

The Reverend Gavin Knight – a profile

Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Summertown, Oxford

Gavin was born and raised on the Hampshire-Surrey border. His early years were devoted to sport (later years devoted to sport too!). He left college and worked for Saatchi and Saatchi Advertising, an all-round marketing experience which he still applies today. He gave this up to study golf and play Theology at St Andrew's University for four glorious years. He became a trustee for Sue Ryder Care after working for Lady Ryder as a volunteer. After a hard battle with God not to become ordained, he eventually lost the fight! He went to Cuddesdon for theological training and then the Birmingham Diocese for his curacy. His first incumbency took him to London, specifically Fulham.

The family moved to Monmouth in 2005 where Gavin became school chaplain. Here he co-authored two books with his wife Jo, *Disturbed by Mind & Spirit: Mental Health and Healing in Parish Ministry* and *Called by Mind & Spirit: Crossing the Borderlands of Childhood*, both published by Mowbray-Continuum.

In 2011 Gavin moved out of the Principality to once more take on the work of a parish priest and became Vicar of Summertown. In his time in north Oxford he has overseen the completion of St Michael & All Angels. The west end extension, called the Threshold Project, contains a narthex, an office, a kitchen and toilets. During his incumbency, the church has also purchased a house in Cutteslowe for the building of community and ministry in that place. He also has extra church responsibilities as vocations advisor for the Diocese of Oxford and pastoral supervisor. He sits on the diocesan Social Care group with a special remit for promoting mental health.

Gavin is married to Jo, a clinical psychologist and infant-parent psychotherapist. They have three boys.