

**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: Stephen Large, 69, Burnley.**

The church you are serving:

**Answer: St Cuthbert's Burnley with St Luke's Brierfield**

Tell us about your family:

**Answer: My wife is Janet who is retired and who sings with four choirs. Our eldest child is David who is a fishmonger with Sainsbury's. His partner is Mandy who is a hairdresser Beautician. My daughter is Jennifer who is 32 and is a hairdresser. Her husband is Matt who is an engineer.**

Former job before entering ministry?:

**Answer: Construction worker.**

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

**Answer: I felt the calling from God and followed it.**

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

**Answer: Deepening my Faith through a deeper understanding of scriptures.**

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

**Answer: That Eternal life is not just about living forever. It is about living in God forever.**

What is your hope for your future role?:

**Answer: Assistant Priest at St Cuthbert's with St Luke's.**

One thing about you people would be surprised about?:

**Answer: I was a hippy during the beginning of the seventies.**

Your favourite quote:

**Answer: You did not choose me, I chose you and I have called you friends.**

Unfulfilled ambition? **None.**

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

**Answer: I intend to use my leadership promoting collaborative ministry helping others to identify and use their gifts, in order to grow leaders in mission and evangelism. Help my two churches go for growth in collaboration in identifying ways in which we can become rooted in Vision 26 through our combined practises of mission, outreach and prayer. Our churches are big houses in neighbourhoods of houses and we need to get to know our neighbours and they need to get to know us. We cannot achieve this by merely conducting service behind four safe walls. There are other buildings within our parishes such as community centres and school rooms which could be utilised. We have a powerful message to take out with us and a Holy Spirit to guide us. These are a winning combination and we must use them.**

What is your own vision for the church?:

**Answer: To create a healthy church and to transform our communities by being obedient to Holy Scripture, in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. To proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all. To live out the promise of the Gospel in our lives and in our care for all. To promote social justice the norm not the exception for all. To bring children and young into the centre of our worship and to support and nurture them as they make their journeys to faith.**



How do you relax?:

**Answer: Walking and gardening, socialising with friends and family.**