

Father Edward Martin



Fr Edward Martin (Ed) was born Nottinghamshire and grew up in a small village near Newark. After attending school in Tuxford, where he met his wife Lesley, Ed studied for a BA in Politics at Hull University before working for several years at the Benefits Agency in Lincoln. He studied for the Priesthood at the College of the Resurrection and was ordained in 2003, serving his Curacy in Carrington on the outskirts of Nottingham.

In 2006 Ed was appointed as Priest in Charge of Chapel St Leonards and Hogsthorpe on the east coast of Lincolnshire before heading northeast to serve as Rector of Scartho and Vicar of St Augustine's and St Andrew's in Grimsby. Making the move to the south of the county in 2019, Ed has most recently worked as Warden of Edenham Retreat House and Vicar of the Parishes of Edenham, Witham-on-the-Hill and Swinstead.

Fr Ed's interests include collecting pre-Victorian Bibles and Prayer Books (c.400 volumes), Georgian teacups, 18th century chairs and memorabilia connected with Edward King (Bishop of Lincoln 1829–1910). He recently developed a passion for pre-1960 bicycles and raised money for the Church by riding his trusty Hercules (three gears, rod brakes and a basket) to Grantchester near Cambridge, arriving just in time to unintentionally interrupt filming for the popular TV show of the same name. Fr Ed and his wife Lesley have two grown-up children both living and working in Yorkshire.

Speaking of his forthcoming appointment as Minister in Charge (Rector designate) of St Mary's Stamford, Fr Ed has said how much he is looking forward to expanding his current responsibilities in conjunction with the Time To Change Together initiative (TTCT). TTCT has encouraged Parish communities to form new working relationships and practice careful stewarding to be better equipped for mission and service in the community. Fr Ed will oversee St Mary's in conjunction with his current roles whilst also giving a lead to the recently formed Society Local Mission Partnership (LMP). Working with the PCC, Fr Ed is keen to find ways to develop the profile and appeal of St Mary's Stamford, a Church that strives for excellence in music and worship using the historic language of the Book of Common Prayer and King James Bible.