

An introduction to Rev David Williamson

David has been married to Pat for 28 years. She is a senior physiotherapist and works at West Mendip Hospital. They have two children, Rebecca (25) who is an Occupational Therapist in Nottingham City Hospital and Peter (21) who is in his final year of a sports science degree having just spent a year with Watford football club.

David started his working career in agriculture and following studying at Writtle Agricultural College took up a job as a Shepherd at the Grassland Research Institute in Berkshire, England. From there he went on to work in childcare social work before going to St John's College Nottingham to study Theology and being ordained in the Anglican Church in 1983. He has served in various parishes, one in the commuter belt of North London and one in inner city Leeds. He has also spent a number of years working for the Children's Society in their Safe House, Leeds for young runaways who end up being thrown out of their homes and living on the streets. David and the family then moved to Somerset in 1996 and he worked first as Youth & Children's Adviser then as Senior Youth and Children's Advisor for the Bath & Wells Diocese, where he also ministered in the parish of Holy Trinity, Street, Somerset. In January 2004 he became the Chief Executive (CEO) of Time for God (TFG) see www.timeforgod.org As CEO of TFG he has oversight of all aspects of the organisation. These include strategic vision, the volunteer programme of 100 volunteers, the training programme, the Jacob Project (TFG's work with Young Offenders), fund raising and publicity. He also ensures the organisation is appropriately represented with partners and relevant networks across the world. In his capacity as CEO he served on the board of the Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network, a group of Christian organisations which hosts and sends volunteers in Europe. His work at TFG has taken him all over the world and he has worked with Christians from many backgrounds and denomination and loves the rich diversity of the various Christian traditions he has encountered.

David enjoys a variety of hobbies, which include woodwork, photography and cooking. He loves all outdoor activities such as mountain biking, walking and sailing. He has always loved all sport whether spectating or participating. He continues to play cricket and golf. Dated 1.August.2011