



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: Aiden Edwards, I am 34 and my home county is Norfolk. I have lived in rural Norfolk and the last 17 years have been spent in the City of Norwich.

The church you are serving:

Answer: I will be serving the Parish Church of St Annes, St Annes-on-Sea.

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I am the middle child of three boys. My Father is a retired Aero-Engine Inspector and my Mum is currently training to be a Counsellor. My family originate from the Midlands although I have spent most of my life in Norfolk.

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: Being a Norwich boy, I worked at Norwich Union Insurance from the age of 18 until I left for Seminary aged 31. I took a year out from the business to try other things but I ended up going back! My final post of seven years was a senior household underwriter.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: I will always maintain that God decided that I ought to be ordained and I simply agreed to be obedient to His call on my life. I never expected anything like this when I was baptised and confirmed as an adult, aged 27.

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

Answer: I never imagined that I could be broken down and built back up in the most spectacular way that residential training has allowed. Finding out the truth about ourselves is often hard but knowing who you are is vital sustaining a life of public ministry.

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

Answer: ALWAYS be your true self. This is the simplest sounding advice but often the hardest to live by.

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: To win souls for Jesus, to live out my vocation as fully as I can and gently brush away as many reasons as possible why people think they cannot come to know God.

One thing about you people would be surprised about?:

Answer: I love the 1920's and 30's and can't wait to make my house a shrine to the Art Deco era. I love Noel Coward's music, too.

Your favourite quote:

Answer: "Everything in moderation. Including moderation!" – Oscar Wilde

Unfulfilled ambition?:

Answer: To drive a convertible BMW M3 and a career in psychology or psychiatry.

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

Answer: My hope is to support people to be happy in the faith; empowered to proclaim the Good News and show how much more rich life is when it is lived with God and for God.

What is your own vision for the church?:

Answer: That the Church will truly profess 'One Lord, one faith and one baptism' by continuing to breakdown divisions and for all to learn to live comfortably with difference and to show the world what love really is.

How do you relax?:

Answer: Usually by allowing the sofa to swallow me up with Radio 4 on or watching anything to do with the history of the Church and how we used to live.