

Norman Wells (1963 – 2020)



Photo: Betsy Nicholas

It was with profound sadness that we heard on 1 April 2020 of the death of Norman Wells, our brother in Christ and member of the Affinity Social Issues Team, as a result of contracting Covid-19. Norman was a much-valued part of our team as well as the Director of the [Family Education Trust](#). Our hearts go out to his wife Nicola and nine children; we remember them in our prayers.

Writing on the Christian Institute's [website](#), their Director, Colin Hart, paid tribute:

'I knew Norman for over twenty years as a campaigner for the family, with clear biblical convictions. He was much to be admired for his quiet, painstaking research and crystal-clear writing. He was a passionate advocate for marriage and the family, and very influential, though he never sought the limelight. He will be greatly missed.'

Andrea Williams, CEO of Christian Concern, said: 'Norman was a faithful man. An intelligent man. A modest man. A strong man. A man who loved his family. Jesus was Lord of his life.'

Bioethicist John Ling said Norman was 'quiet but always insightful, thorough and reliable in whatever he said or wrote. He was easy to admire and love. It was our privilege to know Norman. We honour the man, but we bless his Saviour.'

Rev Roger Hitchens added: 'We have lost a true Christian gentleman, the epitome of gentleness, faithfulness and passion for Christ's honour. May we serve as faithfully and be equally ready when our call home comes.'

As our own tribute to Norman, we reproduce in this edition of the Bulletin two items he wrote for the July 2015 issue which perfectly represent his clearly-argued, biblically-informed, thoughtful writing. The issues he highlighted then are just as relevant and important for Christians to grapple with today. We hope many readers will benefit again from Norman's quiet, passionate wisdom as they read these articles today.

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