

September 2017

St Alphege's in Oldfield Park, our new pilot parish, is working hard to engage their families with our baptism preparation and during September, we have been busy building the team that now consists of Julia, Lizzie, Maureen and Moira (who missed the photo shoot!).



(Photo opportunity and a very silly face being pulled by me, here on right?!)



(Very Serious Training happening above!)

Our first session will be in October with as many as four families, so we are pretty excited!

Following our goodbyes to Fr James from our two parishes - St Mary's, Glastonbury and St Michael's, Shepton Mallet, we welcomed Fr Bede Rowe as our new Parish Priest during September. Fr Bede is keen to continue with the baptism project in both parishes and our teams are in place, with more training on the cards and, we pray, more families!

It has been a quiet month for St Bernadette's, but we hope to engage more families in the Whitchurch area in the time between now and Christmas.

We have a couple of other parishes who are thinking of introducing Baptism For Life – With You Always; do please get in touch if you are a parish keen to engage with your families and enrich the welcome you currently offer. Please call me on 01749 342587 or email anitra.rawlins@cliftondiocese.com

I am very happy to give a very short explanation at the end of Mass, or meet up at another time. I look forward to hearing from you!

PS I was in Rome in September (with my husband, Chris) as we'd been invited by Military Ministries International – they are interested in all things marriage and family life ministry!



(Chris and I feeling very excited as we waited for the General Audience with Papa Francesco in St Peter's Square – and we were up near the front, on the steps!)

(Our beautiful mother giving us a wave in St Maria Maggiore Church!)

