

Revd Canon Lisa Barnett – Biography 2019

Lisa Barnett is a Sussex girl, growing up in Worthing, where many of her extended family still live. Following a brief teaching career, working for a year in Russia and 2 years in Worthing, she trained for ordination at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Lisa's curacy was in Patcham, North Brighton, where she met and married her husband, Stephen.

For the last 8 years, Lisa has been Vicar of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, a vibrant village church just outside Haywards Heath, where she is proud to have supported two new lay-readers into licensed ministry, and been part of building the church's presence in the wider community. St Augustine's is known as a church where diverse Christian traditions are held together by the love of Christ, and Lisa & her family have been incredibly blessed to be part of this special Christian community.

Lisa's parish ministry has been combined with extensive work supporting ordination enquirers within the ADDO team (Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands), and throughout 2019 she has been serving as Deputy DDO. Having been the first Vicar in the diocese to have taken maternity leave, Lisa has been pleased to support other young women considering ordained ministry, and this was recognised in her recent appointment as an honorary canon of Chichester Cathedral.

Lisa and Stephen have 3 children; 6 year old twins Amy & Cara, and 3 year old Ross. Stephen combines part-time work running a dementia club, with consultancy work with charities and social entrepreneurs.

Lisa comments, "Over recent months I have felt increasingly called to join the team at St Mary's Horsham, and am delighted to have been offered the post of Team Rector. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all, and exploring together how God is inviting us to continue the excellent work of mission and ministry in Horsham into the future."

