

Bishop Licenses Three Priests to the Axe Valley Team



Rev'ds Cate Edmonds, Nicky Davies, Bishop Jackie and Shuna George

On a very hot evening of Tuesday 11th August Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton, led a service of Licensing in the Minster Church, Axminster. The 8 churches of the Axe Valley Mission Community welcomed their new Team Vicar, Rev'd Nicky Davies, and two Associate Priests, Rev'd Cate Edmonds and Rev'd Shuna George. They will each serve across the churches in their roles within the Ministry Team.

Rev'd Nicky has come from the Avon Valley Group of Churches, seven churches that lie on the Western edge of the New Forest, in the Diocese of Winchester.

Whilst working across the churches Rev'd Nicky will have particular responsibility for co-ordinating work with Children, young people and families, and using her background in journalism, will lead on the Mission Community social media presence and engagement.

Rev'd Cate has been working with the 6 churches of the Mission Community for some time and is also the Rural Dean of Honiton. She will continue to use her strengths to support the new group of 8 churches come together and grow.

Rev'd Shuna has also been working with the Team for some time and brings creativity and artist skills which the Team very much appreciate and make a real contribution to the vitality of our churches..

Due to the present Covid regulations only 60 people were able to attend the service, but it was the first service from the Minster to be live streamed to Facebook where many were able to share in the fellowship remotely.

The Team Rector, Rev'd Clive Sedgewick, said, "Everyone was so pleased to welcome Bishop Jackie and Ven. Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter, as well as invited guests and representatives of the communities and churches, for an evening unlike any other to welcome new clergy, but the present restrictions cannot prevent the worship and appreciation of God. It was a real joy."

Rev'd Nicky has now moved into Uplyme and will begin her ministry here immediately. Everyone wishes her well in her new home and work.