

Theodore Irvine

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Name:

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Age:

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Original Home Village, Town or City:

Bournemouth

The Church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving:

All Saints Preston

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

Payroll and Finance at Hampshire County Council

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

Privilege

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

The Church of England is an historic church with a long history of sharing the good news about Jesus Christ with the nation and the world. Ever since becoming a Christian I have been eager to share the saving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ordination seemed to enable me to do this both within church life and the community.

What inspired you most during your ordination training?

Many things. One thing in particular has been the privilege of meeting so many different people from different backgrounds who, like me, have come to faith in Jesus and seeing how the good news of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life (John 3:16) has changed their lives as well as mine. It has been a real reminder that God is very much at work within our nation.

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

One challenge may be moving to a new city. However I think this will also be a wonderful opportunity to get to know many new people and should provide many opportunities to reach out in the local community.

Tell us about your family/ loved ones:

I have two parents down South! They're great and I'm blessed to have them as my parents!

What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy, running, tennis and football and good walk outdoors. I also enjoy playing the piano from time to time and catching up with people.

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

I once completed a cycle challenge from the East to West Coast in one day (Whitley Bay to Ayr). In hindsight, more training would have helped but I made it nonetheless with the help of some friends!
