



'The priest who nearly wasn't' is one key way to describe me. Despite being called to a priestly ministry as a teenager, it was many years before I finally answered that calling. This was because I knew that I was not called to be a stipendiary parish priest and I could not see how else I was to serve. But God is very persistent and, in the end, trusting that he would show the way, I was ordained in Hereford in 2004 as a non-stipendiary priest. My ministry has been in education, as a school chaplain, until my retirement from teaching (but not from ministry) in 2014. It has been the most amazing privilege, challenge and fulfilment to serve 'on the edge' and in the midst of secular employment. For this reason I am passionate about the potential that self-supporting ministry has to transform the way we 'do church', unleashing potential, experience and talents to serve God in the new ways he is creating right now. I aim to listen to, celebrate and encourage the many and varied callings of SSMS in Hereford and to foster new vocations and opportunities in this vital ministry. I've been many things in my time, but principally I've worked in the book trade, in catering and in teaching. The wonderful people I've worked with have been an integral part of my spiritual journey, as have the prayers and encouragement of the people of St. James's, Colwall. Most of all, my ministry is upheld by the unfailing love of my family.