

Rev. Tim Stead: biography.

After spending a "GAP" year (after leaving school) working in a small rural mission hospital in North India, Tim studied Engineering Science at Exeter University in the early 80s.

After this he spent two years as a member of the staff and community at Lee Abbey Christian Conference Centre, North Devon. Duties included forestry work and all aspects of Christian ministry.

He then worked for 4 years each at Gatwick Airport ("traffic officer", load control and flight planning) and American Express in Brighton (manager of telemarketing).

Not "finding his soul" in either of these careers, he explored his vocation to the priesthood and was recommended for training in 1993. He was trained at St. Stephen's House, Oxford and was ordained Deacon in 1995 (and priest in 1997).

He "served his title" as a curate in Brosely, Shropshire (Hereford Diocese) - a small ex-industrial town surrounded by 5 village churches.

In 1999 he became Team Vicar of the Church of the Ascension in Haywards Heath - a mid-sized commuter town in West Sussex.

His hobbies include: music, tennis and wondering about the relationship between science and faith.

He is married to Susie and they have three children: Peter (14), Aidan (12), & Lara (10).