



Introducing... **Sharon Hunt**

Some of you may have already spotted Sharon at St Mary's services. We are thrilled to welcome her to our church community as we support her ordained ministry training. She has started a full-time, two-year academic course with St Augustine College, to prepare for ordination in 2025. Team Rector, Rev'd John Whittaker, will supervise her while St Mary's becomes her "home" church. We know that you will give her a warm Putney welcome so do go up and introduce yourself when you see her, although it might take a while before she remembers everyone's names!

What better way to learn a little more our new addition to the clergy team than to read Sharon's own words:

"My name is Sharon and I am training for ordained ministry. As part of my training, I am studying at St Augustine's Theological College.

Before joining St Mary's Church, I attended St George's Church in Battersea for many years and served as church warden there. Part of the ministry and leadership teams I led services and sat on both the LCC and PCC.

My professional career has mainly been in the charitable sector – working in areas such as advice, community, criminal justice, housing, volunteering. Prior to being recommended for ordained ministry training I worked for a Christian Social Justice Charity in South East London – as Head of Community Food Projects. I have been a school governor and an active volunteer over the years, volunteering for different community groups.

I am passionate about social action and social justice and see this as a vital part of my Christian witness.

I enjoy the open space – where I sense the creative presence of God.

I am really looking forward to being part of St Mary's church community over the next couple of years."

Please do pray for her as she embarks on this next stage in her spiritual journey, having bidden farewell to her old church to join ours, studying and preparing for ordained ministry.