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The Revd Adrian Smith



Born in Worcester, Adrian spent much of his childhood in the village of Kegworth in the East Midlands before moving with his father's work to West Lothian in Scotland and then later to Solihull in the West Midlands.

After completing a degree in English Literature and History, Adrian pursued a career in publishing that took in roles serving the pharmaceutical industry, education and music in Chester, Cambridge, London and Ely. A period as a freelance editor and writer also allowed him to follow his passion for broadcasting, and for a time he reported on Cambridge City Football Club on matchdays for BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, before later freelancing for the radio station, conducting interviews and preparing and presenting live sports bulletins.

A sense of call first experienced in church in Kegworth back in the 1980s had remained and grown stronger, and, after studying at Cranmer Hall in Durham, Adrian was ordained deacon at Grimsby Minster in 2009. Ordained priest in Lincoln Cathedral in 2010, Adrian served his title in Mablethorpe with Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea, Huttoft and Anderby, before being appointed Rector of The Owmbly Group and The Springline Parish in 2012.

At his Bishop's Advisory Panel in Ely in 2007, Adrian had said that he wished to 'help the Church to communicate', and so he was pleased to take up the role of diocesan Communications Officer in November 2015. In this role he has enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the life of the diocese and to serve its people and its parishes, and he looks forward to continuing to further develop this work while also serving as an incumbent.

Adrian and his wife, Katie, met as undergraduates in Chester, and they have two daughters, Beth and Thea, and a son, Owen. In their spare time they share a love of reading, film and travel, and Owen and Adrian enjoy attending matches featuring Aston Villa FC, Boston United FC and our other local football teams. As the son of someone who served in the motor industry, and having attended school in Castle Donington and formerly served as a chaplain at Skegness Stadium, Adrian is also a keen follower of the various forms of motorsport.

Adrian and his family are looking forward to this exciting new opportunity and would appreciate your prayers.

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