

MEDIA MAXIMA

Press Release

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Senior Partner awarded CBE in Queen's Birthday Honours

Media Maxima is pleased to announce that one of its Senior Partners, Christina Rees, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her 'services to the Church of England'.

Rees has been a member of the General Synod for 25 years, was a founding member of the Archbishops' Council and has served in a voluntary capacity on many of the Church's national bodies, including the Advisory Board of Ministry, Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglicans, Communications Committee and Business Committee. She has been a representative of the General Synod on the governing body of Ripon College Cuddesdon, an Anglican theological college, for 15 years and initiated the prestigious Faith & Media Consultations held at St George's House, Windsor Castle.

Rees was spokesperson for the Movement for the Ordination of Women in the run up to the vote for women priests in 1992 and Chair of Women and the Church (WATCH) for over 13 years. She has been active in many areas of Church life, including combatting institutional racism, supporting religious broadcasting and promoting lay and rural ministry. She has represented the Church at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and on the former Central Religious Advisory Committee

Rees has contributed to many public debates and lecture series, speaks and preaches widely and has been a writer and broadcaster for over 20 years, contributing to numerous radio and television programmes, most recently to the reburial services of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral. Rees is a Senior Partner of Media Maxima, a communications and media consultancy, Chair of the Christian Association of Business Executives (CABE), a Trustee of Bible Society and Vice Chair of It Takes One Woman, a grant making body for women in the global south.

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Notes for Editors – Christina Rees CBE

- Born on Long Island, New York. Father was John Muller, with Oxford University Press, mother, Carol Benton Muller, teacher and violinist. Paternal grandmother was the Russian American sculptress Olga Popoff Muller.
- From 5 – 15 lived aboard a wooden schooner, sailing in the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas. For two years lived with her family on a small remote island in the Bahamas. Sailed through five hurricanes, was chased by sharks and struck by lightning.
- Returned from sailing to attend newly formed high school in Bridgehampton, with Truman Capote giving readings in English classes. Part-time jobs as teenager included modelling for artists and photographers including Gianni Penati, Hal McKusick, Barbara Schwinn Jordan and Sidney Tillim. Working in a boutique she served Lauren Bacall and Princess Lee Radziwill, and babysat for daughter of Norman Mailer and Lady Jeanne Campbell. Sang at age 18 in Kennedy Center in NYC in a choir conducted by Daniel Barenboim.
- Gained BA in English and the Performing Arts at Pomona College. Studied theology and communication at post-graduate level. Masters in Women and Religion from King's College London.
- Preached in Westminster Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral, York Minster and St Albans Abbey and many churches. Leads quiet days and retreats.
- Spent a month in East Africa meeting with Anglican women working as priests and in a variety of other roles in their churches and communities, all recipients of grants from It Takes One Woman.
- Writes for magazines, journals and broadsheet newspapers. Books include Sea Urchin, The Divine Embrace, Voices of this Calling and Feast + Fast, Food for Lent and Easter.
- Met husband Chris Rees, a BBC producer, in Cambridge. They were married six months later by Robert Runcie, then Bishop of St Albans who became Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Christina and Chris lived for 25 years on a smallholding in Hertfordshire where they raised rare breed sheep, goats and cows, pea fowl, guinea fowl and chickens. They have two daughters, Angela Longdin and Alexandra Rees.

See photo at <http://www.mediamaxima.com/CHMRI I.jpg>

