

Rev. Canon Alexander Gordon, Chaplain 2014 - 2020



After graduation with a degree in Pharmacy and my registration year, I worked in a hospital in Sheffield until returning in 1974 to study Theology at the University of Leeds and the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

On ordination, I served my title in the parish of S. Michael and All Angels, Headingley, where I met Geraldine and where we were married, and our first daughter born, shortly before my second curacy (there were such things back then!) in Fareham, Hampshire. Here our son and younger daughter were born.

This was followed by an incumbency of the parish of S. John Baptist, Cudworth, in South Yorkshire. Following this, an opportunity came for work back in Scotland, in the diocese where my family home is situated, and in 1985 we moved to the far north, to Sutherland and the village of Lairg, and with the encouragement of the then diocesan bishop, I worked in the community as the local pharmacist whilst acting as mission priest in Lairg and locum tenens priest in charge of S. Andrew, Tain. We remained in Lairg until 2001, the work having broadened to embrace two further churches at Brora and Dornoch, while relinquishing Tain to a semi-retired priest.

2001 saw a call to work in the Diocese in Europe, and we moved to Strasbourg. Following nearly 4 happy and fulfilling years there, I was recalled to the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness to be Provost (equivalent to an English 'Dean') of S. Andrew's Cathedral Inverness, where I spent almost 10 years until 2014, when Geraldine and I arrived at Holy Trinity Geneva.

These years until my retirement in 2020 were filled with much joy and leave us both with very many happy memories and friendships. As a priest they were extremely fulfilling and during that time together we laid the foundation for the refurbishment of the church building and hall in the project Building Tomorrow. I celebrated my 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood with you in July 2018, a particularly joyful and memorable moment.

Since retirement, the ravages of the pandemic have constrained work somewhat, but I remain involved with the Diocese in Europe as a Vocations Advisor, and as a locum priest.