

I am excited about being Licensed as Deanery Mission Priest on 17th June at 12.30pm and looking forward to serving Ilminster Deanery which includes Chard, Ilminster and the outlying villages. I will be working and serving alongside church leaders to watch and listen where the Holy Spirit is leading. Initially I am delighted to be working with Rev Jim Fallon and team in the Blackdown Benefice and with Rev Christabel and Rev Stephen in Seven Sowers Benefice.

My plan is to be out and about (when we are able) meeting people and getting to know the story of your community/village. In time we will meet face to face but for now I look forward to getting to know you virtually. I will be leading services and preaching *as* I am invited. I plan to host (virtual) coffee mornings so that we can talk about the things that are important to us, an icebreaker for starters is always our hobbies. I am a beekeeper, love gardening, cooking, particularly Asian food and '*my family and other animals*' consists of two donkeys, six pekin bantams and one small dachshund, a husband and three grown up children and two small grandchildren. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

I ask that we pray for each other often as I begin this exciting new role:

'That we will come into a deeper knowledge of God's immense love for each one of us and together we can be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.'

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I will go with you and give you peace. (Ex 33:14)