

Richard Fisher

The Alphege Award for Evangelism and Witness For outstanding innovative work in supporting and developing Fresh Expressions of Church such as Messy Church, Who Let The Dads Out? and, more recently, Anna Chaplaincy.

Over the past 28 years as Chief Executive of The Bible Reading Fellowship, Richard Fisher has led the Charity in a remarkable way, developing it from being primarily a print organisation to becoming a leader, and arguably the leader, in fostering Fresh Expressions of Church in the United Kingdom. Messy Church is the most obvious example of this innovative work, with almost 4,000 now registered in its Directory, most of which are in the UK but with an increasing number internationally.

Lucy Moore was, of course, the person who invented Messy Church but it is Richard who has been its champion, nurturing its development and raising many hundreds of thousands of pounds from trusts and donors to enable it to become what it is today. Without him, humanly speaking, it might have grown in a small way, but it would never have grown as it has done, supported too by BRF's publishing expertise.

More recently Who Let The Dads Out? was nurtured for a period under the BRF umbrella, again with Richard's support and developmental expertise and, most recently of all, Anna Chaplaincies are beginning to make their mark in different parts of the Country.

If Richard had spent the past three decades in the business world he could probably have become a multi-millionaire with a proven track record in fostering start-up companies. Instead he has used those same skills in building an exceptional portfolio of Christian 'start-ups'.