



Fast facts about the new Bishop of Burnley

- The Rt Rev. Philip North was born in North London.
- After leaving school he headed north to study history at the University of York which is when he started to explore a vocation to priestly ministry, feeling a particular call to work in inner urban areas.
- He spent a year as a Pastoral Assistant on the Redhouse Estate in Sunderland before training for the priesthood at St Stephen's House in Oxford.
- He returned to the northeast and to the Diocese of Durham for the first ten years of his ministry, serving on large social housing estates in Hartlepool and Sunderland.
- He was also Area Dean of Hartlepool, served on the Diocesan Board of Education and assisted the national Springboard evangelism initiative.
- In 2002 he moved to Norfolk where he spent six years as Priest Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, ministering to pilgrims and overseeing the regeneration of the Shrine's buildings and grounds.
- After six years in Walsingham he became Team Rector of the Parish of Old St Pancras, a large inner city parish of four churches in the Camden area of north London.
- Here he oversaw a large team seeking to develop the community outreach of a parish in an extremely diverse and fast-moving area of London.
- He chaired the governing body of a church school the roll of which was 68% Muslim and he sought to work closely with the Muslim community in his local area.
- The Parish he was responsible for runs a Pastoral Assistant Scheme which sends a steady flow of young candidates into the ordained ministry of the Church.
- He chaired Camden Citizens, part of the Citizens UK community organising group, serves on General Synod and is a member of the Archbishops' Task Group on Evangelism.