

RICHARD IS OUR SOON-TO-BE-CURATE



For the last three years I have been studying for ordination at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford and I am very excited be nearing the end of my studies and coming to join the St James' family in July 2019.

Before studying for ordination: I grew up in Surrey, studied in Edinburgh, and worked in Salisbury for 10 years as a research microbiologist, spending much of my days growing and studying bacteria in order to better understand how they cause disease. I attended St Paul's church, Salisbury, where I gave my life to God in November 2007. God has created me a scientist at heart and I love talking to people about how science, far from being a hindrance, has built my faith over the years.

Just over two years ago I married my wife, Leanne. Leanne grew up in the wonderful Black Country and with her work has travelled to many and diverse places including Sweden and Lebanon. We have a hamster called Hudson Taylor and we love animals so are hoping to increase our collection in the coming years. I am a keen cyclist (I have heard that Keith only recruits cyclists) and I love long walks and films (particularly Disney Pixar). We also have a small gin collection for those relaxing evenings in.

Both Leanne and I are passionate about following where God is leading and we are looking forward to joining St James' in seeking God's heart and direction in Devizes. We are also both strong supporters of work that gives hope to those in hopeless situations such as those in modern day slavery.