



**Lee Taylor** (UK)

Lee is an Anglican priest in Llangollen, North Wales. He trained for ordained ministry at Ripon College, Cuddesdon in Oxford. As an undergraduate, he was organ scholar and choirmaster at Lampeter University. During his school days he spent a summer vacation studying music at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He is a Chairman of *The Players' Theatre Club* and a member of the *British Music Hall Society* and *The Club For Acts & Actors*. As part of his churches outreach to the community through the visual and performing arts, Lee founded *The Collen Players* who put on regular music hall and variety shows in the church community hall. In Llangollen, he is a member of the Music & Staging Committee for the *Llangollen International Eisteddfod* which welcomes choirs and dancers from all over the world every year. In 2019, Fr Lee made national headlines when he revived a

sixteenth century prayer for blessing ale which he used for the Real Ale train on the Llangollen Heritage Railway. He is currently studying a research degree in Religious/Mystical Experience at the University of Wales, Trinity St David, Lampeter. This year he took part in the Near Death Experience Spectrum at *The Monroe Institute*, USA. Following this experience, he has been invited to write a paper for the journal of *The Churches Fellowship of Psychical & Spiritual Studies*. He is also pursuing an informal study on laughter and the spiritual life as well as researching the life of Fr Stewart Headlam, an Anglo-Catholic priest who defended the louche world of the Music Halls in Victorian Britain. Lee was contestant #123 in the new record-breaking reality TV series: *Squid Game: The Challenge* which premiered on Netflix in November 2023.