

Thank you for your warm welcome so far to the Netherexe mission community. I am your new curate, and am looking forward to working in the team led by Revd. Tim Collins, your priest-in-charge. We have moved into Stoke Canon vicarage, but have not come far, as we have just relocated from Exeter. I'm here with my husband Ash, and our son Alfred, who is 13. (Our two older daughters have now left home). Ash is also ordained - most recently he has been serving as clergy at St. David's church in Exeter, and is currently working for Exeter YMCA. He is licensed as a priest for the whole diocese, so he may help out occasionally in the mission community here too.

I trained for ministry at St. Mellitus theological college, having been prodded and cajoled by God into hearing a calling to priestly vocation. Before training, I worked in prisons across the South West, supporting people who were due for release and helping them plan how they would resettlement into the community. Prior to that I was an advocate in the NHS complaints system, ensuring people had their voices heard when things went wrong. Supporting people on the margins to have a voice has always been at the heart of my vocation.

In my spare time I love reading, creative writing, and painting. Watching the birds in the garden is currently bringing me great joy. I am very much looking forward to finding out about all the activities going on in the community, and meeting people across the parishes over the coming months. If you see me, do say hello!



Revd Deborah Leighton Plom