

# Jono Peatman

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Name: Jono Peatman

Age: 31

Original Home Village, Town or City: Coventry

The Church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving: Christ Church Wesham

If applicable, what was your former job before entering ministry? Prior to Ordination, I worked part time managing the Christians Against Poverty debt centre in Lancaster and Morecambe, and part time for coordinating Sung worship at St Thomas Church in Lancaster

In one word, how would you describe what ordination means to you? Obedience

Please give some insight (a few sentences) about your ordination decision? I have long sensed that God has called me to use the gifts He has given me to serve both my local community and His Church. Over the years, this calling has taken different forms, but ordination now feels like the point at which it becomes clear and fully realised.

What inspired you most during your ordination training? The thing that has inspired me most is seeing God at work in His church. This is the reassurance that it is His show, and not mine, and that He is the one calling people and building His church. He asks me to be attentive to what he is doing, which is a real privilege.

What are some of the personal challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry in the coming year? As curate in Charge at Wesham, there is both challenge and opportunity in growth as a leader by being responsible for all aspects of the worshipping life of the church, for discerning vision and planning accordingly, and being responsible for all priestly and sacramental ministry in the parish.

Share some thoughts (a few sentences for each point) about how you will support the Bishop in achieving these aims, and also how you will encourage others to do the same?

Please share some insights about what you personally and/or your church may be doing online; particularly anything innovative and successful you have done

As a church, we are actively building truly intergenerational spaces where people of all ages, and backgrounds, worship and serve one another. This is core and central to what we sense God is calling us to in Wesham.

We have used media creatively a number of times - for example, during advent 2025, we filmed 6 people from businesses and organisations around the town reading a bible reading to camera, in their context and this really engaged people online, and was a great bridge builder in the community. We live stream our services to Facebook each week, and we try and use our social media to encourage discipleship, as well as to promote events.

Tell us about your family/ loved ones:

I live with my wife, Amy, and our 2 Children, Ava and Noah. Amy is an early years practitioner and inspirational in her passion and gifting in engaging with children and families. My Dad, Mike, and his wife, Carol, live in Beverley where he is a parish priest and Carol manages a faith-based shop in the town centre. My sister Ellie lives in Canada, and can usually be found on the Ski slopes of Whistler!

What do you do in your free time?

I have recently taken up some training to become physically fitter and so most of my spare time is now spend running for exercising in some form or other! I'm also a keen gamer, and so I also fancy myself in a mariokart race, or a game of Fifa!

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

I have an unbelievably sweet tooth - and so usually enjoy things that most people would imagine would be inedibly sickly sweet!