

## New Vicar for Almondsbury and South Severnside



The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol, is delighted to announce that Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of South Severnside, Bristol West Deanery and Racial Justice Co-Ordinator in the Diocese of Bristol. Bishop Viv says:

*"I am greatly encouraged by Anjali's appointment to this combined role. It will allow Anjali to serve the mission of Christ in the rural parishes of South Severnside – bringing her gifts and experience of rural ministry with her. She will also continue her work in racial justice in the Diocese and wider – alongside the Revd Dr Cathy Okoronokwo, (Bishop's Adviser)."*

Revd Anjali will work four days a week including Sunday in the Benefice and two days for the Diocese.

Revd Anjali says:

*"I am excited to accept the role of Priest in Charge, South Severnside and Racial Justice Co-ordinator as this role combines two of my passions in ministry: parish ministry and working for greater racial justice within the Church.*

*I am particularly pleased to be able to stay in the Diocese of Bristol as this is where my formal ministry has been recognised, supported and encouraged over the last 20 years.*

*Having worshipped and ministered in town and city centre churches all my life, my curacy in the Bybrook Benefice, a group of 10 rural churches, has been an enriching experience. In particular, it has given me insight into the unique opportunities that rural churches have to share the love of God with the communities in which they are placed. As such, I am looking forward to working creatively with the churches in the South Severnside benefice to share the good news of Jesus, nurture disciples and love and serve the local communities.*

*Through the course of my ordination training and ordained ministry, I have had a clear sense of calling to work towards racial justice in the Church. I am excited about the opportunities provided by this role to work with others to deliver the commitments made by Bishop Viv to address the issues of racism in the Church and in the diocese."*

A licensing and welcome service will be held in Almondsbury Church at 7.30pm on Monday 11 December. All are welcome.