



THE BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD

Announcement of Appointment



The Revd Dr Gerald (Gerry) Sykes, at present Priest-in-Charge of St Teilo, Brechfa with Abergorlech and Llanfihangel Rhos-y-corn in the Diocese of St Davids (Church in Wales), is to be Priest-in-Charge of St Paul, Alverthorpe and St Michael, Wakefield. The Licensing will take place in St Michael's at 7pm on Tuesday 5th February, 2008, the Bishop of Wakefield officiating.

Gerry is actually returning to his home Diocese. He was born in Huddersfield where he went to school. He was later educated at the University of Wales (at Aberystwyth and Cardiff) where he trained to be a biochemist. He ran a laboratory for a number of years where he dated fossil shells, studying and charting the effects of climate change over the last 2 ½ million years. His later research was in the process of photosynthesis. He trained for ordained ministry at St Michael's College, Llandaff and was a curate for three years at St Mary, Cardigan before moving to St Teilo, Brechfa where he has been for six years.

Gerry is married to Akole who is originally from Nagaland in India and they have a son, Rhys (7) and a daughter, Enfys (2).

Gerry likes to keep up with developments in science and is at present interested in environmentally friendly architecture. He likes to keep fit, is a gardener and enjoys reading.