



Christopher Paul Nicolle

For the post of 'Procurer of the Poor' in St. Peter Port Parish.

Since coming into office on January 1st 2023, I have:-

1. Been the lead for Liberation Day celebrations in Market Square 2024 and 2025, compering the 'Talent Show', acquiring the bulk of the prizes for this and the i.d. card stall, conducting school assemblies to encourage primary age pupils to take part in the talent show and to walk with our float in the cavalcade.
2. I set up a programme of lectures as part of 'Liberation Week'. Five lectures in 2024 and eight in 2025, providing information on the islands occupation and various noteworthy events surrounding it. These lectures were free and I intend to continue to build on the programme in future years. In the eighteen months leading up to the 80th celebrations, I shared my ideas with the Museum service, Black Vanilla and the relevant departments of the Civil Service which translated into much of what occurred on the Sea Front and Piers on May 9th this year.
3. I am the lead for Town Twinning with Masnieres in France, hosting their Mayor and pupils from their secondary and primary schools in 2024. Furthermore I attended their commemoration of the RGLI in November/December 2024, laying a wreath at their memorial (a twin of ours in the Sunken Gardens), on behalf of this parish.
4. Many of you may have witnessed my challenging cyclists in breach of no cycling laws in pedestrianised area, on parish pavements and cycling in opposition to traffic on one way roads. I have tackled well over a hundred offenders.
5. I have led ALL liquor license inspections for over twelve months.
6. Successfully took non-compliant parishioners to tribunal for failure to cut their hedge.
7. Attended many of the 'Drop In' sessions on Saturday mornings.
8. Composed all of the questions for the purpose of interviewing potential, new office staff and sat on the associated interview panel.
9. Took the reading at last years 'Carol Service' in Market Square.
10. I have become a member of the RGLI Trust so as to represent the interests of this parish.

Further to the post of Procurer, I am aware of the degree of poverty and deprivation in our parish. The Guernsey Quality of Life Report 2025 makes stark and difficult reading. Beyond the provision of the welfare system, 5% of islanders often go without essentials like food and heating (around 3,200 islanders).

I can claim EMPATHY, not just as a convenient phrase but through real life experiences. As a retired school teacher I have witnessed real hardship in schools in which I taught. In Eccles (Salford LEA), where I taught for eighteen years, the schools catchment being mainly composed of children eligible for free school meals from two large council estates. Then to find that the same levels of deprivation exist on the affluent island of Guernsey where I headed the Citizenship/PSHEe Department, in one of the islands high schools for ten years.

My own experience as a nine year old boy, when due to the poor health of a parent and their resultant hospitalisation, my own family went through a thankfully brief period of hardship. I taught children about poverty, homelessness and related issues. However I also delivered lessons to them on 'Financial Capability.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME ON NOVEMBER 19th 2025. Thank you.

