

Pen Portrait for Revd Dr Philip Goggin.

I used to be an RE teacher in 2 Secondary Schools, until working as a lecturer in Crewe and Alsager College, which later became part of MMU (Manchester Metropolitan University). Most of my work related to students who were either preparing to be teachers or had already qualified as teachers and were studying part-time for a Masters degree.

I have always been interested in working for the church, either in a voluntary or paid role. To me, the church has a vital part to play in encouraging spirituality in general, and Christian commitment in particular.

It provides important anchors for many people, and offers ways of celebrating "big" life events. Some 15 years ago I started exploring the possibility of becoming a priest in the Church of England. After training part-time, I was ordained in 2005. Since 2007 I have been the Vicar at St Peter's Church Minshull Vernon, and since 2011, also Rector of St Leonard's Church Warmingham.

I am married to Gail, and have three grown-up children by my first marriage. I also have 5 grandchildren.

My interests include playing and listening to music, researching the links between spirituality and mental and physical health, and travel.

I lead school assemblies on a regular basis. I have been a governor at Mablins during two recent inspections. I am Chair of Governors at Warmingham School.