

Kenneth Padley, Vicar of St Michaels with St Marys



Born in 1978, Kenneth attended Grange Primary (1982-90) and Bishop Gore Comprehensive Schools (1990-97) in Swansea. Among other childhood activities he spent many happy years as a Scout. He was baptised and confirmed in the parish of Llwynderw where he was Sacristan for four years.

Kenneth read Modern History at Exeter College Oxford (1997-2000) before working as Lay Assistant (general dogsbody) for St Barnabas Dulwich (2000-01). He trained for ordination at Cuddesdon near Oxford (2001-04) during which time he completed a BA in Theology and a Master of Studies (MSt) in Ecclesiastical History. Part-time doctoral study led to his thesis on 'The Reception History of Hebrews in England 1547-1685' (2016). He does a small amount of writing and lecturing in Church History, especially the period of the Reformation.

Kenneth was Assistant Curate of Central Swansea between 2004 and 2007. During this time he enjoyed establishing a bilingual Schools Programme for primary and secondary aged students, looking after St Mary's church during a six-month interregnum, and serving as Chaplain to Swansea Sea Cadets.

Kenneth and Anna Willerton met in Swansea St Marys in 2006 and were married there two years later. Anna is a trained teacher. She works as a Senior Learning Assistant in a secondary school in St Albans. They have a son.

Between 2007 and 2012 Kenneth worked in the Diocese of Bangor. As Anglican Chaplain to Bangor University he was involved in the pastoral care of students and staff. He coordinated the ecumenical Chaplaincy Team and took part in early conversations about the construction of a purpose-built multi-faith centre on campus. As Warden of Church Hostel, Kenneth led a residential student community, and learned much about building and business management. As Diocesan Director of Ordinands (2011-12), he supported those in the diocese who were offering for Anglican ordination.

Kenneth has been Vicar of St Michael St Albans with St Mary Childwick Green since 2012. He tries to support other parishes in the [Rural Deanery of St Albans](#) as Assistant Rural Dean (2018-20) and Rural Dean (2020f).

When not haring around on his bike he loves spending time with his family, cinema, food & wine, reading, and music (jazz and heavy metal excepted!) He will happily watch and – unsuccessfully - play most sports. Days of student travel around Europe and South America seem a distant memory.