



Your name, age and original home village, town or city (the place where you grew up):

Answer: Peter Harvey, 42, born in Yemen, lived all over England since age 5.

The church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving:

Answer: Wellfield Church, Leyland

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I have a lovely wife, Zoe (40) and two sweet girls, Amy (6) and Lucy (4).

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: I used to be an engineer working in pharmaceuticals, aerospace and buildings.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: It's been a life-long ambition since my earliest memories but in God's wisdom has taken as long as he has decided it needed to take.

What's been the best thing about your training?:

Answer: Knowing more about God each day and how he works in people's lives.

What's the most important thing you have learned?:

Answer: God's wisdom is truly infinite and his control on life is undoubted. It's how we respond to that in faith which will prove the effectiveness of our ministry.

Name the most influential person in your Christian life to date and, briefly, say why.

Answer: Roy Clements, the great writer and preacher from Cambridge. Two reasons, 1. Incredible teacher and pastor 2. A reminder that we serve and worship and hold on to Jesus, not great Christian personalities.

Say something about your future role and how you hope to serve:

Answer: I hope to be an effective teacher, leader and pastor of wherever I end up, but most of all, perpetually under the authority of the bible.

What would people not know about you that would surprise them?:

Answer: Cliff Richard is a family friend.

What would you say was your most significant personal achievement to date, either in ministry or before you embarked on your training?

Answer: I worked on the A350 plane project at Airbus and its strange to see the plane flying around now.

Favourite literary quote (it can be from the Bible or elsewhere) and why?:

Answer: Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34. Getting stressed gets you nowhere – God sees everything down to sub-atomic levels – he is in control.

Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?:

Answer: I still think I can make it as a rally driver!

What will you do to support the ongoing Diocesan Vision 2026 Healthy Churches Transforming Communities at parish level?

Answer: That is part and parcel and ministry life and must always be at the core of what we do. Community projects have their worth to some extent and charity has its place, but without the gospel message, they are powerless to change or last.

How would you express your own vision for the church?:

Answer: To re-ignite a love for God, the necessity of his saving work in Jesus and to ground that love in the truths of God's unchanging word – a difficult task giving the onslaught of contemporary 'thinking' and 'education'.

Finally, when you get the chance, how do you relax?:

Answer: I love a fine Italian espresso, the outdoors, sport and time with the family.