

Derek C Johnstone

From: Dean <dean@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk >
Sent: 05 April 2021 19:50
To: 'Derek C Johnstone'
Cc: Leah Vasey-Saunders; adrian moreton@hotmail.com; 'Peter Townley'; Dean
Subject: RE: Wakefield Cathedral

Dear Mr Johnstone,

Thank you for your email.

For the avoidance of doubt I reproduce below my email to you of 23 March.

As you will see, I have been perfectly clear in what is required in order for you to resume ringing in the tower at Wakefield Cathedral.

I look forward to receiving confirmation by Sunday 11 April that you are willing to abide by the conditions I set out in my original email of 23 March. If I have not heard from you by then, your suspension from the tower at Wakefield Cathedral will become permanent.

Kind regards,

Simon Cowling

ORIGINAL EMAIL OF 23 MARCH FROM SIMON COWLING TO DEREK JOHNSTONE FOLLOWS

Dear Derek,

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I should be grateful to have a formal reply to this email giving your undertaking to abide by the two conditions outlined above.

Kind regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Derek C Johnstone [mailto:derek@99b.uk]
Sent: 05 April 2021 16:11
To: Dean <dean@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk>
Cc: Leah Vasey-Saunders <precentor@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk>; adrian_moreton@hotmail.com; 'Peter Townley' <archdeacon.pontefract@leeds.anglican.org>; 'Mark Watkins' <wattycm@me.com>
Subject: RE: Wakefield Cathedral

Dear Simon

I am very disappointed to receive your email I find it totally unacceptable and outrageous.

I was hoping for closure, to be able to work positively and creatively on the future.
However, sadly, extremely reluctantly, not so.

The Police have told the female using the name Danni Cayton in Church circles (hereafter "DC") to stop harassing me.

You continue on her behalf. That is not acceptable.

You brought in The Police. You have The Police recommendations, at least four times, told to Jenni Leccardi in November 2019 and again by email in February 2020 that there is no reason that my activities be restricted, though separated from DC.

Yet you continue.

The Police have offered me their support and I could ask them to contact you directly. In 14 days, if necessary, I will give The Police your address and telephone, with my permission to contact you; unless you object.

If I find inequalities between myself and DC I shall contact The Police forthwith.

Your email on 2nd November 2019 said "pending enquiries".

Now over 16 months on I still await those enquiries to start.

I have the following points to raise immediately.

In July 2019, I was sent 2 emotionally explicit emails from DC.

We (myself and my married partner Ronald) (hereafter "We") decided we needed to go into "safeguarding mode" with DC.

By November 2019 we had over 70 pages of detail available to present to anyone with reason to enquire.

That has now expanded to well over a 100 pages. Awaiting your enquiry.

I urge you to read the letter sent jointly by The Police and Wakefield Council to DC.

In that letter they offer DC a "mediation service". I have heard nothing. I do not see why I should be penalised as a result of her hindrance. I am happy to ring whether she is in the tower or not. I repeat, If I find inequalities between myself and DC I shall contact The Police forthwith.

Importantly, you have failed to mentioned future interactions with DC.

We have over 30 years experience with "safeguarding", including awareness sessions from The Girl Guides, Probation Service, bellringing Association, and completed the CofE C0 and C1 training.

Additionally I have completed CofE C2 training. Ronalda is a qualified Primary teacher.
We consider that we are the most qualified team in the tower at Wakefield.

Your requirement that I am permitted to ring only when Adrian Moreton (hereafter "AMM") is in the tower is absolutely ludicrous.

You have completely misunderstood the situation.

Your enquiry will reveal a different truth.

A few of many issues:

I and other specific people have suffered AMM's intolerance, derogatory voice, abuse, belligerence and bullying for many years. That is the price of ringing at Wakefield.

AMM may be a technically good ringer, but as a person I have very little respect for him. At least he is honest, but without verifying items told to him.

Ringers have a tradition of "What happens in a tower stays in the tower".

That appears to have broken down in Wakefield.

New to tower leadership, Katie Town was intended to replace AMM as Tower Captain in autumn 2018, AMM's despicable behaviour drove Katie out of the tower. I feel guilty for not stepping up and supporting Katie.

Many times I have taken the wrath of AMM, by deliberately apologising for the collapse of a piece of ringing as the true sinner could not have taken the torrent of anger. Other times another non-sinner person has received a tongue thrashing. I have often had to use my humour to defuse altercations. I wonder if your requirement is that you actually need me to return to the tower as a "whipping boy" when AMM is there. That would need to be negotiated.

Ronalda will never again ring, or have any interaction with AMM.

There is a phrase in the tower "Adrian free zone". Perhaps you might ask around about that phrase.

AMM's behaviour is always suppressed when Leah is in the tower, we all have noticed that. I feel badly let down by Leah, she was heard to say "Oh no ! Not Derek". Leah has not stepped up to ensure the truth.

I do have a degree level qualification in management. I am not aware that AMM has any leadership qualifications.

Circumstantial evidence may cast doubt on AMM's compliance with long held "safeguarding" advice regarding vulnerable people, in particular DC.

Hence ringing with AMM is quite abhorrent. The opposite, without him there, is the best option. Though I am willing to contribute to ringing at The Cathedral, I no longer wish to participate in AMM's abuse. The abuse must stop.

There is much more, however the DC attack upon me is what we are discussing here.

In regards to social media, I have not heard anything about you admonishing DC in a similar way to myself in regards of her extensive, offensive use of social media. But perhaps they never told you about that. When your enquires eventually start, you will see all that.

In regards to the Pontefract peal posting, I also observe that there has been no mention of my apology (within 2 days) in your subsequent messages.

Strangely, I cannot find any item that I have published that mentions Wakefield Cathedral, hence am puzzled about your disrepute claim.

As far as anything I might publish in the press, website and social media, if there is nothing of disrepute in the tower, there can be nothing to report.

I always abide by The Society of Professional Journalists, Code of Ethics (USA) and The UK Law, also that I keep that up to date.

I have been very unhappy about how the Clergy have handled this issue.

If the Bishop's Guidance had been properly followed, the truth would have been exposed and the matter quickly settled.

I am labelled as a misogynist and a threat to women by The Leeds Diocese.

I continue to suffer symptoms of stress and PTSD.

I am taking the procedural advice of Debbie Child, Diocese Safeguarding Manager and also Peter W. Foskett , Partner, Ecclesiastical, of Lupton Fawcett LLP.

I am taking legal actions against the four Clergy, including yourself.

As Covid-19 restrictions come to an end I would have liked to have examined the possibilities of obtaining grants related to heritage, sport, community that are being made available. Also I would have liked to help with the ringing community that is organising "recovery" events programmes. However I find my energies being absorbed by your actions against me.

I look forward to the start of your enquires.

Regards
Derek C Johnstone

-----Original Message-----

From: Dean [mailto:dean@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk]
Sent: 23 March 2021 12:01
To: Derek C Johnstone
Cc: Leah Vasey-Saunders; adrian_moreton@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Wakefield Cathedral

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On 06/03/2021, 19:39, "Derek C Johnstone" <derek@99b.uk> wrote:

Dear Simon

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Yes, there will be lots to do to get ringing started again. I am currently researching grants to help.

I'll will receive Peter Townley's response in due course.

Regards Derek C Johnstone

-----Original Message-----

From: Dean [mailto:dean@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk]

Sent: 05 March 2021 17:18

To: Derek C Johnstone

Subject: Re: Wakefield Cathedral

Dear Derek,

Thank you for your email.

The Archdeacon of Pontefract will be in touch about this matter in due course. Meanwhile, your suspension from the Tower at Wakefield Cathedral remains in place. In any case, we do not yet have any firm plans for resuming ringing in the Tower here.

With kind regards and all good wishes,

Simon Cowling

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On 05/03/2021, 11:04, "Derek C Johnstone" <derek@99b.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Cowling,

Further to your email letter of 3rd November 2019.

You did say that my suspension would remain in place until the completion of

enquiries.

As ringing is probably due to recommence in the next few months, I would be grateful to know the outcome of your enquiries.

I do look forward to contributing to the ringing at The Cathedral.

Regards Derek C Johnstone

-----Original Message-----

From: Dean [mailto:dean@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk]

Sent: 02 November 2019 18:11

To: derek@99b.uk

Cc: Leah Vasey-Saunders; adrian_moreton@hotmail.com

Subject: Wakefield Cathedral

Dear Mr Johnstone,

I write formally as Dean of Wakefield to inform you that I am suspending you from ringing at Wakefield Cathedral with immediate effect. This suspension means that you are excluded from the ringing chamber of the cathedral completely, and it applies equally to your involvement with the Wakefield Company and any other Company of ringers that might be invited to ring at the cathedral from time to time.

The suspension will remain in place until the completion of enquiries into a series of recent incidents, including your use of social media. The suspension is without prejudice to the outcome of those enquiries.

I have copied in Adrian Moreton and Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders on this email. I will also be sending a hard copy of this email to your home address.

Kind regards,

Simon Cowling
Dean of Wakefield
Sent from my iPhone=