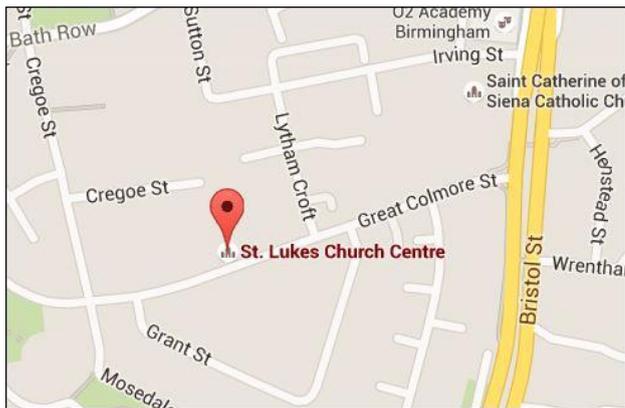


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The Speakers

Mark Newby



Mark Newby is a Solicitor Advocate admitted in 1993 and who has since 2001 been involved in miscarriage of justice work and defending false allegations of historical abuse.

He has been involved in a large number of historical care home appeals including the well reported cases of Sheikh and Joynson amongst many. He has also been involved in a large number of other successful appeals largely in historical cases but this has also included the well reported murder conviction of Ian Lawless and the case of Victor Nealon. He represents Victor Nealon in a challenge to the Governments Compensation Scheme for Miscarriages of Justice in Strasbourg.

He specialises in defending false allegations of historical abuse and has been involved in most of the major police enquiries most recently in the Operation Pallial Cases in North Wales

He sits on the Law Society Crime Committee representing criminal Practitioners across the UK. He has written a number of past articles on the dangers of false allegations and together with Mark Barlow delivered the 2009 Paper on Historical Abuse Cases which is referred to in Rook & Ward on Sexual Offences. In 2012 he delivered the Richard Webster memorial address in Wales where he warned what was coming in the aftermath of the Savile scandal.

Mark Barlow

Mark practices in both the English and Northern Irish jurisdiction mainly in criminal, human rights and appellate law. He was a founder member of Garden Court North Chambers and is a member of the Bar Library, Belfast. He is recognised as one of the leading junior counsel in complex historic allegations of sexual abuse, together with extensive experience of miscarriage cases in both England and Northern Ireland. He has been involved in a number of landmark decisions in the Court of Appeal involving historic care home appeals, most notably *R v Joynson* [2008] EWCA Crim 3049; *R v Sheikh* [2006] EWCA Crim 2625; *R v Robson* [2006] EWCA Crim 2754; *R v Brizzalari* [2004] EWCA Crim 310 and *R v Basil Rigby Williams* [2003] EWCA Crim 693. These cases concentrated upon the difficult area of whether a fair trial can be achieved given extensive delay in the criminal proceedings and the safeguarding of the rights of an accused. Mark's experience in this area of law is demonstrated by his role as a legal advisor to the campaign group Falsely Accused Carers and Teachers (FACT), and his organisation of the first national conference on The Challenges of Historic Allegations of Past Sexual Abuse held in Manchester in 2009. Mark was also a speaker at the 7th INUK Annual Conference for Innocence Projects (November 2012) on investigating historical abuse and sexual offences.

He has an extensive criminal appeals case load dealing with other serious criminal matters.

Mark has lectured and tutored in criminal law and provides training on historic allegations of sexual abuse case