

Please fill in an answer to each question. Keep your answers fairly brief, ideally 2/3 sentences maximum. Please write answers directly into this file where indicated.

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

Answer: Jonathon Wei Sing Lee, 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 (4), George (3), and Abigail (1).

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 was planted years ago by a visiting speaker on a student weekend away. Encouragement from older Christians I know and trust deeply. Joy in doing Christian ministry.

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 so far?:

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.

Can you 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.

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: I hope to learn lots from my training incumbent, to grow in Christ-likeness, and to usefully serve St Andrew's in love.

Name one thing about you people would be surprised about?:

Answer: I used to be a Goth.

Favourite quote (from the Bible or elsewhere). Also state briefly why it is your favourite:

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.

Unfulfilled ambition?:

Answer: Complete the Great North Run (half-marathon in Newcastle).

How do you personally hope to support the ongoing Diocesan Vision 2026 Healthy Churches Transforming Communities at parish level?

Answer: I hope that making disciples, being a witness for Jesus, and growing leaders, i.e. Vision 2026, defines my ministry at St Andrew's.

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.

How do you relax?:

Answer: Board games, films, rock climbing, reading, ultimate frisbee.