



Message from new vicar

I am really looking forward to taking up my post as vicar of Holy Trinity in the summer. I was very aware of God's call throughout the appointment process, and so I am excited about joining the leadership team of a church with both a great past and, I am sure, an exciting future.

Before I was ordained in 2001 I studied German and Russian at Cambridge, and then worked for a church and a bank before theological training in Durham. My last five years have been spent in ministry at Christ Church, Chineham, Basingstoke. I have been the assistant minister there responsible for youth and children's ministry and homegroups, and also took charge during the recent interregnum. My passion is helping people of all ages become and grow as followers of Jesus Christ through a clear understanding of God's word in the Bible.

I have been married to Annabelle, a GP, for eight years, and we have a son, Sam, who is two, (and another child on the way). In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, following cricket, walking and reading.

Annabelle and I will be moving into the vicarage at the end of June and I will be instituted as vicar in the third week of July. Before then I will be spending a month's study leave in Cambridge working on my part-time doctoral thesis and also undertaking some specific training on leading a large church.

In the meantime I am very grateful to David, the rest of the staff team, the wardens, and all those who are helping the church to flourish during the interregnum. I am praying for them and the whole church family as we look forward to serving Christ together.

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