

**Please fill in an answer to each question.**

**Keep your answers fairly brief, ideally 2/3 sentences maximum.**

Your name, your age and your home town/city:

**Answer:** Christopher Anderton, 30, Preston.

The church you are serving:

**Answer:** St. Bartholomew's and The Church of the Saviour, Blackburn.

Tell us about your family:

**Answer:** Married to Rachael. We've been married for two years. Rachael works as a Marketing Assistant.

Former job before entering ministry?:

**Answer:** Teaching Assistant (Secondary) and Church Student Worker in Preston.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

**Answer:** I felt a desire for ordained ministry as the best way to serve God with my life and share the good news of the gospel with other people. Pre-training I loved seeing the difference God's Word in the Bible makes to people's lives.

What's been the best thing about your training?:

**Answer:** Seeing more of the glory, perfection and majesty of God, and thinking through how that makes a difference to my life and the lives of those who I'll minister to. I'm very grateful that I have been able to work this out as part of a community.

What's the most important thing you have learned?:

**Answer:** That life is complicated, but God speaks into that with words of comfort, change and hope. I've seen that especially this year reflecting on modules in wisdom literature and pastoral counselling.

What is your hope for your future role?:

**Answer:** That I would love people, serve them, minister God's word to them. That people who don't trust Jesus would come to believe in Him.

One thing about you people would be surprised about?:

**Answer:** I'm half-Italian. You probably wouldn't be able to tell by looking thanks to my Lancastrian genes.

Your favourite quote:

**Answer:** "Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check. But that is not what I have found. I have found it is small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love." — J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

Unfulfilled ambition?:

**Answer:** Rock Star.

How do you hope to support the new Diocesan vision of 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' at parish level?

**Answer:** Get out and meet the people in the community, talk to them, serve them, speak to them about Christ. I'm looking forward to learning and getting involved in the churches community outreach programmes.



What is your own vision for the church?:

**Answer:** For it to be a church where Jesus is glorified as God's word is faithfully taught, we serve each other, and people from all backgrounds are transformed by the Holy Spirit to live lives of joy for the glory of God.

How do you relax?:

**Answer:** By cycling; playing ultimate frisbee; playing computer games and listening to/playing music.