

EMBER LIST 2020

We invite you to pray for this year's leavers, and their families, as they prepare for their future ministries, lay and ordained.



CHLOE ADAM

Formerly: *Volunteer youth minister*

RLM Specialism: *Youth*

I've really appreciated the ongoing support from both staff and students at Ridley.



CATE & STEPHEN ALLEN; WILLIAM & LOUIS

Based at: *Ely Countess Church*

It has been a blessing to be part of the Ridley community as an independent student. I have learnt and discovered so much. Though friends were made :) it was more of a solo route of learning. I discovered more how Christ often operates from the edges ... I was in good company. My calling is chaplaincy work, mainly alongside people with a learning disability; prayer is valued as I seek God towards stepping more fully into this calling.



DAVID & JULES ATKINSON; MIRIAM & JONAH

Formerly: *Church ops manager*

Curacy: *Springfield Church, Wallington (Southwark)*

I deeply appreciated the space to delve deeply into prayer and Christian learning in a way I didn't expect was possible. We have loved being part of a passionate, loving and wise community – we will miss you all! Oh and the food too....



ALEXIS D BROOKS (AKA SLEX)

Formerly: *Head of Procurement at Ministry of Justice*

RLM Specialism: *Pioneer*

Ridley Hall has offered a huge theological and personal formation step forward in my ability to follow my calling. Looking ahead I feel better equipped to serve in the challenging ministry reaching marginalised people in the community and welcoming them into a loving supportive community of faith. I value the learning from amazing lecturers and time to reflect in an accepting loving environment.



JULIETTE BROWN

Formerly: *Children's ministry*

RLM Specialism: *Children & Families*

Next: *LLM specialising in Children & Families*

'If you want to make God laugh, tell him about your plans.'
I came to study for two years at Ridley to become an LLM within the Diocese of Ely. Yet here I am, a single parent, nearing completion of the third year of a degree and continuing to learn so much more.



AMELIA COLLINS-PATEL

Formerly: *Student and Intern at a church*

RLM Specialism: *Children & Families*

Next: *I don't know what's next, but I'll continue to be a disciple of Jesus wherever that takes me.*

Ridley has been a time of personal and spiritual growth, largely due to the supportive Ridley community. Both those in the lay ministry course and the ordinand community making block weeks so memorable. I look forward to growing more in my God-given identity.



JAMES COOK & STEPHANIE TAM

Formerly: *DPhil Candidate in Ancient History, Christ Church, Oxford*

Curacy: *St Andrew's Eaton (Norwich)*

There has been so much that I have learned and experienced during my time at Ridley, but as I begin public ministry, and feel slightly daunted by the task ahead, the key thing I'm taking with me be in the place of prayer, and therefore in the place of strength.



MATTHEW CREBER-DAVIES

Formerly: *Community Mission Associate for Holy Trinity Church in Tottenham*

Curacy: *Pioneer, Leicester Diocese*

Ridley has been a wonderful place to pursue a call to pioneer ministry, and to share this journey with others preparing for ministry before dispersing to all parts of the church, and all around the country. I'm excited about taking the training I've received into 'real life' ministry.

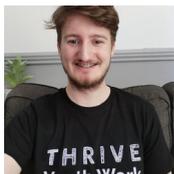


WILL ELLIS

Formerly: *Pastoral Assistant*

Curacy: *Whitby with Ruswarp (York)*

I am very glad that ++Sentamu sent me to Ridley. My three years here have really been formational, the community has been open and generous and committed to theological learning and growth in Christ. I am looking forward to participating in God's mission in God's own county, and building on my time at Ridley.



SAM GRAHAM

Formerly: *Student Youth Worker*

RLM Specialism: *Youth*

Next: *Catalyst Youth Worker for Cambridge & District Youth for Christ and Youth Inc.*

I have loved my time at Ridley! It has been a real blessing to learn alongside people with the same passions and motives for young people. I can't wait to put everything I have learned into practice in a life of ministry.



WILL GRANT

Formerly: *Handyman, musician*

Curacy: *St John the Baptist, Clayton (Leeds)*

Ridley was an unexpected blessing from start to finish, and I am deeply grateful to all those who journeyed with me, shaped me, and helped me discover daily more of the God who really is in control, and who thinks that calling WG was a good idea.



SAM HEALEY & JO

Formerly: *UK Church Funding Specialist, Christians Against Poverty*

Curacy: *Isle of Wedmore Benefice (Bath & Wells)*

I will always be grateful for the sound theological influences I received at Ridley Hall. The experiences that the college were able to offer provided me with some really tailored ministerial formation. I am better placed than before to understand the changing needs of the church in the twenty-first century.



ALICE HESELTINE

RLM Specialism: *Youth*

Next: *Youth Minister*

Ridley has helped me to grow bold in my faith and fall more in love with the person of Jesus. I have learnt that theology shouldn't just sit prettily in the pews but should rage, with love and grace, in avenues and alleyways. It has been both a home and an adventure.



SAMUEL HIGGINS

Formerly: *Youth Minister at The Parishes of Eye, Newborough and Thorney*

RLM Specialism: *Youth*

Next: *Unknown, hopefully full-time youth and children's ministry*

Ridley has not only helped me progress further in a life of ministry but also helped me deepen my walk with God. I've grown deeper and closer with Him and that I am truly thankful for.



MATT & JEN HODDER; ZACH & ANNIE

Formerly: *Teaching Assistant*

Curacy: *Bexley Team (Rochester)*

Being at Ridley was a time of tremendous formation and blessing. I hope that being a part of such a great community will have set me on course to continue to work for God's kingdom for many years to come.



WILRUN LEIWE

Formerly: *Student and Family worker at North Cambridge Academy*

RLM Specialism: *Pioneer*

Next: *Church ministry*

I did a two-year Pioneer Licensed Lay Reader Course at Ridley sponsored by Ely Diocese. My time at Ridley was very rewarding and enjoyable. I plan to return to my parish church to work among internationals. However due to Covid-19 my ministry might take a slightly different path...



KIRAN & AMY LOTAY; & YOHANNAH

Formerly: Deputy Warden, Whitcheater Christian Centre

Curacy: All Hallows, Ipswich (St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich)

This was where I learnt how to be myself in relation to the Anglican tradition. There were spaces where my voice and creativity was valued and flourished, and also spaces where this was not the case. The positive input I did receive regularly helped me to work out how to exist in relation to the less positive dynamics I encountered.



ANTHONY MCCLATCHEY

Formerly: Youth Worker

RLM Specialism: Youth

Next: Nursery work with youth ministry on the side

Ridley Hall feels like home away from home, filled with amazing people with similar hearts and minds seeking to grow in wisdom to profess Christ. A lovely kingdom family to learn from each other and grow as we step into our ministry call. Excited to continue to grow in the Lord after this effective launchpad.



CAITLAN MOWER

Formerly: Trainee youth minister

RLM Specialism: Youth

The community at Ridley has helped me beyond words over my time here, and I can't wait to see what God has planned for the future.



GRAHAM NAYLOR

Formerly: Music industry sound engineer

Curacy: St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham with St Mary, Preston-St-Mary (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich)

I value the opportunity Ridley has given to explore theology and faith through lectures, classes, chapel and, above all, in residential community.



ABIGAIL NEWLAND

Formerly: *Youth Intern for Sunnyside Church*

RLM Specialism: *Youth*

I loved coming to Ridley for block weeks and meeting some amazing people along the way who have helped me to learn and grow over the last three years. I love the atmosphere at Ridley, I always felt a sense of peace and God's presence, especially in the many times of worship in the chapel. I will miss coming to Ridley but I look forward to what God has in store for me in the future.



JANE OAKES

Formerly: *Family law solicitor and mediator*

RLM Specialism: *Pioneer*

The training at Ridley for licensing as a lay pioneer minister has equipped me to continue working within the parishes of Landbeach and Waterbeach where I have lived for the past 25 years. Studying at Ridley was beyond all my expectations. I applied for Reader training and was turned down because I was identified as a pioneer; then a random phone call to Nicky Redsell who with Robin Barden designed the RLM pioneer programme. Thank you for believing in me and making this happen.



CHRISTIAN OSBORNE

Formerly: *Children and Families Worker*

RLM Specialism: *Children & Families*

Next: *Continued ministry in the parish of the Good Shepherd, Arbury*

Returning to study 25 years after my first degree has been brilliant. I have learned so much that will equip me for future ministry serving God's people wherever my family is sent. I have been challenged, encouraged, strengthened and emboldened by the experience. I am thankful for those I have studied alongside ... what a faithful and passionate group! And for the patient encouragement from the tutors. It has been lovely to spend time within a college community, having grown up in the town I had never once imagined that I might find myself studying in such a beautiful and historic place. Thank you.



MARCUS & AMANDA OTTAVIANI; & SANTINO

Formerly: *Chef*

Curacy: *St Mary the Virgin, Goldington, Bedford (St. Albans)*

I loved Ridley! To have the time and space to learn, pray, laugh about life and ministry for two years was such a privilege. I made great friends and was supported by staff when life got hard. Looking forward to using this foundation to help God's love reach the lives of those I come across.



DAVID & RACHEL ROBERTS

Formerly: *Management Consultant*

Curacy: *Holy Trinity, Hounslow (London)*

Ridley was a special place to go deeper theologically and in faith. We are very grateful to have been given the space to pray and to learn; we enjoyed getting to know some wonderfully gifted people on the same path. I pray that God grants that this time would sustain a life of joyful ministry.



HANNAH & PETER ROBINSON

Formerly: *Youth Adviser in Chelmsford Diocese*

Curacy: *South Shoebury (Chelmsford)*

The best thing about my time here at Ridley was the new opportunities and experiences, particularly through my placement at Queens' College.



GLEN RUFFLE

Formerly: *Editor and Trainer, KPMG*

Curacy: *Literally, God knows!*

It's been a privilege being at Cambridge and I've learned a huge amount and enjoyed the challenge.



RACHEL SABATES-WHEELER

Formerly: *Academic at the Institute of Development Studies*

Next: *Part-time academic, part-time ministry leader at Saffron Walden Community Church; potential Masters study*

Ridley was an amazing time of expanding my knowledge of theology and getting to know God better. I had wanted to do a theology course since I was in my early 20s, and this was the perfect opportunity as I wished to pursue the

course part-time and blend it both with my career and my church work. The lecturers and courses were motivating and inspiring. Thank you.



JOANNA & LUKE TARASSENKO; & BIANCA

Formerly: *Charity sector work*

Curacy: *Delayed until 2021*

It was a joy to train at Ridley Hall and a great privilege to have as my PhD supervisor its former Vice-Principal, Jeremy Begbie. I am staying in Cambridge for another year during which time I will submit my PhD, on 'Christian formation through the musico-theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer', and hope to find a curacy.



MARK TATTON

Formerly: *Photographer*

Curacy: *Holy Trinity Brompton (London)*

I learned during my time at Ridley that you can't give out of what you don't have, so I decided that 'if I leave with nothing else, then I want to have grown in faith'. Ridley has given me far more than a set of skills, rather a deeper sense of being a loved child of God.



SARAH THORNE

Formerly: *Part-time pharmacist in a community pharmacy and volunteer children's worker*

RLM Specialism: *Children & Families*

Next: *Potentially a paid children's and family minister*

The years spent at Ridley have been fantastic! I've learnt a lot about God, children, families and myself. Now I can't wait to discover what the Holy Spirit has in store for me and ministry in the village.



JONNY & BECCA TORRANCE

Formerly: *Youth Worker at All Saints, Vevey*

Curacy: *Church of the Good Shepherd, Chesterton (Ely)*

I have absolutely loved being a part of the community at Ridley. The relationships I have built here have been both hugely sustaining, and also really stretched me academically and spiritually.