

Institution: University of Chichester
Unit of Assessment: History
Title: Modern Church History Informing Civic-Religious Culture and Public Commemoration
<p>1. Summary of the impact</p> <p>Dr Chandler's publications have been extensively used and discussed nationally and internationally by Church leaders, politicians, journalists, public intellectuals, clergy and laity. They provide informed historical context for discussion of contemporary religion and offer a site for new associations and interactions. They have also impacted on the public commemoration of historical figures who have achieved an international reputation for the religious and moral significance of their life and work. Chandler is Reader in History at the University of Chichester where his position is co-funded by the Chapter of Chichester Cathedral to support his directorship of the George Bell Institute. His research focusses on the importance of national and international politics in the modern British churches, Anglo-German Church relations and ecumenical dialogues more generally.</p>
<p>2. Underpinning research</p> <p>Andrew Chandler's research has achieved its sharpest focus in four areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the ethics of foreign policy; b) the office of Archbishops of Canterbury; c) the development of inter-church relations and d) the relationship between the Church and intellectual and cultural life. <p>His research into the controversial public career of Bishop George Bell (1883-1958) has played a key role in exploring the historical relationship between ethics and foreign policy, with particular reference to confrontations between democracy and dictatorship, religious persecution, immigration and maintenance of international law in wartime. A landmark in this work came with the edited collection <i>The Church and Humanity: The Life and Work of George Bell (1883-1958)</i>, (published in 2012), an international collaboration integrating the work of scholars from the United Kingdom, Germany, Finland and India, with reflections by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. A further study, 'Christian Ethics and the Crisis of Civilization: Bishop George Bell and the Second World War', contributed to UNESCO supported publication <i>Ethics and the Military</i> (Peter Stone (ed.), UNESCO/Boydell & Brewer, 2011), pp. 55-69. The findings of this article showed the continuing significance of Bell's interventions in the House of Lords between 1939 and 1945, particularly in the public debate about obliteration bombing and the preservation of cultural monuments. Chandler's contribution to the 2009 Coburg ecumenical conference led to the publication of a further article, 'The Little Blue Notebook: The Piety of George Bell, 1883-1958', in a collection of studies edited by Bishop Dorothea Greiner and others for a broad church readership, <i>Geistliche Begleitung in evangelischer Perspektive; Modelle und Personen der Kirchengeschichte</i> (Leipzig, 2013).</p> <p>In addition, Chandler's work has made available new archival findings on three Archbishops of Canterbury: Lang (1928-42), Temple (1942-4) and Fisher (1945-61), situating the office and its holders in their historical context. An extensive research essay, 'The judgement of an archbishop: Cosmo Gordon Lang and British Foreign Policy, 1928-1939', appeared in Keith Robbins and John Fisher (eds.) <i>Religion and Diplomacy: Religion and British Foreign Policy, 1815 to 1941</i> (Republic of Letters, 2010), pp. 183-224. At large, such work has been closely related to his chairmanship of the international advisory board which oversees the <i>Ashgate</i> Archbishops of Canterbury series, a work which will seek to provide not only scholars and students but church figures and lay readers across the public with the first library of studies of all of the archbishops. Chandler's 2012 co-authored <i>Archbishop Fisher</i> re-evaluates the career of the former Archbishop of Canterbury in the context of ecclesiastical, political and social reform and in the evolving landscape of the international Anglican Communion.</p>

More recently, Chandler's commitment to providing the churches with new materials for debate has extended to the publication of the confidential reports sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative in Rome during the Second Vatican Council, 1962-4.

Chandler joined the University of Chichester as a senior lecturer on 1/7/2007, and was promoted to Reader in 2009.

3. References to the research

1. 'The judgement of an archbishop: Cosmo Gordon Lang and British Foreign Policy, 1928-1939', in Keith Robbins and John Fisher (eds.) *Religion and Diplomacy: Religion and British Foreign Policy, 1815 to 1941* (Republic of Letters, 2010).
2. 'Christian Ethics and the Crisis of Civilization: Bishop George Bell and the Second World War', in Peter Stone (ed.) *Ethics and the Military* (UNESCO/Boydell & Brewer, 2011), pp. 55-69.
3. Andrew Chandler, ed., *The Church and Humanity: The Life and Work of George Bell, 1883-1958* (Ashgate, 2012).
4. Andrew Chandler and David Hein, *Archbishop Fisher: Church, State and World* (Ashgate, 2012).
5. *Observing Vatican II: The Reports of Bernard Pawley to Archbishop Ramsey, 1961-1965* (Cambridge University Press, 2013)
6. "Adam von Trott abroad"(2011), paper (10 pages) presented at the conference to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Adam von Trot organised by Protestant Academy in Berlin <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/rhodes scholarshipsgermany#sthash.zaEwpWSd.dpuf> [http://files.rhodes. gethifi.com/CHANDLERt.pdf](http://files.rhodes.gethifi.com/CHANDLERt.pdf)

4. Details of the impact

Chandler's research enriches the intellectual life of the church and provides informed historical context for those wanting to know more. It is read and used by church people across the traditions, as well as wider general audiences interested in modern Church history in Britain, Western and Eastern Europe and North America.

It (i) **informs debate inside the church community and guides outside commentators**. The Church press and other church writers and commentators regularly respond to Chandler's research in print and online publication. Writers for nationally and internationally circulated church press discuss and underline the value of his research. They disseminate his findings to their readers some of whom have in turn blogged, responded or cited him in their public engagements. His research is taken as an independent voice inside the community of church thinkers. Notably, media groups used him and mediated his research knowledge on Archbishop Fisher during the anniversary of the Queen's coronation in 2013. Here Chandler explained the role of the Church in that event, showing how the relationship between Church and State works, and provided context on the Archbishop's precise role.

Further evidence of Chandler's influence and impact in debates within and across denominations include his work on the Second Vatican Council. Chandler's collaboration with Chichester Cathedral produced a new book, *Observing Vatican II* for the Royal Historical Society and a conference in June 2013 that brought together 15 Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Baptists, Reformed churches and Quakers to debate the projects outcomes. Much of this was chaired by the Bishop of Wakefield and Chairman of the Anglican Centre in Rome, the Rt Revd Stephen Platten. A number of those present were representing ACTA (*A Call to Action*), a group within English Catholicism pressing for the reform of the Church. The meeting debated the task of reforming the Church and reviewing its relationship with the contemporary world.

The research has also (ii) **informed public commemoration**, notably of internationally important figures whose lives blended moral understanding with political action. In 2008, Chandler's research proved fundamental in shaping the fiftieth anniversary of Bishop Bell's death. Here the public

impact of his work combined local, national and international dimensions simultaneously. Chandler was responsible for inviting international speakers to a public conference in Chichester which combined the University, the Cathedral and the Diocese (60 delegates, 5 countries including bishops and leaders of independent foundations). He co-organised, with the Dean of Chichester, and inaugurated a series of six cathedral lectures given by politicians, church leaders including Frank Field MP, Sir Christopher Frayling (Chairman of Arts Council England at the time), Dame Mary Tanner (a President of the World Council of Churches) and theologians through the year (attended by public audiences of between 250 and 300 people). The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, commented on Chandler's inaugural lecture, '*Andrew Chandler spoke with great insight*'. Chandler also contributed to a study course marking Bell's Anniversary and that was used in Cathedral study days.

In addition, he played a leading advisory role working with Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Professor Emeritus Paul Foster (Chichester) in the exhibition of Bell portraits in the House of Lords formally opened at a reception of c. 80 senior politicians, peers, church leaders and public figures (including Geoffrey Howe, John Hall (Dean of Westminster), Dr Rowan Williams, and Bischof Jurgen Johannesdotter). Chandler's account of Bell is a point of public reference in commemoration and debate on the Bishop's life, exemplified most recently in his extensive contribution to Radio 4's Great Lives programme on Bell (2/4/13). Peter Hitchens (the guest) confirmed Chandler's 'major part' in the programme. In short, when Bell is discussed in the public sphere Chandler's research is a framing and informing vector. His short popular publication on Bell (informed by research listed above) was described by the *Church Times* as 'just what is needed'.

Chandler's knowledge of Anglo-German relations informed the 2009 anniversary of Adam von Trott's birth in Berlin (The initial concept of this event arose from discussions between Director of Krzyżowa memorial, Annemarie Franke, and Director of The Evangelische Akademie, Ludwig Melhorn in Berlin in 2008). A conference of c.100 people at the Akademie (Chandler, the only British speaker and the only one to talk about Trott's relationship with Britain during the Third Reich) drew together members of the public, family members, young volunteers from Germany and Poland, politicians (e.g. the State Secretary) and senior commentators for an extended exploration of the legacies of resistance, a meeting which culminated in a widely attended (and reported) public service in central Berlin. *Forwertz*, a documentary film company, worked closely with Chandler for two educational films on Von Trott and Von Moltke: and we understand that the latter film is screened as part of the training of German military pastors.

Chandler's influence on the space where commemoration and ethics align came again in 2009 when he instigated the only public commemoration in Britain of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, working in collaboration with the Chapter at Westminster Abbey, the embassy of the United States and supporters in Parliament and also leading members of the American Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Washington DC. This event became a significant affirmation of a progressive Anglo-American affinity, beginning with a special choral evensong at the Abbey itself, a wreath-laying ceremony at the Lincoln statue in Parliament Square, a public lecture and debate in St Margaret's, Westminster (led by Lords Hurd, Owen and Bingham and attended by c. 150 people). In July 2012 Chandler was invited to join with Professor Sir Diarmaid McCulloch, Oxford, Professor Eamon Duffy, Cambridge, and Dr Jeremy Morris, Cambridge, to advise the Chapter on the role that historical research might play in the future life and work of the Abbey.

5. Sources to corroborate the impact

1. Letters of confirmation of impact on file from: Dr Anthony Cane (Dean of Chichester Cathedral); the Rt Revd Graham James (Bishop of Norwich); Ms Eileen Mackevich (Executive Director of the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission); and Annemarie Franke (Director of Krzyżowa Memorial).
2. Review and comment of Chandler's research in the theological press demonstrates an intellectual influence/point of discussion. EG: *The Church Times* made the release of Chandler's co-authored book on Archbishop Fisher their cover story at the time of the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, publishing a long extract (14/9/2012); *The Church Times* reviewed his appearance on Great Lives (12/4/13).

- <http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2013/12-april/reviews/radio/was-bell-beastly>; and again in *The Church Times* Alan Wilkinson described Chandler's 2008 short book on Bell as 'just what is needed' (9/1/2009). The Anglo-Catholic magazine *New Directions* reviewed the book as 'immensely accessible to a wider audience'. Meanwhile, the *Church of England Newspaper* covered his monograph on Fisher. His work, 'Piety and Provocation' was reviewed in *The Tablet* in 2008. See: (<http://archive.thetablet.co.uk/article/6th-december-2008/25/speaking-up-for-christian-civilisation>).
3. Bloggers and commentators, reviewing, debating and commentating on Chandler's work online include: <http://eurobishop.blogspot.co.uk/> (blog of Bishop David Hamid); and for reviews of Chandler's work, see also, Jesus4u.co.uk, <http://www.jesus4u.co.uk/reviews/piety-and-provocation>.
And, similarly, Frank Field, *Saints and Heroes: Inspiring Politics* (London: SPCK, 2010) uses and debates Chandler's work in chapters 6-7 (pp. 82-100).
 4. Local Radio Interviews at time of Queen's Coronation: Chandler gave 8 interviews in total to various local radio from Solent to Northampton with a combined audience of between 0.5 and 1M). He explained Fisher's role as Archbishop of Canterbury.
 5. Bell Anniversary commemorations:
Dr Rowan Williams plaudit
'<http://rowanwilliams.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/1348/university-of-chichester-bishop-george-bell-lecture>
'George Bell, 1883-1958 A Bishop to Remember, A Study Course for His Diocese to mark the 50th anniversary of his death'. See sources and acknowledgements, <http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/dyn/assets/pdfs/BellStudyCourse.A4pdf.pdf>;
Bell Exhibition, House of Lords, see: <http://www.parliament.uk/visiting/exhibitions-and-events/exhibitions/bishop-bell/>
 6. Great Lives: Radio 4 March 2013, Mr Hitchens has acknowledged Chandler's major part in the programme in his blog entry of 29/3/13.
<http://hitchensblog.mailonsunday.co.uk/speechmaking/>;
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/siteusage/#downloads> (Radio 4 March 2013, Audience reach of 10,978,000 (Rajar.co.uk figures); on average 130,270 downloads per month across whole series (Based on BBC data)).
 7. Anniversary book on Bell: Andrew Chandler, *Piety and Provocation: A Study of George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, 1929-1958* (Humanitas Subsidia Series, 2008). Print run of 1000.
 8. *Helmuth James von Moltke* (30 minute DVD) Forwertz, Düsseldorf; *Adam von Trott zu Solz* (40 minute DVD) Forwertz, Düsseldorf. See, <http://www.geschichte-begreifen.info/de/helmuth-james-von-moltke.html>
 9. 200th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, Westminster Abbey, Professor Richard Carwardine lecture: "I also want to pay a special and warm tribute to Dr Andrew Chandler, Director of the George Bell Institute at the University of Chichester, whose initiative this has been." http://static.westminster-abbey.org/assets/pdf_file/0015/23046/AL-the-Mission-of-America.pdf
 10. Supporting testimonials on request: the Rt Hon Frank Field, MP; Lord Lloyd of Berwick; Rt Revd Stephen Platten, Bishop of Wakefield; and Very Revd John Hall, Dean of Westminster.