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## The Revd Jayson Rhodes



Jayson has been appointed to the position of Chaplain to the Bishop of Lincoln after ten years in ordained ministry in New Zealand.

Ministerial roles in New Zealand have included cathedral and parish appointments, plus roles in education and time spent as a communications adviser to the archbishops and as a church spokesperson. Although ordained in the Diocese of Auckland, the roles in communication have been across the Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, with work offered in Fiji and the Diocese of Christchurch following the earthquakes in 2011. Ordained ministry followed a career in radio and television as a journalist, newsreader and Communications Manager for New Zealand Police.

Jayson has been a faculty member of St John's Theological College in Auckland for the past three years. He lectures in ministry formation papers and communications, and he is currently completing a professional doctorate in Practical Theology through the Cambridge Theological Federation and Anglia Ruskin University (his doctoral thesis explores where the public square stops and starts). In recent years, Jayson has returned to a role in media as a nationwide talkback host. Previously, as an ordinand at St John's he was awarded a first-class honours degree in Practical Theology from Auckland University, having earlier studied political science and music.

An interest in music as a teenager led to Jayson serving as an organ scholar and organist in two cathedrals in New Zealand, and he retains a broad taste in music. Other interests include marathon DVD sessions and caring for pets that include a German Shepherd, who, at the age of 10, won't be changing hemispheres.

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