Dear people of the benefice of Hathersage with Bamford & Derwent, and Grindleford. I am very much looking forward to moving into the benefice to serve as your rector.

Here are a few snippets about me, as I prepare to join you.

Spending most of my childhood in an Anglican vicarage, I came to discover church and community life firsthand. It proved to be a very positive experience, growing up in a loving home where my parents' Christian faith was earthed in family life, together with their warm hospitality and care of many around them. When I was 8 years old, we moved to Barcelona, where my father served as Anglican chaplain in a lively English-speaking church. Five years later we returned to a UK parish in Hove, East Sussex where I finished my schooling. My love of Spanish inspired me to spread my wings to spend a year as a volunteer in Paraguay, South America, before studying modern languages at Nottingham University.

I met my husband David through university, and soon after we were married, we moved to Nigeria, for his work with the health ministry, disbursing funds for a leprosy control programme. Three years later we returned to Nottingham where I resumed teaching modern languages until I sensed a nudging towards ordained ministry. After training at St John's Theological College in Nottingham, I began my curacy in Hyson Green, Nottingham. During this time, we were delighted to welcome Demi (aged two) and her brother, Declan (aged one) into our family. We then moved to Clifton, on the edge of Nottingham, where I served as Team Vicar for four years prior to our move to Switzerland.

I have spent the last 16 years serving as an Anglican chaplain to the English-speaking community outside Geneva, in the Diocese in Europe. The focus has been very much on building a caring community, where everyone is welcomed and together, we can grow in our discipleship and in reaching out in the wider community. I look forward to serving as your rector, as we learn together, deepen our love for God and build a community that seeks to respond to the needs of others, both local and with the many visitors to this beautiful part of the world.



My husband and I love Derbyshire, with roots that go back many years. I love swimming, including in cold water, walking with our trusty hound Rusty, pottering in the garden and cycling (though I am rather out of practice!). I also love escaping into a good book or watching an engaging TV or Netflix series, such as Season 2 of Ludwig! For the time being, David will be dividing his time between Derbyshire and Geneva where he is working for one of the international non-governmental organisations.

We appreciate your prayers and support in this time of change, and we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.