



The Revd Robert Parker-McGee

The Revd Rob Parker-McGee SR has accepted the invite from Bishop Stephen and the Parish Representatives to take up the post of Vicar of Spalding, St Mary and St Nicolas.

Rob grew up in Soham near Ely and spent 29 years in this fenland region. He has a deep love of the Fens. He initially pursued studies in science and sport, which led to work as a Fitness Instructor. He then worked on the factory floor of an animal feed mill where his father worked, and grandfather delivered grain, later moving into middle-management and studying for an HNC in Business Management.

After the Mill closed, he took on a part-time role at a church outreach initiative in central Cambridge and then worked as a Risk Advisor at Anglia Ruskin University.

In 2007, he began training for the Ministerial Priesthood at The College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. He was ordained deacon at Worcester Cathedral in 2010 and priested in 2011. After serving his curacy in the Black Country at Sedgley (nr. Wolverhampton), his first post of responsibility was at Geddington with Weekley (nr. Kettering). Whilst there, he completed an MA by Research (entitled Charles Gore and a Theology of Priesthood), became a founding member of the Society of the Resurrection (Mirfield) and served as a Training Officer in the Diocese of Peterborough, training Readers and Curates-in-Training. He has since served in various capacities, including as Vicar of Orpington, All Saints' and most recently Rector of the Box River Benefice, which includes the parishes of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield, and Newton in Suffolk. He is also currently Reader Training Officer in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and has taught numerous disciplines including worship, liturgy and symbolism, ecclesiology/Anglicanism, the sacraments, preaching and theological reflection.

He has a largely contemplative and earthy spirituality, rooted in liturgical, sacramental and pastoral practice. He says he has a love for good liturgy, taking church into the marketplace and for ministry to young people and families. He is a trained Spiritual Director, continues a close link with the Anglican Church in South Africa through the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield and has a passion for both the outdoors and sports, including football, golf and fishing. He is married to Sarah and has two adult children, Jasmine and Thomas, and two dogs, all of whom will be joining him in Spalding.

Of your charity, please pray for Rob and his family as they prepare to transition, the people of Spalding as they prepare for their arrival and the people of the villages of the Box River Benefice as they prepare for the next stage in their journey under God.