

**6th September 2018**

**6pm-7.30pm**

# **Thursday Conversations**

**Nicola Williams**

**Service Complaints Ombudsman  
for the Armed Forces**



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A series of monthly conversations that encourage us to engage with important issues that impact on all our lives. In an informal, relaxed atmosphere, we discuss and debate with influential figures in fields such as politics, law, social justice and human rights.

Conversations are facilitated by the **Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin**, Priest-in-Charge at St Mary-at-Hill Church and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Our guest in September is **Nicola Williams**

Nicola Williams took up the post of Service Complaints Commissioner to the Armed Forces in January 2015 and the post subsequently transitioned to that of Service Complaints Ombudsman on 1 Jan 16. Nicola previously held the post of Complaints Commissioner for the Cayman Islands from 2009 to 2015, with a remit that extended over 93 government entities. Since 2009, Nicola has also been a Crown Court Recorder sitting on the London and South Eastern Circuit.

Between 2004 and 2009, she was a Commissioner at the Independent Police Complaints Commission, with particular responsibility for Kent, Sussex, the Ministry of Defence Police and part of the Met Police. Prior to this, she was a board member at the Police Complaints Authority from 2001 to 2004.

Between 1985 and 2001, Nicola was a barrister in private practice, practicing in a number of fields before the High Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal, and specializing in Criminal Law, including three successful Commonwealth death penalty appeals before the House of Lords sitting the Privy Council. Nicola is a founder member of the Independent Advisory Group to the Metropolitan Police Service (following recommendations arising from the Stephen Lawrence Report in 1999.)

In addition to being actively engaged as a mentor for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, Nicola is also a published author.



**Choral Evensong is at 6.00pm, sung by Seraphim the St Mary-at-Hill Choir,  
followed by Thursday Conversation at 6.30pm**

**Come along, enjoy a glass of wine and join in the conversation.**

**Free Admission - Donations welcome**

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