

# Incarnation and Administration



As Annabel Radville hangs up her Administrators boots at Edward Betham School, let us consider the work of **Administration** in the light of the biblical doctrine of **Incarnation**.

Just as Jesus came to earth not as an alien or super human, with difference and distance from humanity as the key factor, but that he came as one of us, embodied, born of a woman, incarnated, sharing our sufferings and joys, our hopes and our fears, and dying as we all will do one day;

So in our work, we are not to apply distance and difference from other people, producing a professional elite, able to live and work untouched by the troubles and personal circumstances of others, also known as the “jobsworth” approach. We are to see our work in the light of Incarnation, in which we share the sufferings and problems which others bring, as well as share the joy and humour, and share with them the creative work of making solutions and successful outcomes, day by day. Try a little bible study:-

## **Romans 12: 4-8**

For just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs.

Let us use the different gifts allotted to each of us by God’s grace:

the gift of inspired utterance, for example, let us use in proportion to our faith;

the gift of administration to administer,

the gift of teaching to teach,

the gift of counselling to counsel. (Revised English Bible, 1989)

However some people may try, it is contrary to our faith to separate the ‘spiritual’ from the ‘practical’. As an Administrator, you are engaged in a ‘servant ministry’ of administration which supports and serves all the other work in the school or other organisation, and belongs intimately to the success of the school and its staff and pupils.

The work of the Administrator is the gift of God to his community, on this occasion, to Edward Betham School.

It may not always be front line, but it’s given by God for the health of his people.

Annabel has fulfilled this vocation consistently and thoroughly for over 20 years. We offer her our thanks and we offer God our thanks for her.

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