

**Name:** Jeremy Martineau

**Current Posts:** Self Employed consultant in Research, Training and Tourism in Rural Communities  
Director of Centre for Studies in Rural Ministry

### Qualifications

1964 BD Hons, AKC. Kings College, London. OBE

### Posts Held

2002 to date	Director of Centre for Studies in Rural Ministry within Glyndwr University
1993 - 2003	National Rural Officer for the Church of England
1988 - 93	Archbishops' Rural Officer
1980 - 88	Rural Affairs Chaplain, Diocese of Bristol
1973 - 80	Agricultural Chaplain, Diocese of Carlisle
1966 - 73	Industrial Chaplain, Diocese of Durham

### Experience

For more than thirty years the Arthur Rank Centre has been the focus or location for all the work undertaken. Work has been conducted in several European countries and the USA as well as the UK. The Arthur Rank Centre is a partnership between the Churches, Rank Foundation and the Royal Agricultural Society for England dedicated as a charity to the well being of rural people.

My ministry in the Church has enabled me to take a series of initiatives with policy implications for the whole community. During the 1980s while based in Bristol I set up and had responsibility for a large employment generation programme funded through the Manpower Services Commission, employing and finding fulltime work for over 2000 people during my time as chairman. In that same period I helped establish the largest Enterprise Agency outside London and the only one in the UK that operated without external subsidy (The New Work Trust Company). This enabled us to provide advice and training to the members of the Conservative Government Cabinet on the needs of the small business sector.

During that same period I was chairman of Avon Community Council and of its subsidiary Avon Community Council (Training) Ltd which ran an influential Youth Training Scheme in Central Bristol providing building services to village and community halls in rural Avon.

I helped establish ACRE as an independent charity, separating it out of the NCVO's Rural Department. ACRE is the lead body concerned with rural community development. The Arthur Rank Centre works closely with ACRE and has included ACRE on the Board of the Hidden Britain company that was established to run the work of the community-led sustainable tourism project Hidden Britain Centres, which I conceived and developed. The pilot project was funded by the DTI Small Business Service, and DEFRA funded one of the regional sub-projects.

The Archbishop of Canterbury invited me to be executive secretary of the Archbishops' Commission on Rural Areas whose report in 1990, "Faith in the Countryside" had a formative influence in Church, State and community action. This led to my appointment as the first national rural officer for the Church of England with responsibility which included the shaping of policy and leading the Church in its connection with Government on rural affairs.

The opportunity for churches to serve their communities as multi-functional facilities encouraged me to set up Rural Churches in Community Service - a project which was awarded £2.5m by the Millennium Commission to adapt 100 churches for this purpose. This project has proved an inspiration to many others to do the same.

The magazine "Country Way" was started by me 18 years ago to provide a quality publication to provide ideas, information and inspiration for rural people and their churches. It remains unrivalled in this field.

Webmaster and Secretary (2009 - ) for the Fishguard and Goodwick Chamber of Trade and Tourism, with 160+ members, developing economic development of North Pembrokeshire.

**Research Interests**

Over the past twenty years the effectiveness of the Church in rural areas has been the main focus with research leading to publications on aspects of the work and life of the rural Church. More recently involvement in the Rural Stress Action Plan led to research into the role of the rural micro business as a contributor to awareness of stress and its relief among rural people; a Defra grant was received for this work, published in 2003.

Research led by Coventry University, funded by Defra, focused on the contribution of rural faith communities to community vibrancy. The report of this research, "Faith in rural communities" was published in October 2006.

Lead on a research project in 2007 for Farm Crisis Network on the impact of inspection regimes on farmers in Wales was funded by the EU through Healthy Minds at Work.

The Centre for Studies in Rural Ministry (a partnership between the Arthur Rank Centre, St Mary's Centre and Glyndwr University) provides a doctorate programme in which students apply a range of research methods in completing their assignments.

## Publications

Executive secretarial responsibility for Faith in the Countryside - the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Rural Areas (1990)

Martineau, J.F. (1996) *Turning the Sod*, managing the multi-parish benefice. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Francis, L.J. and Martineau, J.F. (1996) *Rural Praise*, a parish workbook for worship in the country church. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire

Alexander, M. and Martineau, J.F. (1998) *So the Vicar's Leaving*, making the most of the interregnum. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Martineau, J.F. Ed. (1999) *Bridging the Gap*, the church in the local community. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Francis, L.J., Littler, K. and Martineau, J.F. (2000) *Rural Ministry*, a parish workbook for lay ministry in the country church. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Martineau, J.F. Ed (2000) *Celebrating the Rural Church*. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Martineau, J.F. (2001) *Open All Hours*, how to adapt the church for community use. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Francis, L.J. and Martineau, J.F (2001) *Rural Visitors*, a parish workbook welcoming visitors to the country church. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Francis, L.J. and Martineau, J.F (2002) *Rural Mission*, a parish workbook for developing the mission of the rural church. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Martineau, J.F. (2003) *Rural Stress Action Plan, a role for rural micro-businesses*. Arthur Rank Centre, Warwickshire.

Martineau, J.F., Francis, L.J. and Francis, P. (2004) *Changing Rural Life: a Christian response to key rural issues*. Canterbury Press, Norwich.

Farnell, R. Jarvis, D. Ricketts Hein, J. Hopkinson, J. Martineau, J. (2006) *Faith in Rural Communities: Contributions to Social Capital to Community Vibrancy*. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

Martineau, J. (2007) *25 Regulations per Acre, a report on the impact of inspections on farmers' stress in Wales 2007*.

Hopkinson, J., Jones, G., Martineau, J. (2010) *Making Connections*. ACORA Publishing, Warwickshire.

## External Responsibilities

■ ■ ■ Secretary, Fishguard and Goodwick Chamber of Trade and Tourism, 2009–

■ ■ ■ Secretary, Fishguard and Goodwick Town Team, 2013–

- ■ ■ Chair, Farm Crisis Network, West Wales 2003 – 2014
- ■ ■ Member, Defra's Rural Affairs Forum, 2002–2003
- ■ ■ Member, Defra's Rural Task Force, 2001–2002
- ■ ■ Director, ACORA Publishing, 2003–
- ■ ■ Director, Rural Churches in Community Service Ltd., 1999–2002
- ■ ■ Chairman, Rural Voice, 1986–88
- ■ ■ Adviser to the BBC's "The Archers" 1985–2003
- ■ ■ Chairman, Action with Communities in Rural England, 1984–1988
- ■ ■ Chairman, Bristol Churches Community Programme, 1983–88
- ■ ■ Company Secretary, New Work Trust Company, 1982–1988
- ■ ■ Chairman, Avon Community Council Training Ltd., 1982–86
- ■ ■ Chairman, Avon Community Council, 1981–1988

OBE was awarded in 2003 for "Services to Rural Communities"