

James Atkinson

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Name: James Atkinson

Age: 53

Original Home Village, Town or City: Glasshouses

The Church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving: Benefice of **Foulridge Laneshawbridge and Trawden**

If applicable, what was your former job before entering ministry? Paramedic

In one word, how would you describe what ordination means to you? Providence

Please give some insight (a few sentences) about your ordination decision? I believe that I was called to the Priesthood through a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit and I obeyed this calling.

What inspired you most during your ordination training? The ways that God continues to lead me in paths that I had not envisaged walking.

What are some of the personal challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry in the coming year? Combining curacy and paramedic work together whilst I am a SSM.

Share some thoughts (a few sentences for each point) about how you will support the Bishop in achieving these aims, and also how you will encourage others to do the same?

Reach out and talk to children, young people and families, especially those on the margins of society. Try to give them hope, preach the Gospel, and invite them into God's family. Encourage people to help my wife in her fundraising efforts for The Children's Society.

Tell us about your family/ loved ones:

Married to Helen and we have one daughter, Laura.

What do you do in your free time?

Reading, cycling, washing the car!

Tell us something people don't know about you that might surprise them?

As an avid petrol head, I've just bought an electric car!