

REVD KENNETH PADLEY

Overview

Current Post

- Vicar of St Michael with St Mary, St Albans (2012f)

Previously

- Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Bangor (2010-12)
- Anglican Chaplain to Bangor University (2007-12)
- Warden of Church Hostel, Bangor (2007-12)
- Assistant Curate, Central Swansea (2004-07)
- Ordinand, Cuddesdon (2001-04)
- Lay Assistant, St Barnabas Dulwich (2000-01)
- Undergraduate, BA Modern History, Exeter College Oxford (1997-2000)



Family

- I am married to Anna, a Teaching Assistant at a local secondary school
- Our son Alex is five

Gifts and Interests

- Education

I am passionate about ministry in schools and what this can contribute to the Church's mission at a local level. I have regular contact with the primary and secondary schools in my parish, offering collective worship, lessons, pastoral support and governance. My parish has regular adult learning groups. I was involved in delivering local ordination training in Bangor diocese. I have a research interest in Reformation history and theology.

- Vocations

Building on my DDO work in Wales, I help the St Albans Vocations Team as an Honorary ADDO, working especially with candidates on the educational criteria. At a national level I have been a BAP Adviser since 2012.

- Bricks and Mortar

The Church's buildings are (usually!) assets not millstones. I have extensive experience of maximising their use as community hubs and heritage resources as well as places of worship.

Some Priorities

My vision for the Church of England is grounded on generous orthodoxy: an appreciation of our inheritance of theology and history which is presented accessibly and applied appropriately to the challenges of the twenty-first century. We inhabit a tradition whose catholicity is expressed in service of the whole community and which is fired by God's evangelical zeal for individual relationship.

I believe in a Church which is open and welcoming, inspired by the inclusion which Jesus envisioned in the Kingdom of God and enacted through his miracles. I am committed to the principle that the Church grows at a local level. I long to see parochial mission that flourishes through occasional offices and vibrant connections with commerce and the workplace.

I believe in a Britain of authentic liberality, where those of different religious and cultural integrities learn to inhabit a shared space. We need to embrace those genuinely seeking asylum. I want the Church to strengthen its involvement across the educational age spectrum through schools work and effective chaplaincy. I want to defend the contribution of RE within the curriculum. I want to support the vulnerable in sickness and old age, and to back doctors as they seek to preserve life and to care for the dying; I am not convinced by the arguments for assisted suicide. I want to protect the right of workers and not just managers to have time-off on Sundays.

I believe in stewardship for the long term. Britain needs to be more alert and responsive to the massive pastoral implications caused by chronic under-supply in the housing market. The world should continue to reduce energy consumption and to price-in the realistic cost of burning fossil fuels.

I will support those motions and papers which strengthen these priorities. May I rely on your support in the General Synod election? If I am not your first choice, would you consider giving me your second or third vote?

With thanks and best wishes,



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- Revd Canon David Ridgeway, Vicar of St Stephen with St Julian, St Albans