

Hi St Marks and St Mary's Island Churches.

Firstly I just want to say how excited I am to be coming to join you next Autumn and really look forward to getting to know you all and work alongside you to share Jesus with those living and working in Gillingham.

I am currently an Ordinand studying with St Mellitus in London and working part time at a church in South East London. I have a fairly eclectic background; having studied Hospitality and Catering as a first degree, I ran my own catering business for a number of years before getting married. Since then I have been a church administrator, education administrator and then trained as a teacher of Hospitality and Catering before finally recognising God's call on my life and being selected for ordination. I am married to Jeff who is equally excited to be coming to Gillingham - Jeff is a car mechanic by trade but equally adept at sound systems and other practical stuff. I also have two grown up sons - Benjamin and Daniel who are likely to be moving to Gillingham with us also.

I am passionate about Jesus and the freedom that he brings to people's lives and so I love to see people set free and made whole in him.

When I'm not working or studying I like good food and keeping fit (the first tends to make the second essential!). My perfect day off would be to get up late, spend the day at a spa with a good gym and pool and then the evening with my husband and friends at a nice restaurant!

Praying blessings for you all.

Amanda