

The Revd Mark Williams

Mark began his life in the City of Liverpool, a fact he is quite proud of, and has heard every comment regarding car wheels already. Leaving at 18 to go to University in Lancaster, after graduation he worked in the Lake district selling jumpers to tourists. Gaining a PGCE, Mark taught RE in Blackburn, with varying degrees of success.

Having felt the call to ordination from a very early age, Mark was selected for training in 1998, and spent two exceedingly happy years at Cranmer Hall. Serving his curacy in the Hertfordshire town of Bishop's Stortford. Completing his curacy, Mark then moved to be a Team Vicar in The Chipping Barnet Team, at St Mark's Barnet Vale, and St Peter's Arkley.

After six years Mark moved back to Lancashire to St Matthew's Church in Burnley. A mixture of the most deprived areas of the country, but predominantly suburban housing, which reflected the dynamic of the congregation.

After a brief sojourn in the millionaire's row of Salford known as the Village of Worsley, Mark returned to Blackburn Diocese to his first taste of rural ministry in the spectacular scenery of the Ribble Valley. He describes his time here as the most contented time of his life, and has loved being involved with all three villages in many and varied ways.

Mark would see his faith journey as one of liberal acceptance, and inclusion. A lover of the Book of Common Prayer, this has not prevented him from experimenting with all kinds of worship styles, hoping to meet the spiritual hearts of all age groups.

He looks forward to becoming part of the Lincoln Diocese, and the parishes of the Haven Group, an area of the country he has known, and grown to love through his partner David, for almost 20 years.

