

# Simon Topping



I work with six churches in the Stroud area (Stroud, Chalford, Brimscombe, Amberley, Randwick and Stonehouse), three of which are Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnerships.

Before moving to Gloucestershire I worked as a Methodist Minister in London, Birmingham and Argentina. I am married to Jane who is a chaplain at Brockworth House MHA and we have three sons who have all now left school.

I am the Deputy Superintendent of the Circuit and I have a special interest in the relationship between faith and economic justice.

Dear Michael,

Many thanks for your letter and your kind words of welcome.

Jane and I are really excited about our appointment to the North East Somerset and Bath Circuit and I am very much looking forward to getting to know the church community in Box. As you say, in the new year, I do hope there will be an opportunity to pay a visit to Box in order to introduce ourselves properly to the church members.

It seems like there will be considerable change among the local church leadership in the coming months, with the local Anglican vicar moving on too. It's good to hear that there are other Anglican clergy in the area and I am sure there will be new opportunities for working closely together.

Many thanks, also, for sending me your latest news and services details - I hope it's not too cold for the "outdoor/indoor carol service" on 20th December!

With every blessing,

Simon Topping

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