liberal Models of Christian Education', 'Christian Worship and the Hidden Curriculum of Christian Learning', 'Growing into Christ: the

- Psychology and Politics of Christian Maturity', in Jeff Astley and David Day (eds), *The Contours of Christian Education* (Great Wakering: McCrimmons, 1992), 41-53, 141-152 and 305-322.
- (with David Day) 'The Contours of Christian Education', in Jeff Astley and David Day (eds), *The Contours of Christian Education*, Great Wakering: McCrimmons, 1992, 13-25.
- (with Guy Buckler) 'Learning and Believing in an Urban Parish', in Jeff Astley and David Day (eds), *The Contours of Christian Education* (Great Wakering: McCrimmons, 1992), 396-416.
- (with Elizabeth Fisher and Carolyn Wilcox) 'A Survey of Bible Reading Practices and Attitudes to the Bible among Anglican Congregations', in Jeff Astley and David Day (eds), *The Contours of Christian Education* (Great Wakering: McCrimmons, 1992), 382-395.
- (with Leslie J. Francis and Carolyn Wilcox) 'What is a Christian? Investigating the Understanding of 16- to 19-year-olds', in Jeff Astley and David Day (eds), *The Contours of Christian Education* (Great Wakering: McCrimmons, 1992), 325-339.
- 'The Place of Understanding in Christian Education and Education about Christianity', *British Journal of Religious Education*, 16, 2, 1994, 90-101.
- 'Definitions, Aims and Approaches: An Overview' and 'Reason, Religion and Education: An Overview', in Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Critical Perspectives on Christian Education: A Reader on the Aims, Principles and Philosophy of Christian Education* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright, 1994), 3-12 and 295-301.
- 'Thinking About Life After Death: Options and Identity', *Dialogue*, 3, 1995, 25-29.
- 'Communities, Feelings and Education', *Aspects of Education*, 51, 1995, 46-52.
- (with Mandy Robbins and Leslie J. Francis) 'Christian Education: Cinderella in Ministerial Training Priorities?', *British Journal of Theological Education*, 7, 1, 1995, 3-12.
- (with Colin Crowder) 'Theological Perspectives on Christian Education: An Overview', in Jeff Astley, Leslie J. Francis and Colin Crowder (eds), *Theological Perspectives on Christian Formation: A Reader on Theology and Christian Education* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright/Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans, 1996), x-xix.
- (with Leslie J. Francis) 'Personality and Prayer among Adult Churchgoers: A Replication', *Social Behavior and Personality*, 24, 4, 1996, 405-408.
- 'The Role of the Family in the Formation and Criticism of Faith', in Stephen Barton (ed.), *The Family in Theological Perspective* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1996), 187-202.
- (with Leslie J. Francis) 'A Level Gospel Study and Adolescents' Images of Jesus', in Leslie J. Francis, William K. Kay and William S. Campbell (eds), *Research in Religious Education* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright/Macon, Georgia: Smyth and Helwys, 1996), 239-247.
- 'Theology for the Untheological? Theology, Philosophy and the Classroom', in Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Christian Theology and Religious Education: Connections and Contradictions* (London: SPCK, 1996), 60-77.

- 'Adolescent Faith and Conversion', *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, 17, 2, 1996, 16-18.
- (with Timothy Hone and Mark Savage) 'Variations on a Theme: Towards a Theology of Music?', *Modern Believing*, XXXVII, 4, 1996, 54-62.
- (with Leslie J. Francis) 'The Quest for the Psychological Jesus: Influences of Personality on Images of Jesus', *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 16, 3, 1997, 247-259.
- (with William K. Kay and David Tickner) 'Will the Real World Please Stand Up? Teenagers and the Media', *Muslim Education Quarterly*, 15, 1, 1997, 20-28.
- (with William K. Kay, Leslie J. Francis and Marian Carter) 'Is Adult Christian Education Mainly for Stable Extraverts?', *Studies in the Education of Adults*, 29, 2, 1997, 191-199.
- (with Leslie J. Francis, Linda Burton and Carolyn Wilcox) 'Distinguishing between Aims and Methods in RE: A Study among Secondary RE Teachers', *British Journal of Religious Education*, 19, 3, 1997, 171-185.
- 'An Alternative Christian Perspective', in John Shortt and Trevor Cooling (eds), *An Agenda for Educational Change* (Leicester: InterVarsity Press, 1997), 241-252.
- 'Non-realism for Beginners?', in Colin Crowder (ed.), *God and Reality: Essays on Christian Non-Realism* (London: Mowbrays, 1997), 100-113.
- 'Christian Values and the Management of Schools', in William K. Kay and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Religion in Edition 2* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright, 1998), 353-386.
- (with William K. Kay) 'Piaget and Fowler', in William K. Kay and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Religion in Edition 2* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright, 1998), 137-168.
- 'An Overview of Biblical Scholarship', in William K. Kay and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Religion in Edition 2* (Leominster: Gracewing Fowler Wright, 1998), 1-36.
- 'Education: A Christian View', *Viewpoints*, 5, 1998, 5-7.
- 'The Christian Vocation of Teaching and Learning', *Tufton Review*, 2, 2, 1998, 57-72.
- (with Leslie J. Francis, Michael Fearn and Carolyn Wilcox) 'Do Social Scientists hold a Less Positive Attitude toward Christianity? A Study among Female A-Level Students in England', *Journal of Christian Education*, 42, 2, 1999, 35-41.
- (with Nick Wills) 'Adolescent "Faith" and its Development: Introduction and Implications', *Youth and Policy: The Journal of Critical Analysis*, 65, 1999, 60-71.
- (with Leslie J. Francis, Michael Fearn and Carolyn Wilcox) 'The Relationship between Christian Commitment and Motivation to Study Religion at A-level: A Preliminary Investigation', *Journal of Education and Christian Belief*, 3, 2, 1999, 115-122.
- (with Leslie J. Francis, Carolyn Wilcox and Linda Burton) 'The Influence of In-service Training on Teacher Attitudes towards Religious Education in Non-denominational Schools in England', *Journal of In-Service Education*, 25, 1, 1999, 173-185.

- 'Learning Moral and Spiritual Wisdom', in Stephen C. Barton (ed.), *Where Shall Wisdom be Found? Wisdom in the Bible, the Church and the Contemporary World* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark), 1999, 321-334.
- (with Leslie J. Francis, Carolyn Wilcox and Linda Burton) 'How Different is Religious Education in Catholic Schools? A Study of Teacher Aims in England', *International Journal of Education and Religion*, 1, 2, 2000, 267-281.
- 'Plurality, Dialogue and Religious Education', *International Journal of Education and Religion*, 1, 1, 2000, 198-216.
- (with Mark Savage) 'Music and Christian Learning', in Jeff Astley, Timothy Hone and Mark Savage (eds), *Creative Chords: Studies in Music, Theology and Christian Formation* (Leominster: Gracewing, 2000), 219-242.
- (with Leslie J. Francis) 'Teaching Theology to Undergraduates: Are Mature Students Easier to Please?', *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, 21, 1, 2000, 117-120.
- 'On Gaining and Losing Faith with Style: A Study of Post-Modernity and/or Confusion among College Students', in Leslie J. Francis and Yaacov J. Katz (eds), *Joining and Leaving Religion: Research Perspectives* (Leominster: Gracewing, 2000), 249-268.
- 'Aims and Approaches in Christian Education', 'Dimensions of Christian Education', 'Insights from Faith Development Theory and Research', in Jeff Astley (ed.), *Learning in the Way: Research and Reflection on Adult Christian Education* (Leominster: Gracewing, 2000), 1-71, 124-142.
- (with others) 'What is the Church's Mission to the Nation and What Part Do Church Schools Play?', *Journal of the Association of Anglican Secondary School Heads*, 8, 2001, 4-9.
- 'From Religion to Science: The Positive Contribution of Religious Education to Scientific Understanding', in Leslie J. Francis, Jeff Astley and Mandy Robbins (eds), *The Fourth R for the Third Millennium: Education in Religion and Values for the Global Future* (Dublin: Veritas, 2001), 17-45.
- 'Church, Schools and the Theology of Christian Education', *Journal of the Association of Anglican Secondary School Heads*, 10, 2002, 6-15.
- (with Leslie J. Francis) 'Christian Education and Openness: An Empirical Investigation among Undergraduates', *Religious Education*, 97, 1, 2002, 4-22.
- 'In Defence of Ordinary Theology', *British Journal of Theological Education*, 13, 1, 2002, 21-35.
- 'Evangelism in Education: Impossibility, Travesty or Necessity?', *International Journal of Education and Religion*, 3, 2, 2002, 179-194.
- 'Preaching and Listening', *Journal of the College of Preachers*, July 2003, 39-45.
- 'A Bookshelf on Philosophy of Religion', *REsource*, 25, 3, 2003, 21-22.



- 'Connecting Morality and Religion', *Dialogue*, 20, 2003, 32-35.
- 'Christian Models of Leadership', in William K. Kay, Leslie J. Francis and Keith Watson (eds), *Religion in Education: 4* (Leominster: Gracewing, 2003), 233-267.
- 'Theological Reflection', in Bill Hall and David Jasper (eds), *Art and the Spiritual* (Sunderland: University of Sunderland Press, 2003), 68-72.
- 'Spiritual Learning: Good for Nothing?', in David Carr and John Haldane (eds), *Spirituality, Philosophy and Education* (London: RoutledgeFalmer, 2003), 141-153.
- 'Ordinary Theology for Rural Theology and Rural Ministry', *Rural Theology*, 1, 1, 2003, 3-12.
- 'On Making Education Christian', *Borderlands: A Journal of Theology & Education*, 3, Summer 2004, 7-9.
- 'Christian Teaching, Christian Learning and Christian Love: Education as Christian Ministry and Spiritual Discipline', in Jeff Astley, Leslie Francis, John Sullivan and Andrew Walker (eds), *The Idea of a Christian University: Essays on Theology and Higher Education* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2004), 132-146.
- 'What is Religion and Whose Faith is it Anyway? Some Issues concerning the Nature and Normativity of Religion, and the Risks of Religious Education', in H. Lombaerts and D. Pollefeyt (eds), *Hermeneutics and Religious Education* (Leuven: Leuven University Press, 2004), 399-416.
- 'Religious Non-Realism and Spiritual Truth', in Gavin Hyman (ed.), *New Directions in Philosophical Theology* (London: Ashgate, 2004), 19-33.
- 'Christian Ethics in the Classroom, Curriculum and Corridor', *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 17, 1, 2004, 54-68.
- 'The Science and Religion Interface within Young People's Attitudes and Beliefs', in Leslie J. Francis, Mandy Robbins and Jeff Astley (eds), *Religion, Education and Adolescence: International Empirical Perspectives* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2005), 39-54.
- 'Religious Schooling and the Challenge of the Poor', *Journal of Empirical Theology*, 18, 1, 2005, 41-47.
- (with Alex Whitehead) *The Quinquennial Report on Reader Ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln incorporating the Ministry Review Survey* (Lincoln: Diocese of Lincoln Reader Training Board, 2005).
- 'The Meanings of Religious Education', *Tro & Liv* (Sweden), 66, 2007, 13-19.
- 'The Place of Story in Religion', *REsource*, 29, 3, Summer 2007, 8-12.
- 'Crossing the Divide?', in Marius Felderhof, Penny Thompson and David Torevell (eds), *Inspiring Faith in Schools: Studies in Religious Education* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007), 175-186.
- 'Public and Personal Peace in Life, Religion and Education: An Exercise in Ordinary Theology', in Jeff Astley, Leslie J. Francis and Mandy Robbins (eds), *Peace or Violence:*

*The Ends of Religion and Education?* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2007), 151-173.

'Giving Voice to the Ordinary: Theological Listening and the Mother Tongue', in Natalie K. Watson and Stephen Burns (eds), *Exchanges of Grace: Essays in Honour of Ann Loades* (London: SCM Press, 2008), 202-212.

(with Ann Christie) 'Ordinary Soteriology: A Qualitative Study', in Leslie J. Francis, Mandy Robbins and Jeff Astley (eds), *Empirical Theology in Texts and Tables: Qualitative, Quantitative and Comparative Perspectives* (Leiden: Brill, 2009), 177-196.

(with Emyr Williams, Leslie J. Francis and Mandy Robbins), 'Research Brief: The Relationship Between Paranormal Beliefs and Attitude Towards Theistic Beliefs', *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*, 73.1, 894, 2009, 33-40.

Contribution to *Reflections for Daily Prayer: Next before Lent to Pentecost* (London: Church House Publishing, 2009), 50-61.

'Religion versus Darwin: Should Evolution Denial Go to School?', *Theology*, CXII, 868, 2009, 270-278.

'Evolution and Evil: The Difference Darwinism Makes in Theology and Spirituality', in Stephen C. Barton and David Wilkinson (eds), *Reading Genesis After Darwin* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), 163-180.

(with Leslie J. Francis) 'Young Vocation to Ordained Ministry in the Church of England: A Qualitative Study', *Practical Theology*, 2, 2, 2009, 253-267.

'The Psychology of Faith Development', in Marian de Souza, Leslie J. Francis, James O'Higgins-Norman and Daniel G. Scott (eds), *International Handbook of Education for Spirituality, Care and Wellbeing* (Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer, 2009), 231-245.

(with Leslie J. Francis) 'Promoting Positive Attitudes Towards Science and Religion among Sixth Form Pupils: Dealing with Scientism and Creationism', *British Journal of Religious Education*, 32, 3, 2010, 189-200.

'From a Rural Pulpit: Service of Thanksgiving and Eucharist for Joan Francis', *Rural Theology*, 8, 1, 2010, 78-80.

'What Does Christianity Have to Say to "Secular" Education?', *Journal of Chaplaincy in Further Education*, 6, 2, 2010, 3-17.

Contributions to *Reflections for Daily Prayer: Advent 2010 to Christ the King 2011* (London: Church House Publishing, 2010), 86-103.

'Forms of Faith and Forms of Communication?', in John Sullivan (ed), *Communicating Faith* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2011), 16-30.

'Religion and Language', in Patrick Colm Hogan (ed), *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 712-713.

(with Bridget Nichols) 'The Formative Role of the Book of Common Prayer, Part 1', *Prayer Book Society Journal*, 26, Trinity 2011, 8-10.

- 'From a Rural Pulpit: St Valentine's Day', *Rural Theology*, 8, 2, 2011, 179-182.
- 'Myth and Symbol', *Dialogue: A Journal of Religion and Philosophy*, 36, 2011, 29-33.
- 'Teaching about Christian Teaching', *RE Today*, 28, 1, 2011, 46-47.
- (with Bridget Nichols) 'The Formative Role of the Book of Common Prayer, Part 2', *Prayer Book Society Journal*, 27, Michaelmas 2011, 8-11.
- 'On Standing and Delivering: Preaching and Theological Posture', *Rural Theology*, 9, 2, 2011, 89-99.
- (with Leslie J. Francis and Mandy Robbins) 'Assessing Attitude Towards Religion: The Astley-Francis Scale of Attitude Towards Theistic Faith', *British Journal of Religious Education* 34, 2, 183-193.
- Contributions to *Reflections for Daily Prayer: Advent 2012 to Eve of Advent 2013* (London: Church House Publishing, 2012), 20-31, 128-139.
- 'Christianity', in Peter Jarvis with Mary Watts (eds), *The Routledge International Handbook of Learning* (London: Routledge, 2012), 467-474.
- 'A Theological Reflection on the Nature of Religious Truth', in Jeff Astley, Leslie J. Francis, Mandy Robbins and Mualla Selçuk (eds), *Teaching Religion, Teaching Truth: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives* (Bern: Peter Lang, 2012), 241-262.
- 'Can we Choose our Beliefs? A Philosophical Question for Religious Education', in Stephen Parker, Rob Freathy and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Religious Education and Freedom of Religion and Belief* (Bern: Peter Lang, 2012), 81-93.
- 'Church Schools and the Church's Service to the Poor', in Howard Worsley (ed), *Anglican Church School Education: Moving Beyond The First Two Hundred Years* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2012), 101-118.
- 'The Analysis, Investigation and Application of Ordinary Theology', in Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Exploring Ordinary Theology: Everyday Christian Believing and the Church* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2013), 1-9.
- 'Ordinary Theology and the Learning Conversation with Academic Theology', in Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis (eds), *Exploring Ordinary Theology: Everyday Christian Believing and the Church* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2013), 45-54.
- Journal Articles, Book Chapters and Reports in press:**
- 'From a Rural Pulpit: Keep Awake', for *Rural Theology* (forthcoming).
- 'Creation and Evolution' and 'Evil and Suffering', for *Challenging Religious Issues: Supporting Religious Studies at A-level and Beyond* (forthcoming).
- 'Being Faithful: Some Reflections on the Nature of Faith', for Marius Felderhof and Penny Thompson (eds), *Educating Persons: The Contribution of Religious Education* (London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming).

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