

Diocese of Ely Our Admitted and Licensed LLMs 5th October 2019

	<p>Rachel Carr I am married to Eddy and we have two children aged 9 and 7. Having previously been a teacher, I first got involved in ministry through leading our fledgling children's work and taking part in 'Open the Book' assemblies at a local school. I now also enjoy leading 'Essence' – a fresh expression which encourages the exploration of Christian spirituality, and also being part of our Pastoral Team. Training for Licensed Lay Ministry has given me new experience of leading Worship and preaching, both of which are an enormous privilege and a joy.</p>
	<p>Nigel Walter I have been in the Cambridge area all my working life, and a member of St Andrew's Histon since 1995; I am married to Louise, and we have three daughters, aged 15, 23 and 26. I see my role as a 'lay theologian' being to encourage/enable everyone – not just those who identify with church – to think life through theologically. Professionally, I am a conservation architect who works with church communities to create a better fit between their buildings and their communal life; as well as being my day job, I see this as an integral expression of my ministry.</p>
	<p>Christina Barry Christina Barry has been a member of St Paul's, Cambridge since 1985. Although busy as singer, teacher, wife and mother the found time to be actively involved in the life of the church and church school since joining the parish. Life events in recent years though triggered a reassessment of discipleship leading to Authorised Lay Ministry in Pastoral Care. Christina felt a further call to deepen her ministry with the elderly and dying. The LLM training has been challenging but rewarding and she looks forward to expanding her ministry with the elderly in this time of growing need and vulnerability.</p>
	<p>Ruth New I am the Children and Families Missioner at St Mary's Church, Ely. I am passionate about developing children's spirituality and enabling children to explore and develop a living relationship with Jesus. I strongly believe in the need to provide community and fellowship for families including supporting faith at home. I oversee our Sunday and midweek provision for children including our toddler group and am involved in running our monthly informal Saturday morning breakfast service. My role as part of the ministry team at St Mary's is strategic as well as hands on - developing strategy, building teams, and offering training and support to the various volunteer groups that make these ministries possible.</p>
	<p>Lindi Kent I wrote the following when the course was difficult and I was struggling with the workload. I give this prayer to anyone who may need strength and support. <i>Dear Lord my strength, my love, You know all my faults and downfalls You have helped and supported me, and I thank and worship you It is you who has sustained me, and picked me up when I have fallen You are my strength, and I trust in you and will not fail.</i></p>
	<p>Jo Proctor Over the last few years, I have been challenged by the Diocese mission strategy, Engage, Grow and Deepen and Jesus' command "Make disciples of all nations..." I am excited by what churches in the diocese are already doing and I look forward to working with Eleanor, Paula and the congregation in Burwell and Reach as we engage in mission and outreach in different contexts.</p>
	<p>Amanda Tuck I am delighted to be licensed in this beautiful historic building, Ely Cathedral, traditionally called the Ship of the Fens. This iconic building epitomises faithful learning journeys for many. On life's journey to date I have been a primary and secondary school teacher, an advisor in Cambridgeshire and headteacher of two church schools. On my retirement I did a lot of travelling. En route realised that I had not "finished", but that I had still more to give. God has chosen me to work to support my local ministry team in Orwell Benefice. I look forward to continuing a revealing learning journey of faith working alongside many wonderful Christians.</p>
	<p>Nick Lewis Our two churches (Bassingbourn and Whaddon) provide a solid platform on which a novice ministry can flourish. I have been supported and encouraged every step of the way by Caroline, Amanda, Erica and Steve who are the ministry team there. Consequently, I have found the past two years to be a time of spiritual growth and discernment. I have counted it a blessing that I have been led time and time again to take part in children's' ministry. Most recently this has been via Messy Church that Erica set up with a small team in Bassingbourn at the end of last year.</p>

	<p>Simon Morris Simon lives in Bassingbourn with his wife and three grown up children, and worships at St Peter and St Paul's Bassingbourn. Simon has led all age worship for a number of years in Bassingbourn and has also leads musical worship. He is looking forward to being used in new and exciting ways in the Parish as God leads once licenced.</p>
	<p>Pam Dow Hi, my name is Pam Dow, I am married to David, we have been married for 35 years. I have been an ALM for 10 years. I have been leading services for 10 years and been preaching on a regular basis over the last 3 years. I was brought up as an Anglican and have attended church for as long as I can remember. I am looking forward to becoming licensed by the Bishop and starting a new chapter in my Church life.</p>
	<p>Alison Phillips I was born in Leigh on Sea in Essex but have lived most of my adult life in Cambridge. From Congregational beginnings in childhood I went on to become part of a lively evangelical Anglican church as a student in Reading. I have worshipped at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arbury since 1986. In 2015 I was confirmed there by Archbishop Rowan Williams. I belong to a lively book group and enjoy walking, singing and visiting art galleries. LLM training has been challenging and very rewarding within a lovely, supportive group of people. I am very grateful to my husband, children and church family for all their encouragement.</p>
	<p>Juliette Brown Being part of the new LLM programme in Children and Families Ministry has been an amazing journey. Studying block weeks at Ridley Hall in Cambridge alongside developing my lay ministry in Chatteris has enabled me to reflect theologically upon my experiences. I have particularly enjoyed rising to the challenge of preaching at Sunday services, whilst continuing to develop Messy Church and building on the church links with primary schools. I look forward to the next part of my journey, trusting God as my strength and guide.</p>