

Christ Church Parbold Announces New Vicar



Christ Church Parbold and All Saints Church Appley Bridge have a new Vicar – the Reverend Sue Timmins.

Sue was inducted into her new parishes on Sunday evening November 13th at Christ Church by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Reverend Julian Henderson, and the Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Venerable Mark Ireland. Following the service in front of a huge congregation from both Churches, a welcome bun fight took place at All Saints School in Appley Bridge.

Sue, 52, is a Lancashire lass, born and bred in Prestwich, North Manchester. She was a civil engineer with ICI before hearing the call to be ordained when she was 30, leaving ICI and training for the priesthood at St John's Nottingham before becoming Curate at Iver in Buckinghamshire. She then returned to the North West, serving, in her own words, "For 15 happy years as Vicar at St John's, Pendlebury, in the Manchester Diocese."

Sue left St John's at the end of July 2015 to follow a call to live and work with a Christian organisation in Nigeria, an experience she describes as "An inspiring and formative time." She returned to England at the end of 2015 to continue voluntary work with the same organisation in Europe, and ministering to churches in the Manchester Diocese that were between parish priests..

Sue described her excitement at her appointment to Parbold and Appley Bridge: "We have a strong focus in our Diocesan Vision 2026 to Make Disciples, to Witness and to Grow Leaders for Jesus Christ, and I am looking forward to seeing how God will lead us on together in our own part of that journey."



Our picture shows Sue immediately after the service of induction with the Bishop, right, and the Archdeacon.