

Bio of Rhiannon King

Rhiannon King has been the Archdeacon of Ipswich (Suffolk) in the Church of England for the last three years. She is also the Director of 'Inspiring Ipswich,' an initiative to help 7,500 explore the Christian faith, 1,500 to be nurtured in their new-found faith and to start 25 new worshipping communities. The project is three years into its seven-year term. Rhiannon works with an amazing team and enjoys learning from both the successes and failures of the project.

Before Ipswich, Rhiannon was the Director of Mission for the Diocese of Birmingham where she helped to set up a 'Growing Younger' project and a momentum to plant churches (large and small) throughout the diocese. She enjoyed living in an inner-city community during this time. Before this, Rhiannon was the Vicar of a group of semi-rural churches outside Cambridge. Throughout these posts her burning passion is to see people come to faith, live it out in their communities and to see churches flourish and grow.

Rhiannon is married to Philip, a Physicist and Photographer (in his spare time) and she enjoys great food, gripping books and distracting films.

Rhiannon has been a member of the Leading your Church into Growth speaking team for about ten years and for the last two years has been a trustee of LyCiG. Ten years ago she visited Christchurch Diocese for a few weeks and is thrilled to be able to return. She looks forward to learning what God has been doing over that time and can't wait to get on the plane!

Bio of Harry Steele

Harry Steele is a priest in the Church of England who has served most, but not quite all, of his 13 years of ordained ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield. He is married to Zoey with two boys. He loves reading novels, cycling, walking, basketball (watching, not playing) and listening to country music. He is also a collector of tattoos and fountain pens.

Harry is currently chaplain to the Bishop of Sheffield. In this role he supports Bishop Pete and the rest of the senior staff team of the diocese as they seek to revitalize the Diocese of Sheffield. Prior to that Harry was half-time Associate Director of Leading your Church into Growth, and a half-time Church Growth Officer in the Diocese of St Albans in the South of England. At that point of his life, in his spare time Harry was also the House for Duty Rector of two very rural, picturesque parishes about 15 miles south of Cambridge. Before that Harry has experience of inner city estate parishes of a variety of theological traditions when he served as an interim minister. Harry has also grown an Anglo-Catholic parish church. He began his lay and ordained ministry leading a Fresh Expression of Church for young people and young adults: Harry was one of the first ever selected to be an 'Ordained Pioneer Minister' in the Church of England.

More than all that though, Harry is convinced that life with Jesus is better than life without Jesus and that the more people who knew that and believed it the better life this side of eternity would be!