

Hi, I'm Rachael, married to Andrew, with one adult son, Isaac. I love reading, watching all kinds of TV programmes, discussing books with my book group, walking, body boarding when waves and holidays allow, eating and enjoying food with friends and family.

I'm a former Junior school teacher and then Special Educational Needs support teacher. After a long gap when I did a range of voluntary work – church warden, college and then Council House Chaplain – while being an at-home Mum, I began training for ordination at St Hild College, at their Sheffield site each Monday, with residential weekends several times a year.

I then served as a curate at St Peter's, Littleover, learning from my fabulous training incumbent, Rev'd Alicia Dring. Covid hit just as my training finished and my curacy started, so I've done a lot of my learning in 'interesting times', but it's all been valuable experience.

Moving to work in this group of parishes with Rev Sarah has been great. I love that I can put my experience to date to good effect and follow Jesus here, encouraging all who wish to, to follow him with me and go deeper into the adventure that is life with him, serving and loving our local communities.