

# Welcome to Anna!



The new Stewardship Enabler, Anna Newlove, will be joining us in July and is covering Sophie Hodge's maternity leave.

Anna Newlove joined the diocese on 10th February as the DAC Project Assistant. From 13th July, she'll be taking on the Stewardship Enabler role, providing maternity cover part-time, alongside her DAC Project work.

Anna grew up in Lincolnshire before moving to North Wales to study Zoology at Bangor University. Following graduation, she moved to the Isle of Cumbrae to work in the Education team at a residential field centre, run by the Field Studies Council. This role combined her Christian faith and passion for protecting God's creation with her love of teaching and encouraging others.

In September 2018, Anna moved to Edinburgh, to undertake an MSc at Edinburgh Napier University. After graduation, she moved to Cumbria and spent time volunteering locally before joining the Diocese.

Anna says "I'm really excited to be taking on the role of Stewardship Enabler. Sophie has done a fantastic job in this position and I hope to continue her work. Stewardship is a way of life and calls us to see life itself as a gift from God. It is our response to God as disciples of Christ, who recognise that God has given us everything- creation, family and friends, home, time and money- and we respond to that by joyfully giving our whole lives back to Him."

Anna's role will include supporting churches and Mission Communities in taking up online giving and contactless giving, as well as providing resources and advice on all matters related to stewardship, including: stewardship programmes, gift aid, parish buying, legacy giving and parish offer. The aim is to assist churches in ensuring they have the right giving options in place to respond to our current context, and, to develop stewardship as an aspect of discipleship within their congregations. Ultimately this role seeks to help establish the long-term sustainability of God's church in Cumbria and to resource God's mission in our county and beyond.

Anna lives in Carlisle and attends Thurstonfield Methodist Church. She enjoys spending as much time outdoors as possible, hiking, bird watching or spending times on the Lakes themselves on her paddle board.