

Introducing our new Vicar : Fr Trevor Thurston-Smith SMMS



Trevor was born and educated in Harrogate North Yorkshire. After leaving school he worked as a Civil Servant in the Ministry of Defence, but soon began to feel called to a very different kind of ministry! He trained for ordination at Chichester Theological College and has been ordained for thirty-five years.

After curacies in the Sheffield and Lichfield dioceses, Trevor spent some time outside stipendiary ministry living in Derby and working in managerial and developmental roles in a number of charities.

He moved to the Leicester diocese in 2005 as Bishop's Chaplain for people affected by HIV, before returning to parish ministry as Priest-in-Charge of Broughton Astley with Croft and Stoney Stanton in 2011. In 2014 he became Rector of the Wigston Benefice to the south-east of the city.

Fr Trevor describes his spirituality as 'Catholic with a Charismatic edge'. He's a Priest Associate of the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham, a member of the Sodality of Mary Mother of Priests and is currently Chair of the Midlands Region of 'On Fire Mission'. He shares his life with his Civil Partner, Jeremy and a delightful Great Dane-Mastiff cross called Bella. Fr Trevor's main hobby is music, and he plays piano and organ. His other interests include Theatre, Cinema, dog-Walking, and eating out (Thai, Indian, Turkish, Mexican; well, you name it really). He has also been known to enjoy the odd glass of red wine or a pint of Real Ale!

Fr Trevor says, "Birmingham has always been one of my favourite cities. I'm looking forward to moving there and in particular to joining the church family at St Matthew's, worshipping in that incredible building, and working with both church and community in grasping the challenges and opportunities that God sends our way."