

Anna Henson

I moved to Purley on Thames in 2000, and at the same time becoming Program Leader, GCSE English at the then Reading college. I remained there later being appointed subject leader of Classics and Ancient History until 2009. At that point I transferred to New College, Swindon to teach Ancient Greek and Roman History

I was educated just outside Reading and struggled during my formal education years leaving school with few qualifications. Later in life I resumed my studies moving on to degree level reading English and Classics at the University of Reading and afterwards, still under their umbrella, going on to take a PGCE. During my teacher training I was diagnosed with Dyslexia, that, in turn led to a study of special educational needs and how I could support students who, like me, have a recognised learning difficulty. During my teaching years, I undertook extra training in SEN because I believe education is vitally important to each and every child. Education experience mattered and still does to me. Now formally retired, I married again in 2014, and completed training as a pastoral councillor.

My life is built on an active faith in God and involvement in St Marys Church, where I am a member of the PCC, leader with my husband of the mission partners group and have been involved with the children's ministry in the past. At present I continue to be involved with the Fridayz after school club. I am passionate about mission and have been on four mission trips to Embo, an informal township in South Africa, where I taught in a primary school and worked in community as a counsellor. I write poetry and am passionate about Greece, its people and its history. In that regard I was a guest of the Greek cultural ministry studying at Delphi in 2007. I subsequently attended the British School of Athens summer school in 2009. I am a keen conservationist who loves wildlife. I am delighted to be involved as a governor and volunteer at the school where my grandson was once a pupil.