

**Agenda Item 8.b – Members of the Court of Assistants – New Members**  
**Clergy Support Trust Annual Assembly (AGM) – Thursday 9 October 2025**



**Patience Thody** is proposed for election as a Trustee, with specialism (as advertised for) in charitable leadership.

Since 2020, Patience has served as Deputy Chief Executive of The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, a complex umbrella charity within a federation of 46 independent local wildlife charities, with almost 1m members between them. Patience originally joined the Wildlife Trusts from the Banking sector in 2009, as Senior HR & Operations Manager, and was subsequently promoted to Director of Operations before moving into her current role. She has particular expertise in leading change, federated charities, people and in strategic development.

Patience currently serves on the Grants Panel and Board of the Biffa Award and is a National Trust council member. She is a local Parish Councillor, PCC member and married to a Church of England priest in her home county of Lincolnshire.



**Peter Warren** has had a 35-year career in finance and was most recently president, and chairman of the management committee, of Capula Investment Management. Earlier in his career, Peter was a research analyst and investment banker at Goldman Sachs and also a portfolio manager and chair of the credit investment committee at CQS Investment Management.

Peter is a trustee of the Connection at St Martin's, one of London's largest homeless charities. He also has a special interest in education, having had 15 years' experience as a school governor in Islington, and currently as chairman of the governing council of Wycombe Abbey School. Peter studied modern history at Oriel College, Oxford, and his mother was a Methodist minister.