



Your name, age and original home village, town or city (the place where you grew up):

Answer: My name is Ian Sarginson and I grew up in Billingham in Teesside.

The church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving:

Answer: I will be serving at St James' in Clitheroe.

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I am married to the amazing Kate and she is a teacher.

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: I was working as a Youth Coordinator at St Thomas' church in Lancaster

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: I felt a strong call to ordination which wouldn't go away however much I tried to resist or ignore it. Coupled with a strong desire to serve the church and the community I presented myself for consideration.

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

Answer: The other people that I have trained alongside. I was initially reluctant to train full time in a residential setting but can honestly say that I learned as much in the common room from my peers as I did in the lecture hall. I have been gained valuable knowledge from both.

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

Answer: The most important thing that I have learned is that there is a real strength in focusing on that which unites us rather than that which divides us.

Name the most influential person in your Christian life to date and, briefly, say why.

Answer: There are many, but the most influential is my wife Kate. She models love, faith and integrity in a way that have encouraged and inspired me more and more over the years.

Say something about your future role and how you hope to serve:

Answer: I am really excited! I am excited about living in a lovely place, serving in a great church. I am also looking forward to serving the people of Clitheroe and doing so by getting involved in the community and by trying to be a positive influence that proclaims the message of hope that I have found in Jesus.

What would people not know about you that would surprise them?:

Answer: I have an almost unhealthy obsession with scented Christmas candles. I can't get enough of them.

What would you say was your most significant personal achievement to date, either in ministry or before you embarked on your training?

Answer: Apart from my wife agreeing to marry me, it would have to be going from couch to Marathon in 14 months.

Favourite literary quote (it can be from the Bible or elsewhere) and why?:

Answer: Ephesians 2:10 It reminds me that we are all God's handiwork and that he has plans for us all.

Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?:

Answer: I would like to write a book and a sitcom. I would also like to hold a world record.

What will you do to support the ongoing Diocesan Vision 2026 Healthy Churches Transforming Communities at parish level?

Answer: I will seek to remove the barriers that can keep people in our communities from accessing the church and vice versa. I will give my time, skills, resources and prayers to creating disciples.

How would you express your own vision for the church?:

Answer: To be a beacon of hope that shines within the darkness. A family that welcomes people home and shows them the love of God.

Finally, when you get the chance, how do you relax?:

Answer: I enjoy spending time with friends, and I like watching films and watching sport particularly football. I am a coffee and pizza enthusiast and have been known to run, but not so much lately.