

The Rev'd Canon Ian Flintoft

Vicar of the parish of Newsham and Horton and interim priest-in-charge of the parish of Cowpen

lan first came to the North East 20 years ago when he worked in urban regeneration, evaluating projects funded by the then Single Regeneration Budget.

After ordination training, he returned to the region and has served in parishes in Newcastle, Wideopen, Cowgate, and now in Blyth. In between, he was Chaplain to the Bishop of Newcastle and Director of Ordinands. Immediately before coming to Blyth, he was Director of Ministry for the Diocese of Newcastle, a strategic and leadership role.

He also previously served as Chair of Trustees for the West End Refugee Service in Newcastle and was founding Chair of Trustees for Together Newcastle, a joint venture with the Church Urban Fund supporting local churches to engage in their communities.

Locally, he is also a governor of Newsham Primary School and a member of the local governing body of Bede Academy.

He is passionate about helping people realize their full potential, and loves Blyth!