



Hello from your new curate.

It is with a real sense of excitement that I am introducing myself to you, though it is in a rather different way to how you would normally meet someone new to your Church!

I would like to share with you a little bit about who I am.

I live in Penn with my husband Colin. We have three grown up boys, all of them settled in their own homes so it's just me, Colin and the cat and two tortoises at home now! Paul and Hannah live in Lincoln where Paul is stationed with the RAF, while John and Sarah, and Ian live locally in Penn. I am sure that you will meet them at some point. They are looking forward to meeting you.

At present, I teach full time at Spring Vale Primary School in Wolverhampton. I manage the Foundation Stage and co-ordinate RE. I have the joy of teaching the youngest of our children and see it a place of ministry to parents, children and my colleagues. After leaving Teacher training college, I worked for around seven years in the accounts department at the Express and Star. While being a very different experience, it is something that has stood me in good stead and I see it as part of the formation of who I am.

In my spare time, I like to read, and knit and spend time in the garden. I love spending time with the boys and my sister and her husband and my friends. I also like to watch TV.

I worshiped all of my life in the church where I was baptised, confirmed and married, and where I felt called to ordained ministry. I trained at Queens College Birmingham, and it was during training that I felt that God was re-directing my path, no longer back to my home church but to some other place. The Parish of Tettenhall Wood is that other place. I thank God for the place He has prepared for me.

So many times, I have driven past Christ Church and Good Shepherd and thought, "I wonder..." Now I am going to know! I was very pleased to be able to pop in recently and just felt that it was a community that loved - its members, the building and the wider community. I am passionate about engaging with Fair Trade, The Good Shepherd and Place of Welcome ministries. I have also been an MU member and know how valuable a ministry it is to many families.

I am looking forward to meeting you, listening to your stories and getting to know you. I am always ready for a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake – if it's offered! While I am aware my hours are limited, I want to be involved in any way that I can. My prayer is that I will be a gift to you and that we can grow and flourish together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

I pray for many blessings for you all,

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P. S. I am holding onto my hat in the picture because I do have a habit of losing things!