







Called Together - Saturday 9th October 2021


List of those to be Licensed

Name	Licence Information and Biography	Photo
<p>Judith Coleman</p>	<p>Reader to the Benefice of Ibstock and Heather</p> <p>Judith is a retired bookkeeper, widowed, with two daughters and four granddaughters. In her spare time she enjoys walking, seeing friends, card making and knitting. She was previously a Special Constable in Leicestershire for 15 years.</p> <p>Judith has been a Pastoral Assistant for the past seven years with a funeral ministry and felt called to Reader ministry to develop her understanding of God’s word and mission in her role as Messy Church leader and in leading All Age Worship.</p> <p>Judith will act as the Mission Enabler for new groups in both churches called “Welcome Time” and to assist in a new café-style church to be held monthly in the local community centre in Ibstock.</p>	
<p>Brian Skinner</p>	<p>Reader to the Benefice of Whitwick, Thringstone and Swannington</p> <p>Brian has been a Christian for most of his life, much of that spent in Anglican congregations. As a civil engineer he chose to specialise in water and sanitation for developing countries. This included a couple of years with a young family in Uganda. Before retirement he spent just over 25 years at Loughborough University in various roles, ending up teaching and managing distance learning in the Water, Engineering and Development Centre. It was around the time of retirement Brian felt called to training as a Reader.</p> <p>Brian and his wife (a retired non-stipendiary minister) have lived in Whitwick for about four years. Although he considers himself an ‘oldie’ has been involved with youth work in his current and previous churches.</p> <p>Brian is passionate about the Christian faith being something that needs to be purposely lived-out in everyday life, so that people we mix with can be attracted to Jesus and find for themselves the ‘life in all its fulness’ that Jesus offers.</p> <p>Brian is look forward to continue serving in the Benefice in whatever way seem</p>	

	<p>appropriate to the newly-appointed Rector and the PCC.</p>	
<p>Gail Mackley</p>	<p>Associate Minister to The Four Saints Benefice of Countesthorpe, Foston, Peatling Magna and Willoughby Waterleys.</p> <p>Gail has been a Pastoral Assistant since 2015 with a particular focus on funeral ministry and bereavement care. Judith is married to James and has one son, two stepdaughters and eight grandchildren.</p> <p>Until recently Gail the Manager of The Rainbow Shop in Countesthorpe, a charity shop and coffee bar supporting Christian Aid. She doesn't have much free time but enjoys listening to music and writing poetry.</p> <p>Working as a Pastoral Assistant has enabled Gail to experience many new life situations and engage with people she might never have met and been able to find ways of connecting with her community, such as Holiday at Home events, Carols and Cakes afternoons, a group called Tranquillity for those who have been bereaved, carers and those living alone. Such activities have helped the church to fling wide the doors and welcome others in.</p> <p>Gail's hopes for her ministry as an Associate Minister is to continue to show God's everlasting love to those she encounters, to minister to the sick and dying, to help others to talk about death and to encourage and equip others into Pastoral ministry.</p>	
<p>Richard Rock</p>	<p>Reader to the Benefice of Shepshed and Oaks in Charnwood.</p> <p>Richard is married to Julie with one married daughter and a grandson. He is a member of the Leicester Anglican Cursillo movement which has had a major impact on his faith Journey.</p> <p>Having just retired from full time employment as a Safety Advisor, Richard is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends as well as having the time to further his studies as hs embark on this exciting new chapter of my life.</p> <p>Richard is very much looking forward to ministry in the Benefice and to supporting the wonderful team of Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers, and the whole Church Family.</p>	

<p>Elizabeth Smith</p>	<p>Reader at St Helens Church, Ashby –de- la - Zouch, and the Flagstaff family of churches.</p> <p>Elizabeth has recently retired as a teacher and Early Years Advisor. She lives with two dogs and enjoys walking in the countryside. She serves as a Street pastor in Ashby showing care and support for people who are out in the night-time economy.</p> <p>Elizabeth’s call to Reader ministry came from her love of children and coming alongside people as they negotiated life. She has always been involved in aspects of church life – making coffee, cleaning, singing in the choir, social events etc . She was asked to consider the role of verger but this prompted her to realise a calling to be more involved in services; being an active part of worship, and perhaps teaching and preaching. Admitting this was a great surprise to her but led to her discernment for Reader training.</p> <p>As a Licensed minister Liz wishes to further her ministry through coming alongside the sick and dying, bereaved and grieving individuals and families and taking funerals. She has a passion to be involved in Fresh Expressions of worship - building bridges between the community and the church. Alongside this is a wish to constantly deepen her understanding of ministry and respond to the needs of the Church and the world in love and service to God</p>	
<p>Lisa Smith</p>	<p>Reader to the group of churches in the Vale of Belvoir comprising St Mary’s Bottesford, St Peter and St Paul Barkestone, St John’s Muston, St Peter’s Redmile and St Helen’s Plungar – in the Framland Deanery.</p> <p>Lisa lives in Bottesford with her two teenage sons and works part time as a Social Worker. She is an avid reader and a member of a local book club. She loves getting out into nature, where she often meets God: walking, being by the sea and star gazing.</p> <p>Lisa first heard God’s call towards a preaching and teaching ministry through the words of others: but as she looks back, God has been placing people and opportunities in her path since she was young, leading her to this point. As a teenager with a severe stammer, Lisa</p>	

	<p>could never imagine she would be excited to speak into God’s word with other Christians. Lisa is clear, she is responding to God’s call, but not in her own strength. Her prayer is that through her, God’s Word and His love can be shared, to sustain those already on the Way and to invite others to encounter the living Christ for themselves.</p>	
<p>Mirjam Ngoy-Verhage</p>	<p>Associate Minister to Leicester Cathedral.</p> <p>Mirjam works as the Discipleship Officer at the Cathedral. She is originally from the Netherlands and have been based in Leicester with her family for the past 4 years. In addition to her ministry at the Cathedral, she works as a Spiritual Director and leads retreats.</p> <p>The ministry she feels called to is one of creating and holding spaces for all to explore faith, to deepen faith, to be touched and inspired by God’s deep love. Mirjam’s hope is that through Discipleship at Leicester Cathedral we will continue to offer these spaces to those who are part of the Cathedral community and the wider Diocese of Leicester.</p>	
<p>Canon. Chrispal Anand</p>	<p>Reader to the Parish of the Resurrection, Leicester.</p> <p>Chrispal was born in Mengnanapuram (“True Wisdom”), a South Indian Village that was renamed by Rev. C.T.E. Rhenius (an Apostle of Tirunelveli and first CMS Missionary to arrive in India) in 1830. Both of Chrispal’s parents are clergy in the Church of England. He lived and worshiped in 4 Dioceses within the UK and India.</p> <p>Chrispal moved to Leicester in 2000 to read for a Masters in Engineering with Industry and later a Masters of Philosophy at the University of Leicester. He is a Chartered Energy Manager at the Energy Institute and holds Chair and Vice-Chair positions within the Institute and he is Head of Carbon and Energy at the University of Leicester.</p> <p>Chrispal is married to Denita and they have two wonderful daughters Abigail (a chorister at Leicester Cathedral) and Gabriella.</p> <p>Chrispal, is of Tamil heritage and his passion</p>	

	<p>and never ending commitment has been to integrate ethnic minority Christians into the Church of England through his work as a Chair of Diocesan Forum for Ethnic Minority Anglicans (DFEMA). Chrispal also has a profound interest in Church buildings and how buildings can support the Church's mission and ministry. As an energy engineer professional and environmentalist, he has advised the Church on Environmental Sustainability. Chrispal was appointed as an honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral in September 2015.</p> <p>Chrispal is honoured to be licensed to serve as a Lay Reader and is very much looking forward to seeing what this unfolds in life of the Parish of the Resurrection and Diocese over the coming years.</p>	
<p>Ruth Scott</p>	<p>Reader to the Benefice of Groby and Ratby.</p> <p>Ruth has been married to Andrew for the last 35 years and works part time as a Special Educational Needs Coordinator at a small village primary school in North West Leicestershire. She reduced her teaching commitment to enjoy being Nana to her grandchildren and to give additional support her parents.</p> <p>Ruth's allotment helps her to indulge a love of gardening, eat seasonally and reduce her family's food miles. This along with producing knitwear for grandchildren fills her spare time.</p> <p>Ruth's whole life has been focussed on children and will be the focus of her ministry. She has been involved with the children's work at Groby church for over 40 years and intends to continue this. In addition to Open the Book visits, she is looking forward to taking school assemblies in the village schools.</p> <p>As part of the All Age Service team, I Ruth has enjoyed planning and taking services for a number of years but is also facing the challenge of leading worship and preaching to our different congregations; from on-line Complines, telephone morning prayer or preaching at 'in person' Sunday services.</p>	

	<p>After hearing a teenager, some years ago, say 'Is Easter when he was born or died?' Ruth realised that children growing up today have very little knowledge of Christianity. Her hope is that today's youngsters will be able to discover and accept the love God has for them and she will continue to work towards that aim.</p>	
<p>Nathan Booker</p>	<p>Reader to the Coplow Benefice. Nathan is 18 years old and currently studying classical singing at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.</p> <p>Music has always been a passion and Nathan has sung in his Parish choir at Billesdon and later the Cathedral. Sport is another passion and especially running, anything from the weekly Parkrun to running Hadrian's wall (84 miles) in three days, a challenge he set for himself and completed. Nathan is a church bell ringer and an avid chess player alongside some crafts and card making taught by his grandmother.</p> <p>Nathan is incredibly excited to have the opportunity to be licenced and to follow his calling to serve God in this way.</p>	