

Media questionnaire and brief biography: Pippalina Daniels

Your age and also your original home village, town or city (i.e. the place you grew up):

Answer: Originally from Bristol, I grew up in Bridgend in South Wales and am currently 25 years old

The church and location in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving:

Answer: I am currently at ordinand at St John the Evangelist, Little Thornton, and I look forward to being Assistant Curate at the United Benefice of Dolphinholme, Quernmore and Over Wyresdale on the edge of the Forest of Bowland.

Tell us a bit about your family:

Answer: I have an amazing mum, two wonderful younger siblings as well as lots of great friends

If applicable, what was your former job before entering ministry?

Answer: Before entering ministry I was an undergraduate student, studying History and Religious Studies at Lancaster University

Tell us something about your journey towards ordination?

Answer: I felt God calling me to ordination when I was 17 years old, I went to university and there continued to discern my calling before beginning the official process. My journey has been full of learning of the depth and wideness of God's transforming love and of the (often unexpected) paths He guides and travels with us on

What has been a) the most important thing you have learned and b) the most inspiring thing you have experienced during your training? (They can be different!)

Answer for a: The most important thing I have learned during my training is what I am always learning which is the awesome, transforming, unconditional love of God, how He loves each and everyone of us and calls us to share that love with others

Answer for b: The most inspiring thing I have experienced during my training, or at least one of them, is listening to the stories of other people. Each of us has a story and I have heard so many of God's love, how this love has transformed people's lives, has been their only harbour in a storm and has inspired them to do amazing things

Since the pandemic many more parishes have also embraced online opportunities to engage with their local communities alongside their existing services. Please indicate ways in which you may have done this already or what plans you may have to explore ways to reach people in the 'digital space' in the future ...

Answer: I think the digital space is an amazing resource we have to be community in a new way. The pandemic showed us all how difficult it is when we cannot physically meet up and the need to create accessible spaces for all

What are some of the personal challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry in the coming year?

Answer: I am really looking forward to the coming year of ministry and to the challenges and opportunities of moving to a new context. I am moving to a rural area; I have never served in a rural area permanently before and so I am looking forward to all the things I will learn and experience

What do you view as your most significant personal achievement? (This may be connected to your ordination training of course or it could be something else from another aspect of your life.)

Answer: I am proud of achieving my undergraduate degree in History and Religious Studies as well as all I have learnt in ordination training. I am also very proud of winning in the Welly Wanging at a local primary school's summer fete!

Bishop Philip has said: *"I am committed to continuing the growth of the church in Lancashire, helping to build joyful Christian communities. I would love to see the Church of England in Lancashire being an ever-stronger voice for justice, especially for the poorest. And I believe children and young people need to be at the very heart of all that we do."*

How will you seek to support the Bishop in fulfilling these aims?

Answer: I believe as the Church we should always be seeking to help build a more just and brighter future for all people. I hope to be a small part among many who call for and help to establish this future. Children and young people are the Church of today and we can learn so much from them, as Jesus said we all need to have the faith of a child

Tell us something people don't know about you that might surprise them?

Answer: I once had a snowball fight in July! I was visiting Canada to see friends and, after climbing up a mountain, we found a patch of still unmelted snow and we were able to make snowballs

Finally, when you get the chance, what do you do you chill out and relax?

Answer: I love to visit beach, whether that means sitting and reading on the sand, cycling down a promenade, eating ice cream or getting in the water. I find being out in God's beautiful creation wonderful