

A note from David Packham ...

Alex has asked me to tell you a little about myself.

I live in Dorking with my wife, Margaret, and we currently worship at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott. I work at the Natural History Museum supporting project managers who deliver projects of all shapes and sizes, such as new exhibitions and gallery refurbishments. Margaret is a Pastoral Assistant at Holy Trinity, with a particular responsibility for the residential care homes in Westcott. We have lived in Dorking for many years and love the local countryside. We enjoy walking, classical music concerts and art galleries.

I have been asked what made me interested in the Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath.

1. I was attracted to a community with two different places of worship, with different styles and histories, reflecting the diversity of the Anglican Church tradition.

2. I am looking forward to working in a context different from my own, where I can put my theological training to good use. I am looking forward to working in the community full-time, rather than trying to fit this round the pressures of a commuting job.

3. I love teaching, preaching and Bible study and felt that Nork and Burgh Heath would be a place where I can share this passion and encourage people in their discipleship.

Finally, Alex has asked me how can you pray for me.

I still have quite a lot of work to do as an ordinand at St Mellitus College, London, until my degree course finishes in June! This is going to be a big change for us: finishing my job well, packing and moving, saying our goodbyes before starting a new chapter in our lives.