

PASTORAL SUPERVISION

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Role and Clergy Background

I am Pioneer Minister at St Peter's in Bury, as of September 2021 when I finished my curacy. I am leading a church revitalisation here, aiming to see the church grow in devotion, discipleship and mission, whilst particularly focussing on younger generations.

My Supervision

I have found Pastoral Supervision has helped me to reflect on aspects of my ministry with much greater sharpness than I would have been able to on my own. I am a fairly linear thinker, who reflects naturally on things cerebrally, but have found great benefit in being encouraged to try alternative methods, and would commend them to you. At times it has been reassuring, and helped me to be more confident in a hunch I already had. On other occasions supervision has been more challenging, guiding me to look at things in a different way. Every time it has guided me to reflect more fully and make better plans for the future, for the benefit of those I serve.

My Approach

My aim is to foster a space within the group where we can bravely look at what has been in our ministries, the good, bad, and mundane. From there, we will use a variety of means to get beneath the surface, to delve more deeply, to look from different angles. Furthermore, I will encourage you to think about what could be better going forward, what some next steps might be, what could be different as a result of our time together. In Pastoral Supervision methodology, this is the 'transformative' element and it's one that I'm particularly keen on, to make our time together most worthwhile, whilst the responsibility remains with the supervisee.

Other Interests

I'm a sports fan (long-suffering Manchester United supporter), gardener, foster carer, and avid reader. Feel free to get in touch with any questions and I look forward to seeing some of you soon.