



*'Grace, mercy, and peace be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.'* 2 John 3

Although I am still in Somerset as I write this, my family and I have already been blessed by the kindness and consideration of those who are preparing for our arrival. So it is with a sense of optimism and joy that I am looking forward to serving in ministry alongside you, and being a visible Christian presence in the village communities and schools. To begin that formally, I need to be licensed by the Bishop. My licensing is on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September and I would be delighted if you could join me for that.

I haven't always been a vicar, I worked in finance for 25 years beforehand, which gave me a me experience of life in a secular environment. But I have always been involved in churches – from the valleys of South Wales where I grew up, to inner city church ministry in Bristol, and latterly, in rural ministry in Winscombe, Sandford & Churchill.

I am married to Corinna, and we have a son, Owyn, who is just about to go to university, and a daughter, Carys, who is studying for her GCSEs. We also have a little dog, Diggory, who will no doubt be enthusiastically greeting any visitors to the Rectory! My family and I are very much looking forward to joining the United Benefice of Withington, Sevenhampton with Charlton Abbots, Hawling, Whittington, Dowdeswell and Andoversford, Shipton and Cold Salperton, and we look forward to meeting you in the near future.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew".

Rev'd Andrew Hiscox