



Reverend Richard Coles

Cleric, Broadcaster & Former Communard

"Cometh the hour, cometh the overweight Vicar with arthritis in his knees" – Rev Richard Coles

Reverend Richard Coles is the only Church of England priest that can claim to having had a British Number 1 hit single as part of highly successful pop duo The Communards. He is a radio broadcaster and television panellist on shows such as *Have I Got News for You* and *QI*.

TOPICS:

- After Dinner Speaking - "From Pop Star to Parson"
- Awards Ceremony Host
- Conference & Keynote Speaking
 - LGBT, Diversity and Inclusion
 - Trust
 - Ethics

IN DETAIL:

The Reverend Richard Coles is a Church of England priest in the quintessentially English village of Finedon, Northamptonshire. Richard moved to London as a young man to work as a session musician in theatre. He joined pop group Bronski Beat as a sax player where he met Jimmy Somerville and they formed The Communards. After his pop career Richard studied for a theology degree at King's College, London. With a particular interest in housing communities, he is involved in providing social and affordable housing. Richard writes regularly for newspapers and magazines. He is co-presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Saturday Live*. Richard was the inspiration for the main character in the BBC hit comedy *Rev* and took part in *Celebrity Masterchef*.

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Richard Coles' work in the media and unique position as the only Vicar to have had a number one hit record, makes him a popular speaker on the after dinner circuit, regaling many extraordinary and humorous tales of his journey from popstar to priest.

PUBLICATIONS:

2016 *Bringing in the Sheaves*
2014 *Fathomless Riches: Or How I Went From Pop to Pulpit*
2013 *Legends of the Improbable Saints*

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Having addressed diverse audiences, Richard has refined a highly original, humorous and captivating after dinner speech that will appeal to all.