

Petertide Ordinations 2025

Alex Barlow

Alex Barlow, originally from South East London, comes from a family with a strong tradition of vicars and missionaries. Reflecting on her journey, Alex shared:

"I never imagined I would follow in their footsteps. After years of resisting my calling, I've had the privilege of working in mental health, school chaplaincy, and leading a café-style church service. I'm excited to join St Peter's Church in Brighton with my husband Charles and our children, Grace and Charlie, as we grow together in faith and community."

Alongside three others, Alex will be ordained deacon this Saturday, 5th July at Chichester Cathedral —a significant step in her lifelong journey of service and faith. Her background in mental health and community ministry, combined with a passion for hospitality and inclusive community events, will help shape her ministry at St Peter's Church in Brighton where she will serve.

Andrew Dyvik James

Andrew Dyvik James will be ordained deacon at Chichester Cathedral on 5th July, marking an important milestone in his journey of faith and service.

Andrew said his path to ordination began years ago during worship. He said: "This led me to spend time in a monastery where I discerned my call to the priesthood."

Following this, Andrew immersed himself in parish life at All Saints Hove, drawing on his diverse background as a chef, pub landlord, and shepherd.

After completing his training at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Andrew is delighted to return to the Diocese of Chichester with his wife Synne and their two children. He will begin his curacy in Clayton with Keymer, where he looks forward to serving and engaging with the local community.

This new chapter marks an exciting step in Andrew's ministry, and the Diocese warmly welcomes him and his family as they settle into their new role.

Monique Mendes da Costa

Monique Mendes da Costa will be ordained at Chichester Cathedral this Saturday, 5th July, and will begin her curacy serving the parish of Slaugham and Staplefield Common.

Monique said: "I've always been drawn to community and hospitality as reflections of God's welcome into His family. This inspired my call to ordained ministry, inviting others to meet Jesus and share in His table."

Originally from London, Monique brings a wealth of experience, having worked as a student pastor, in community engagement roles for charities, and even running a dog-walking business. Alongside her husband Abraham, she enjoys exploring new places, swimming, and bargain

hunting. As she completes her training at Wycliffe Hall, both are excited to join the West Weald Parish and become part of its community.

Please join us in praying for Monique as she steps into this new chapter, and look out for opportunities to welcome her and Abraham in the coming weeks. We look forward to all that God will do in and through their ministry among us!

Jack Samuel McDonald

Jack McDonald will be ordained as a deacon having completed his training at St Mellitus. He will begin serving his curacy at St Leonard's Aldrington.

Jack grew up in Guildford and studied in Swansea before joining a church revitalisation project in Gosport—where he also met his wife, Kaitlan. He said: “My call to church leadership began in 2017 during a powerful time of prayer at a festival, where I experienced a deep joy from the Holy Spirit.

Outside of ministry, Jack enjoys exploring history, cooking new recipes, and cheering on Crystal Palace FC.

The ordination ceremony will take place at Chichester Cathedral this Saturday on July 5th, after which Jack will join the St Leonard's team and continue serving Jesus through the gifts God has given him.

Please join us in welcoming Jack and praying for him as he steps into this new chapter of ministry!

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