

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: Paul McNally. 34. Born and raised in Chorley, Lancashire

The church you are serving:

Answer: The United Benefice of Accrington St James and St Paul

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I have been married to Lara for 12 years, and we have three children together, Emmy (9), Amos (8), Benjamin (4)

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: Before entering ordained ministry, I was a children and youth worker for 11 years in three churches in Lancashire and Liverpool. Before that I was a sales manager for a office supplies company in Chorley.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: Having worked in a church setting for many years, I felt God calling me and equipping me, to ordained ministry.

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

Answer: Meeting David Suchet. He came into college to run a workshop on reading the Bible in Church. His passion and love for Jesus was infectious, and his expert skills taught us how to read the Bible, in public, better.



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

Answer: People are different! Understanding that, and understanding how I deal with different people and different situations, has helped me greatly.

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: To be a Christ-like leader in the church. Seeing people use their gifts for the benefit of the gospel, and seeing people come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

One thing about you people would be surprised about?:

Answer: I appeared in a children's TV show, back in the 90's, called Sloggers.

Your favourite quote:

Answer: People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Unfulfilled ambition?:

Answer: To play cricket at Lord's

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

Answer: Discipleship. Helping the church family to be and feel confident in sharing the gospel with friends and neighbours. Running courses that explore the Christian faith. Teaching the truths of Scripture faithfully and in a way that is relevant to the world we live in today. I also think my children and youth work experience will play a role in this.

What is your own vision for the church?:

Answer: To see people who love Jesus and have changed lives because of who He is and what He has done, having an impact on their local communities.

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How do you relax?:

Answer: Sport, music and family

