



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: Sam Cheesman, 32, Lancaster

The church you are serving:

Answer: All Saints, Anchorsholme

Tell us about your family:

Answer: Married to Mairi with a daughter of 5 called Lydia. She helps us look after a dog and a cat.

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: I have been a chaplain at a large Church of England Secondary school called Ripley St Thomas in Lancaster.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: The sacraments play a huge part in growing and sustaining a worshipping community, and growing frustration that they could not feature in my ministry caused me to revisit a sense of calling to ordination I had felt for some time.

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

Answer: The community St Mellitus has built; within which I have been taught and formed in amazing ways.



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

Answer: Without Jesus I can't do anything; with him at the centre, all things are possible.

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: To serve and love the people God has called us to share our lives with.

One thing about you people would be surprised about?:

Answer: I coach a 1st XV rugby team. We even got to the regional final last year.

Your favourite quote:

Answer: Anything ever said in 'The West Wing'. Bible is full of good stuff too!

Unfulfilled ambition?:

Answer: Go and watch a Lions tour in the southern hemisphere. South Africa 2020?

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

Answer: Working in a school gives one a particular passion for identifying and growing leaders. Discipleship is a key part of this, especially as the hope is that they too will become disciple-makers themselves and use their God given gifts to bring life in all its fullness wherever they go.

What is your own vision for the church?:

Answer: Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone in the Diocese could say that they know someone who has been changed by the transforming power of God?

A church which affords love, hope and truth unlike anything else on offer forces a response from all who come across it.

HEALTHY CHURCHES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



How do you relax?:

Answer: Watching rugby. Preferably live but at home will do.