



## **The Revd Andrew Race**

Andrew and family have spent the last six and a half years in Castle Donington, Leicestershire, where he has served as Vicar of The Benefice of Castle Donington (St Edward the King and Martyr) and Lockington Cum Hemington.

Andrew's wife, Lois, works for Derbyshire County Council in the Public Health Team where she is responsible for a range of services supporting financial well-being across the county. Andrew & Lois have two adult children, Hannah, who lives in Preston with her partner, and Jose, who has just completed her A-Levels and hopes to be heading to university in September. We also have a miniature sausage dog called Peggy who barks very loudly.

Prior to ordination, the family lived in Belper, Derbyshire, for 20 years, where they were fully involved in the life of the local church, and where Andrew ran his own marketing and consultancy business.

Andrew and Lois met at Birmingham University and they come from two very different parts of the world, Lois from Newcastle upon Tyne (where she was born and bred), and Andrew grew up in southern Africa, living in Zimbabwe (where he was born), and then in South Africa and Botswana, prior to coming to the UK in 1986.

Moving to a new place is both exciting and a little scary. Please do pray for Andrew and Lois over the coming months as we move, settle in and get to know everybody but do bear with them, as it may take a while to match names to faces correctly!

Andrew believes that churches are meant to be places where everyone is welcome, and all are valued. He says "Yes, the primary focus of our life together is about worship that engages all – yet it is also about working well together and serving the needs of our community. I hope you are looking forward to this next chapter as much as I am, and that you will join me as we together listen to God and discover ways to respond to His call on our lives. See you soon!"