

DIOCESAN SURVEY OF NON STIPENDIARY/SELF SUPPORTING MINISTERS 2012

What is going well in for SSMs and what they enjoy?

- Being a priest in two settings
- Being official i.e. having a Christian ministry that is within a recognised role
- Best job ever, love it
- Being involved in critical pastoral incidents and being affirmed in this role
- Pioneering stuff, I need to work at keeping outward facing
- Seeing an idea come to fruition through collaborative working
- Being in touch with the 'real' world
- Doing all the nice bits and not just the mundane bits
- Being a beacon by my involvements outside the church
- Being alongside people at positive as well as negative times
- The diverse experience I'm getting in a very busy parish
- Learning so much with support
- Being involved in pioneer church
- All the people I love them!
- Working across the ages
- Being amongst the people; ministering with and to
- As an interim minister pulling a vacancy parish together
- Being part of a clergy - Reader team
- Realising that God has called me to use all my gifts that were nurtured in my secular career
- Passing on vocation to others
- Being in community where Christ is at the centre, where the worship is uplifting alongside others
- The diversity - socially, culturally with a wide range of experience