

## **Roger Flint**

I am a Reader at Holy Trinity, Tansley near Matlock and a member of Carsington Deanery Synod.

By profession, I am a Chartered Civil Engineer, but with wide ranging experience in international contract law over many years. I spent much of my working life with BP, in both the UK and overseas alternating between project management and legal roles.

I spent 4 years in Kuwait, during which time I was churchwarden at St Paul's Ahmadi and a member of the Cyprus and the Gulf Diocesan Synod. I trained as a Reader while in Kuwait and was licensed in January 1978 in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, which is a part of the See of Jerusalem.

On return to BP's Head Office in London, I was relicensed in Rochester Diocese, where I again served two periods as Churchwarden at St Mary's Sundridge with Ide Hill. I exercised an active Reader ministry over many years, which including helping in several other parishes during interregnums and to cover periods of clergy illness, on many occasions. I also served on the Rochester Diocesan Synod for over 20 years.

Being a Civil Engineer, I have been involved with many and various church construction projects over the years and with all the negotiations that they involve with both DAC's and local planning authorities. On retirement from BP and having worked in East Africa, Egypt, The Gulf and the Far East, I served as the Deputy Secretary of The Institution of Civil Engineers, for 3 years, a role which included responsibility for their corporate affairs.

My wife, Jenny and I moved up to Derbyshire in 2016 to be nearer our son and his family, who live in Little Eaton. In short, we were delighted to be able to forego our struggles with the M1 every time there was a family event to celebrate.

I was relicensed as a Reader by Bishop Alistair in early 2017 and worship at Holy Trinity, Tansley, which is linked with All Saints, Matlock Bank. I was also elected to Holy Trinity's PCC and to Carsington Deanery Synod. I continue to practice my Reader Ministry within the parish and am actively involved with a range of parish activities and yes, their building project to enhance disabled access!!

We have been made most welcome in Derbyshire, having visited the area frequently for over 20 years. We lived in Cheshire, when we were first married and I was Dock Civil Engineer at BTDB's Gaston Docks on the Mersey prior to joining BP. My hobbies include walking, exploring in our camper in both the UK and Europe and sometimes further afield, together with history, both European and the Middle Eastern. We are equally delighted to be able to see so much more of our family and grandchildren and to involve ourselves in a host of local activities. I am presently chairman of Matlock Probus.

If privileged to be elected to serve on General Synod, I would seek to ensure that the needs of rural parishes, of which there are so many, not only within Derbyshire, but throughout the Church of England, are not overlooked within the wider church's legislation.

I would seek to try to ensure that the very real problems, which all small and especially rural parishes face, with aging congregations, increasing demands on limited funding and fewer clergy, are not forgotten or overlooked and are recognised and addressed within the church's wider deliberations.

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