

MICHAEL WARD

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PRESENT POSITIONS

1. **Senior Research Fellow, Blackfriars Hall, and Associate Member of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford**
2. **Professor of Apologetics, Houston Baptist University, Texas**
3. **Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hillsdale College, Michigan**

Public speaking. I speak frequently and extensively both in the United Kingdom and the United States, where I have given addresses in nearly forty of the fifty States. Venues have included Westminster Abbey, the Royal Observatory, the Library of Congress, Stanford University, University of Chicago, Brown University. Other countries where I have lectured include Canada, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Spain, Romania, China, and South Korea.

Supervising and examining. I co-supervised an Oxford doctoral thesis on Dorothy L. Sayers (completed 2017), and am currently co-supervising two Oxford doctorates on C.S. Lewis (both to be submitted in 2021). I have served both as assessor and examiner for the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at Oxford, most recently in 2020. I have examined doctoral dissertations completed at King's College, London (twice: once in 2015, once in 2016); at Manchester University (2013); and at Witwatersrand University, South Africa (2013).

EDUCATION

2001-2005	St Mary's College, University of St Andrews
2005	Doctor of Philosophy in Divinity. Thesis entitled: 'The Son and the Other Stars: Christology and Cosmology in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis'
1999-2004	Ridley Hall, Cambridge Theological Federation
2004	Certificate in Theology
1999-2001	Peterhouse, University of Cambridge
2001	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Theology and Religious Studies (Master of Arts, 2005)
1987-1990	Regent's Park College, University of Oxford
1990	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in English Language and Literature (Master of Arts, 1995)

AWARDS / DISTINCTIONS

2015	Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, Hillsdale College, Michigan
2011	Mythopoeic Society Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies, for <i>Planet Narnia</i>
2006	Kilby Research Grant, Wheaton College, Illinois, for research into theological imagination
2000	Winchester Reading Prize, University of Cambridge, for public speaking
1990	Anthony Phillips Memorial Prize, Regent's Park College, Oxford, for best degree result

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 2009-2012** **Chaplain**, St Peter's College, University of Oxford
- 2008-2009** **Lecturer and broadcaster.** From January 2008, when OUP published my doctoral monograph, I lectured throughout Britain and America on the subject of theological imagination. Venues included the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, St Andrews, Edinburgh, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Chicago. The BBC commissioned a one-hour TV documentary about my work, called *The Narnia Code*, broadcast on BBC1 in 2009.
- 2004-2007** **Chaplain (with a term as Acting Dean)**, Peterhouse, University of Cambridge
- 1996-1999** **Resident Warden and Curator of The Kilns**, C.S. Lewis's Oxford home
- 1993-1999** **Tutor and lecturer in Theology and English:** selections from portfolio include:
i) tutor for the Oxford programs of Williams College, Massachusetts;
Stanford University, California; and Taylor University, Indiana
ii) keynote lecturer, Lewis Centenary Conference, Örebro Seminary, Sweden
iii) tutor for St Benet's Hall and Regent's Park College, University of Oxford
iv) lecturing at the Department of Continuing Education, University of Oxford
- Copy-editor and proof-reader** for Heinemann Publishing; The Medical Research Council; Lion Publishing; The Bible Reading Fellowship
- Film and TV Extra**, including a speaking part in the BBC2 drama, *A Very Open Prison*, and a featured cameo in the James Bond movie, *The World is Not Enough*
- 1990-1993** **Freelance writer** (articles, screenplays, Bible study aids, etc)

VOCATION HISTORY

- 2018** ordained priest in the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 2017** ordained deacon in the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 2012** received into the Catholic Church
- 2005** ordained priest in the Church of England
- 2004** ordained deacon in the Church of England
- 1999-2004** ordinand at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, with placements at Peterhouse; Little St Mary's; Clare College (with a year as Decani Scholar); and St Mary's, Godmanchester

OTHER CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Assistant priest (part-time, non-stipendiary), North Hinksey Parish, Oxford**
- **Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Seven, An Anglo-American Literary Review***
- **Editorial Advisory Board Member, *The Journal of Inklings Studies***
- **Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Sehnsucht: The C.S. Lewis Journal***
- **Senior Adviser, Oxford University C.S. Lewis Society**

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