

Welcome Father David

On Saturday the 24th April in the Chapel at Aske, Richmond, North Yorkshire, Deacon David Cummins was ordained Priest, by the Rt Rev'd Robert Mercer CR, with permission being given by our Episcopal Visitor Rt Rev'd David Moyer.

It was a splendid day with some fifty people in attendance to support the new priest as he begins his ministry within the Traditional Anglican Communion. Fr David lives in Morpeth, Northumberland, and has spent many years at sea, having a wealth of experience in pastoral care as a Captain, to his crew. He is currently working locally in the Tyne area, to further develop his ministry to seamen, whilst also developing his ministry in Morpeth. No doubt we shall all hear about his work, as it begins to grow in the Lord during the coming months.

Following his ordination we all trekked down the road to the Smithy, for a splendid buffet and liquid refreshments, and of course good fellowship.

There were five priests present from the Northern Deanery, and also two of Fr David's friends from the Church of England. Fr Mike Pennington delivered the sermon. Following the service Fr David gave his blessing to each individual beginning with his wife Ann, who also received a small bouquet of Roses from her husband.

I am sure you will join with me in giving Fr David a most hearty and warm welcome to the Traditional Anglican Church, as we give thanks to God for calling him to His service.

Canon Ian Westby

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