

Dear Friend, I am delighted to announce that Lesley Tomlin will be joining us as Assistant Priest in September - rather than me saying anymore I've asked Lesley to write a little bit about herself, so we can get to know her prior to her arrival. We look forward to welcoming Lesley and her husband Bob (who is a Lay Reader) to the Naseby Group.

Please do pray for Lesley and Bob as they join us.

There will be a special Licensing Service to welcome Lesley to the Naseby Group on Thursday 28th August 2025, 7pm at Welford Church. This will be led by Bishop John. All are welcome to join.

Blessings

Tom

Lesley Tomalin -Assistant Priest

I feel really blessed to be joining the Naseby Group of Churches as a part-time Assistant Priest. I have recently finished my curate training, during which I spent the first two years in a rural setting and the second two years in a town. This made me realise how much I am in my element in the countryside. I love village life and rural ministry!

Originally born in Kent, I moved with my family to Northamptonshire in the late 1960s. I lived in Irchester until I went to Chester to train to be a teacher. I taught in Leicestershire for 25 years, before returning to Northamptonshire in 2005 to be with my husband Bob. I took early retirement from teaching in 2013 and trained to be a Lay Pastoral Minister. One thing led to another and I felt a call to ordination! I trained for two years at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham.

Reading, baking, gardening and doing a range of handicrafts are favourite hobbies. I am enthusiastic about history and I like to visit places of historical interest. When possible, I enjoy the theatre, cinema and visiting museums.

I am looking forward to working with Rev. Tom and the Ministry Team at this exciting time of enriching worship and mission across the benefice. My particular passions in ministry are pastoral work; learning about and sharing creative ways to pray and especially children's ministry in church and in school. Over the months ahead, I look forward to getting to know you and to serving you.

God bless.

Lesley

