



We're delighted to announce that Sue McKinney will be licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) in the Upper Tooting Benefice in October 2023. We have come to know and value Sue over the past two years, after she joined us during the Vacancy.

Readers are lay people who are called by God, trained by the Church and licensed by the Bishop to preach, teach, lead worship, and assist in pastoral and evangelistic work.

Sue McKinney was born in Kaduna, Nigeria where her father was a superintendent of prisons. They returned to England after Nigerian independence in 1960. Sue attained an Open University degree in Education, and trained as a teacher as a mature student at Broadwater School, Tooting. Her training was through the SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) which involved training 'on the job'. Her MA was in Special Educational Needs. Since then she has taught in primary schools across Wandsworth.

Having lived with her late husband (Rev'd Jim McKinney) in Roehampton for 25 years, Sue became a Wandsworth Labour Councillor for 8 years. She has always tried to give people a voice, especially in terms of local issues. Sue was Deputy Mayor of Wandsworth for two years.

For 13 years, Sue was a Senior Lecturer at the University of Roehampton where she taught science to students on the teacher training degree. Since retirement, she has become Secretary to BATCA (Balham and Tooting Community Association) and Chair of the BATCA Fun Day. She is looking forward to working with the local community, and both churches, and inviting people to explore Christianity. Sue would love to see more children and young people coming to faith!



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We're delighted to announce that Ethan Glackin-McColgan will be licensed as a Lay Pioneer Minister in the Upper Tooting Benefice in October, further expanding our growing Ministry Team.

Lay Pioneers are entrepreneurs, evangelists, risk-takers, initiators and team builders. They are licensed by the Bishop to share the gospel with the lost, the least, and the left-behind.

They aim to help strangers become seekers, and to plant seeds of the gospel to encourage new generations of worshipers to form within existing parishes.

Ethan grew up in a small rural village in Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland, spending much of his free time working on the family farm. As a teenager, he enjoyed competitive equestrian sports with his two horses. In 2011, he entered St. Malachy's Seminary, Belfast, as a seminarian for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry. After 2 years of studies, he felt called to serve God outside ordained ministry and moved to London.

Having a background in hospitality, he pursued a career in the pub industry. First, as General Manager of The Rosendale in West Dulwich and now The Bedford in Balham. In 2017, Ethan married his husband Daniel and they live in the new Springfield development with two dogs, Mac and Tartan.

Ethan was received into the Church of England in 2016 and a few years later a call to serve the church in licensed lay ministry followed. He has been involved in pioneer ministry for the last 3 years working with those living in the Peabody Estate in West Dulwich and founded 'Prayer and a Pint' for the unchurched and de-churched. He is extremely excited to get to work pioneering in the benefice, and looks forward to involvement with both churches.



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