

New villages vicar is aiming for youth



Happy to be here – the new vicar for Quadring, Gosberton and Gosberton Clough is John Furst. He is picture here with his wife Sandra and daughter Caroline.

QUADRING, Gosberton and Gosberton Clough villagers have a new vicar who hopes to get more young people involved with the church.

Cardiff born John Furst worked at British Aerospace for 20 years before he decided to join the ministry.

He said: "Somebody planted the idea at work. We all glance back at our lives and feel the presence of a guiding hand. I looked at my strong gospel-based faith and the qualities needed to be a vicar.

"Bringing a God dimension into peoples' lives is very important. It is the greatest privilege in the world to be a parish priest and be able to get close to people."

For three years Mr Furst attended a theological college near Oxford. His work has taken him all over the country.

Kindness

He has lived in Gosberton for three weeks now and his first service was a week ago. The kindness displayed by villagers has really touched him, and he is looking forward to building a strong relationship with them.

When the school term begins in September, Mr Furst is eager to talk to children and is looking forward to taking assemblies at the parishes' primary schools.

He is also keen on developing good relations with the other Christian traditions.

Travelling between the three parishes is sure to keep him fit. But he is sure that riding around the villages on his trusty bike will allow him to meet more people.

As well as a love for cycling, Mr Furst enjoys astronomy and photography.

He is joined by his wife Sandra, a retired nurse, and daughter Caroline. They have settled in very well and like Mr Furst are 'delighted' to have moved to the area.

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