

Introducing David and Gaynor Williams

David and I will be on holiday in the UK in July and away for Sundays 9th and 16th July.

The services for these Sundays will be taken by Revd David Williams. David and his wife Gaynor are friends of ours and will be living in our house for the two weeks we are away. I am confident that you will welcome David and Gaynor warmly and that they will enjoy their stay in Bern.

David has written a few words to introduce himself and Gaynor below:

I come originally from near Liverpool though I met my wife Gaynor in Leeds when she was a medical student and I was working at a night shelter for the homeless. We married over forty years ago and have five grown-up sons. Before that I had, amongst other things, studied physics at university. Training for the ministry at Mirfield in West Yorkshire, while Gaynor continued with her medical career, we remained in that part of the country for thirty years, Gaynor as a general practitioner in Keighley and myself in parish ministry, the last fifteen years as a vicar in Skipton – just inside North Yorkshire.

We retired to the Lake District just over eight years ago, which is when we met Helen and David. I continue along with other retired clergy to help out on Sundays with taking services, and we are both involved in different ways in the life of our local church. We both enjoy walking in the country. Gaynor is an avid Bridge player (something I don't share) and I have over the years done quite a bit of scale modelling – usually air transport models and the occasional model bus. Retirement has also given space for reading and at last I can study those books that I was supposed to read in parish days, but never had time to! I also enjoy singing, being in a local choir. We are both looking forward very much to coming to Bern in the summer and meeting you all. Gaynor did visit as a child (and recalls the famous bears) while I have never yet been to Switzerland, apart from a brief stop at Geneva airport many years ago!

With our very good wishes,
David & Gaynor Williams.