



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: Munawar Din, 49, Accrington.

The church you are serving:

Answer: Christ Church, Blackburn.

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I am married to Lubna and we have three children (one daughter and two sons). Children are in their early 20s and teens.

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: I come from a background in education and administration. I served in the Church of Pakistan for about ten years at one of the Cathedral Schools run by the Diocese of Sialkot, and before came to ministry here in the UK I worked at White Ash School, Oswaldtwistle.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: My calling to ordained ministry is progressive and became transparent & stronger over the time. Since 2009 I have been responding to this calling prayerfully, and believe in sharing the love of Christ Jesus through word, sacrament and pastoral presence among communities as Ordained minister.



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

Answer:

My training was residential and has provided me the opportunity to live, study, worship and grow in faith alongside people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, and church traditions. I believe this diverse experience has been one of the best thing in my training.

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

Answer: I have learned during this process of training that in life and ministry I need to be myself, whoever I am. God knows me and calls me whatever and whoever I am. He wants me to serve him with all the gifts and weakness that I may have.

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: As Deacon, I hope to serve people in the church and in the community, wherever they are: to reach to the ones who are housebound and sick, to reach to the lost, to reach to them who are at the margins of the society. I am looking forward to preach the Good News of Jesus to the congregation and the community, and hope to nurture and make disciples of Jesus to further the kingdom of God with the help, guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit

Your favourite quote:

Answer: A person is a person through other persons. (Desmond Tutu)

Unfulfilled ambition?:

Answer: One of my unfulfilled ambition is to go to places where people are being effected by poverty and hunger, and help them whichever way God would like me to. For this mission, I have a strong desire to be involved in a project that works in deprived countries.

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

Answer: First as a disciple to be a living witness of Jesus, then as a servant reach out to help people to know and grow in Christ, and nurture disciples to grow as Christian leaders to serve and lead others so that the body of Christ may flourish in the parish and beyond.

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What is your own vision for the church?:

Answer: To me Church is a foretaste of the kingdom of God, where everyone is loved, valued and adored as part of one body of Christ. A living body that grows and reaches to the communities to bring hope and peace in the love and protection of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

How do you relax?:

Answer: Listening music, playing Indian harmonium, cooking and gardening.