

## Paul and Marion Reynolds: about us

Originally from Derby we've been married for nearly 39 years and have one daughter, Philippa, one son-in-law, Steven, one grand-daughter, Gabrielle and a grand-son, Zachary.

Until Marion left full-time paid employment, all of our working lives have been spent in the computer and IT industry; in fact we met over a mainframe computer when we were both working for British Rail. Paul is now a Senior Civil Servant in the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills in London. His previous job was in the private sector as Group Operations Director for a Telecomms company. Marion gave up full-time, paid employment in 2003 to concentrate on parish work after being licensed as a Reader. Prior to that she spent six years as a Training Manager. Previously she was Head of Computing and IT at a Further Education College and before that had spent time as a training specialist for a computer software firm.

During our married life we have lived in various parts of England and in several countries overseas. We spent four years in the Middle East, a part of the world we both love (Philippa was born in Tehran). Paul has lived and worked in several countries in the Far East plus the United States (our apartment was only a couple of minutes walk from the World Trade Center in New York); Marion has worked in various European and Middle Eastern countries.

Our moving around has meant that our churchmanship is quite broad; so long as we feel comfortable we have worshipped in all shades of the Church of England from very low through to "bells and smells on every occasion" plus the American Episcopalian church in Iran and the States. Within the church we have both served in a variety of posts – sidesperson, server, Sunday School, PCC and Paul was treasurer in two of our last parishes. In 2002 Marion was licensed as Lay Minister (Reader), in 2006 she was ordained Deacon (NSM) and in 2007 ordained Priest (NSM). She served her curacy in the beautiful Quantock Hills of Somerset and in rural Oxfordshire where she then became Associate priest for a 10 parish benefice. Her move as Priest-in-Charge to Pattishall with Cold Higham and Gayton with Tiffield marks a new stage in her ministry.

Outside of our church activities we love spending time with our family, hacking our way round a golf course (Marion is a much better hacker than Paul who can play a fairly decent game!) and more recently becoming quite keen gardeners - we pride ourselves on our first attempt at vegetable growing which was very successful. We see ourselves very much as Benefice people and we enjoy the many different social events that a Benefice has to offer. So, don't be surprised if we turn up at a social event that takes our fancy – we look forward to meeting with you all.

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