

Megan Griffiths

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Name: Megan Griffiths

Age: 25

Original Home Village, Town or City: Salford

The Church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving: St Nicholas Fleetwood

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

Please give some insight (a few sentences) about your ordination decision?

I have always felt a sense of God's call on my life. Over the past few years I have explored this call on my life through the discernment process and have been on a journey to figure out what and where God is calling me to. I have been on lots of different placements in different churches and also did a placement at Whalley Abbey. As I have journeyed closer to ordination I felt a strong sense of calling to Blackburn Diocese as it is a Diocese I was welcomed into and quickly felt at home in, I felt a real sense of God's love and passion for the gospel and that's something that excites me when I look forward to ordination.

What inspired you most during your ordination training?

The people I trained with and the love and provision of God throughout my training have inspired me throughout my training

What are some of the personal challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry in the coming year?

Some of the challenges I face over the next year are figuring out what it means to be a deacon and a wife as well as balancing life and ministry in a new place, some of the opportunities that lie ahead are getting to meet a new congregation and journeying with them, hopefully there will be opportunist to baptise and teach and also chances to share God's love with those who I meet in a new place. I look forward to the opportunity of being in a new place and learning about all that there is to be involved in.

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?

I think it's really important for the church to be an strong voice for justice in the world, we have an important gospel message to share and the love of God to pour into a world where there is so much un rest and pain. I think it's important to reach all people with the gospel and the hope that we have in Jesus from the elderly to the young people and children, if we can give the hope and love of Jesus to the youngest in our parishes and they grow up knowing that, their whole outlook on life could and will change because they will have the faith to trust in the one who loves them and who is faithful.

Please share some insights about what you personally and/or your church may be doing online; particularly anything innovative and successful you have done that other churches may be able to replicate.

The churches I've been on placement with in my training livestream morning prayer 6 days a week and this allows people to start their day in prayer, it also gets uploaded to the church Facebook page so people can watch at a time that suits them this allows people to access a praying community even if they're housebound or sick or if they just don't have the confidence yet to walk through the church doors it creates a safe space to dip the toe and catch something of the knowledge and love of God from the comfort of home before eventually coming into church. I know the church I'm going to in Fleetwood also has an online service once a week for people to be part of a church community and pray together this is something I look forward to joining in with.

Tell us about your family/ loved ones:

I am the youngest of 5 children, I have 4 older brothers. My parents split up when I was 9 and I spent my childhood growing up between the two houses. In 2020 I met Daniel and fell in love; in 2024 he proposed to me and we get married on the 15th May 2026, as we prepare to get married we are also looking forward to moving to Fleetwood and starting our lives together following the call of God on my life in curacy.

What do you do in your free time?

In my free time I love cooking and baking and spending time with friends and family.

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

I'll have been married for 6 weeks by the time I get ordained.

Please add your biography below:

Megan was born and brought up in Salford and came to faith at the age of three following a school visit from a vicar, at the time Megan's family didn't attend church but after weeks of asking her dad he eventually took her. From a young age Megan felt God's call on her life and so as she grew up she explored her faith and trusted in his plans for her life. In high school Megan became a youth chaplain listening and supporting students. After many placements in different churches and Whalley Abbey her journey has led her to this day of ordination where she looks forward to serving her curacy with the people of Fleetwood and Blackburn Diocese