

Swapping Priests?

An unusual licensing took place on Monday 14th June in Malton, when two priests were licensed as assistant curates in each others' parishes.

The Revd Dr Quentin Wilson was licensed as half-time Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's, Old Malton, and non-stipendiary Assistant Curate of St Michael's, New Malton. At the same service, the Revd Peter Bowes, half-time Priest-in-Charge of St Michael's, New Malton, was licensed as non-stipendiary Assistant Curate of St Mary's, Old Malton.

The Revd Dr Quentin Wilson, also Rural Dean of Southern Ryedale said, "This was a most unusual service - I've never heard of two priests being licensed to assist at each others' parishes in the same service! Peter and I already work closely to serve our communities in Old and New Malton, and we hope that this will give greater momentum to collaborative ministry here. Peter and I will soon be helped by Ian Robinson, who is being ordained Deacon at York Minster on 27th June to serve his title in both Old and New Malton, so there'll soon be three of us working across the two parishes.



Archdeacon of York, Quentin Wilson, Bishop of Selby, Peter Bowes, Ian Robinson outside St Mary's Old Malton on 14 June 2010

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