



St Michael's Church Shotwick



Sunday 10 July 2022

A New Vicar for Burton and Shotwick Parishes

It is with the greatest of pleasure that June Pickard and I, together with Burton's parish representatives Jane Davies and Nigel Griffiths, are now allowed to announce publicly that on Monday this last week, together with our parish's Patrons, and the Archdeacon, we interviewed a candidate for the position of the vicar of our two parishes, and unanimously had no hesitation whatever in asking him to be our new vicar.

His name is Revd. John Coyne, and he is a very able, experienced, and talented person. His wife Sue is herself a lay minister, (an alternative title for a lay reader), and we are very fortunate that the two of them felt called to come to lead and care for our two parishes

Please see the attached message from them both.

The start of their ministry here will depend totally on the date when the builder at the Burton Manor site will have the new vicarage ready for occupation. That date is currently uncertain, but it looks as if it should be at some point in September.

John will be making contact with our PCCs in the meantime, so that he and we will be up to speed when they arrive here.

We can all look forward to the pleasure and inspiration of having our own vicar once again.

Jenny

Jenny Sneddon, Churchwarden

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A Greeting from John & Sue Coyne



We are both delighted to have been offered the opportunity to come and serve among you at Burton, Puddington and Shotwick. Our arrival is dependent on the readiness of the new vicarage but we are keen to be with you as soon as possible.

John has served in a variety of parishes, been an RAF Chaplain, taught practical theology at Nottingham and has on three occasions worked for the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), offering leadership and mission development to clergy and parishes, as well as currently helping part-time to select clergy for the many parishes of which CPAS is Patron (Burton already supports the ministry of CPAS through its annual mission giving: www.cpas.org.uk).

Sue was formerly a secondary school teacher of English and Drama, having also performed professionally as a member of Saltmine Theatre Company. More recently she was Project Director for an online A Level resource in English Literature in conjunction with the Bible Society (www.crossref-it.info) and now works in a voluntary capacity for Grove Books. Since 2001 she has been a licenced Lay Minister and looks forward to joining the team of Readers in our parishes.

We have four adult children who live independently (plus four grandchildren), as well as our fox-red Labrador called Oscar, who will love the countryside around Burton, Puddington and Shotwick. We look forward to settling in, making friends and, together with you all, seeking God's kingdom, growing the Church and blessing our surrounding communities.

Please pray for us as we are praying for you.

John and Sue

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