



It is announced that the Reverend Dr David Spence has been appointed Team Vicar in the Whiddon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Exeter, with pastoral responsibility for the parishes of North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay and Honeychurch.

David is presently Associate Vicar of Cogges and South Leigh in the Diocese of Oxford.

David received his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge and worked in computer software research before answering a call to ordained ministry. He studied for a further degree in Christian Theology at Trinity College, Bristol and following his ordination in 2013, served first as curate in a large rural benefice in the Cotswolds and then from 2016 as Associate Minister in suburban parishes outside Hull in Yorkshire. He took up his present post on the edge of Witney near Oxford in 2019.

David and his wife Ellie have four children, two in primary school and two at secondary stage. The family will move to North Tawton Rectory during August and subject to the completion of all legal formalities, the Bishop of Exeter will license David to his new ministry on Wednesday evening, September 7th at a service in St Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay at which all will be welcome.

Your prayers are asked for David and Ellie and their family as they prepare to move to Devon; for the people of their present church communities in Cogges and South Leigh; and for David as he prepares for this new stage in his life and work as a priest.