

The Vicarage, Church Street, Shipton u Wychwood

It was a great privilege and joy to become your new Vicar at a lovely service on Sunday 18th April. My family, Gill, Jason, Hannah and I have been made to feel very welcome and I'm very grateful to you for that.

The last two years have been spent in Oxford where I worked as the Chief Executive in the Radcliffe Infirmary and helped part-time in the parish of Old Marston. Although I originate from Edinburgh, Gill and I have spent most of our married life in Devon, where I served in the Royal Marines and then read Theology at Exeter University. I trained for the Priesthood at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, just outside Oxford, for two years and then returned to Devon to work in hospital management. I also served as a part-time Vicar in four villages on the edge of Dartmoor National Park so it is great to be back close to the countryside again.

In my application to become your Vicar I made the point that my role has a number of aspects. I'm your Priest who has a responsibility to help people to become closer to God through prayer and worship. As a Pastor I work alongside others in caring for local people in times of joy and heartache. As a Teacher I've the responsibility for teaching the Christian faith and developing people in their knowledge of scripture. Also I will seek to be a Shepherd or Leader, helping to develop a vision for the 21st century, both for the Church and wider community.

In God's work we are all called to serve in different ways. I pray that we may all seek to serve in whatever way we can. I look forward to serving you all as Priest, Pastor, Teacher and Leader.

Yours sincerely,

Rev'd Mike Williams
Vicar

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