



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

Answer: Jonathon Wei Sing Lee born, 31, born and raised in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

The church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving:

Answer: St Andrew's, Ashton-on-Ribble.

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I'm married to Katrina and our hands are full with Joshua (5), George (4), and Abigail (2).

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: Prior to this I've worked in a sports shop, studied Physics, worked in a call centre, and served in church staff roles.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: Many reasons: a seed planted years ago by a visiting speaker on a student weekend away; encouragement from older Christians I know and trust; joy in doing Christian ministry; because I want people to know Jesus.

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

Answer: The whole package: the quality of the learning and the formation in community at Oak Hill and through all this a deeper love for and knowledge of Jesus.

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

Answer: Hard to choose between: 1) God never fails to keep his promises because he is perfect unlike us; 2) never make assumptions in pastoral situations.

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

Answer: Jonnie Deja – God used him to bring me to Christ and since then he has remained a great friend, encouragement and brother.

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

Answer: I hope to continue to learn lots from my training incumbent, to keep growing in Christlikeness, and to be used by God to grow disciples of Jesus (in both depth and number) in Ashton.

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

Answer: I used to be goth.

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

Answer: Jesus: “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.” John 5:24. I love this verse because I’ve seen God give great assurance to brand new Christians through it.

Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?:

Answer: Complete the Great North Run half-marathon; take Katrina to watch Newcastle at St. James’ Park.

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

Answer: My ministry at St. Andrew’s is very much aligned with the Diocesan Vision, that almost all I do is built around making disciples, being a witness for Jesus, and growing leaders.

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

Answer: God drawing all kinds of people together rescued by Jesus in loving community to be made like him and to be sent out to live and speak for him.

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

Answer: Board games, DVDs, rock climbing, reading.