

**A BIG WELCOME TO:  
OUR NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE for the Saxilby & Stow Groups of Parishes:  
Rev'd Jane Foster-Smith  
(Jane will take up her duties after the Licensing Service in July)**



Jane grew up in Walsall in the West Midlands. Early adulthood was spent in Cambridge, where she obtained a degree in modern languages and qualified as a Teacher of English as a Second Language. A move to France followed, where she spent ten years teaching English at all levels, from nursery, primary and secondary school to university and adult education. Here she ran a non-profit organisation and provided professional English training in international companies.

Upon return to England, she taught English and life skills to refugees and immigrants in Grimsby alongside being a French tutor, Parish Administrator, Cub Scout Leader and setting up her first ecumenical Open the Book team. She trained part-time for three years with St. Hild College, Yorkshire. In her final year she was elected Senior Student and participated in the governance and pastoral care of this large, diverse community.

Jane has served her curacy in the benefice of Welton and Dunholme with Scothern. She has worked in leadership teams running a fresh expression and an outreach food bank and café welcoming those in need of food and friendship. As Foundation Governor of a Church of England primary school, she has enabled the school's vision of being agents of positive change in the world through running community social action projects. She also brought together the local, school and church communities through seasonal community art projects which provided opportunities for sharing the Christian faith more widely.

Jane loves the outdoors, camping, walking, cycling and especially wild swimming. She is married to Matt and has three grown up children.

**THE LICENSING SERVICE**  
**will take place at St Botolph's Parish Church, Saxilby**  
**on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm**