## Revd Canon Andrew Stevenson



I was first ordained in 1997 and trained on SWMTC alongside Fr John Savage one of your previous Vicars. Those of you who have long memories will remember me regularly taking services at St Laudus in the early 2000s. I have been Priest in Charge at St Peter's Flushing since 2008 and was made an Honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral in 2015.

I am married to Mary, who is a recently retired primary school teacher and we have two sons - Luke and James - who currently live in Exeter where Luke is Custos of Exeter Cathedral and James is a postgrad doctoral student.

I have always been a Self-Supporting Priest (SSM); my secular profession is as a Civil Engineer and for many years I worked for County Highways in various roles, finally ending up as Head of Highways and Infrastructure. I left the Council three years ago and I am now Operations Director for WDM which is a highway technology specialist working all over the UK and in the USA and NZ.

When Fr Steve announced his retirement, and due to my previous association with St Laudus, I offered to come and take your Communion Services and also be your clergy point of contact. The Revd Johanna Clare has made a similar offer to St Michael's.

I live in Truro, have a full-time job and am Priest-in-Charge of Flushing, so clearly time is a precious commodity. However, as the people of Flushing will attest everything is possible if we work together as the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12 is a helpful scriptural reference. There will be things that I can do for you; there will be things that I cannot do for you, but there are also things that I do not need to do because others have those gifts and are better placed.

I am sure that we will be able to work together to be the people of God in Mabe and in doing so be salt, light and yeast in the community.

I look forward to renewing my acquaintance with St Laudus and friends old and new.

Best wishes

Andrew (Andy)