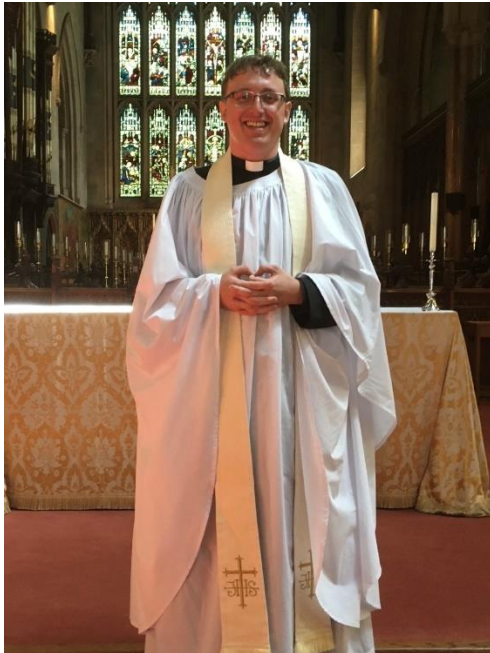


Hello from Fr Daniel...

Dear everyone at St Stephen's.

A very warm hello from me, your new "Vicar-Designate". Can I begin by saying how honoured I feel to have been appointed to St Stephen's, and how excited I am to join you in Norbury & Thornton Heath! I hope you're as excited as I am! I watched the livestream from last Sunday when my appointment was announced, and the clapping and cheering from many of you absolutely made my day – thank you! I hope I can live up to your hopes and prayers for a new Vicar, and that the coming years at St Stephen's are going to be blessed by God.



We have a bit of a wait before I can officially start at St Stephen's, but the time will soon come. I, personally, am counting down the days!

When I covered a mass for you back in April 2023, my wife – Charline - and I had so much fun that it briefly flashed through both our minds that one day we would like to call St Stephen's home. God works in mysterious ways, as that thought (or prayer) is now moving to become a reality.

In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to wind down my ministry here in Carshalton (where I have had a very happy curacy) and take up a new, and I'm sure joyous, ministry at St Stephen's. I know from what I have been told by the Bishop and Archdeacon that you have been brilliantly led during the interregnum (the time when you've been without a Vicar), and that all our thanks will be due to the churchwardens, Mother Joyce, and all who've helped to keep things running so well over the past year.

I finish by saying a very enthusiastic 'See you soon!'.

With prayers, blessings, and best wishes, from,
your new soon-to-be parish priest, Fr Daniel.