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The Rt Revd Dr Timothy Livingstone Wambunya

Timothy was born and grew up in Nairobi, Kenya, and moved to the UK in his early twenties to join the Royal Navy. Whilst serving as a Marine Engineer, he was invited to consider ordination by the then-Bishop of Portsmouth and went on to train at Oak Hill College.

Timothy was ordained and ministered in the Diocese of London before being selected as a mission partner in East Africa, where he was the principal of a theological college and later as Diocesan Bishop.

Timothy has been the Vicar at St Paul's Slough since September 2020 and Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Oxford since 2021. He is married to Gertrude, and they have three sons.

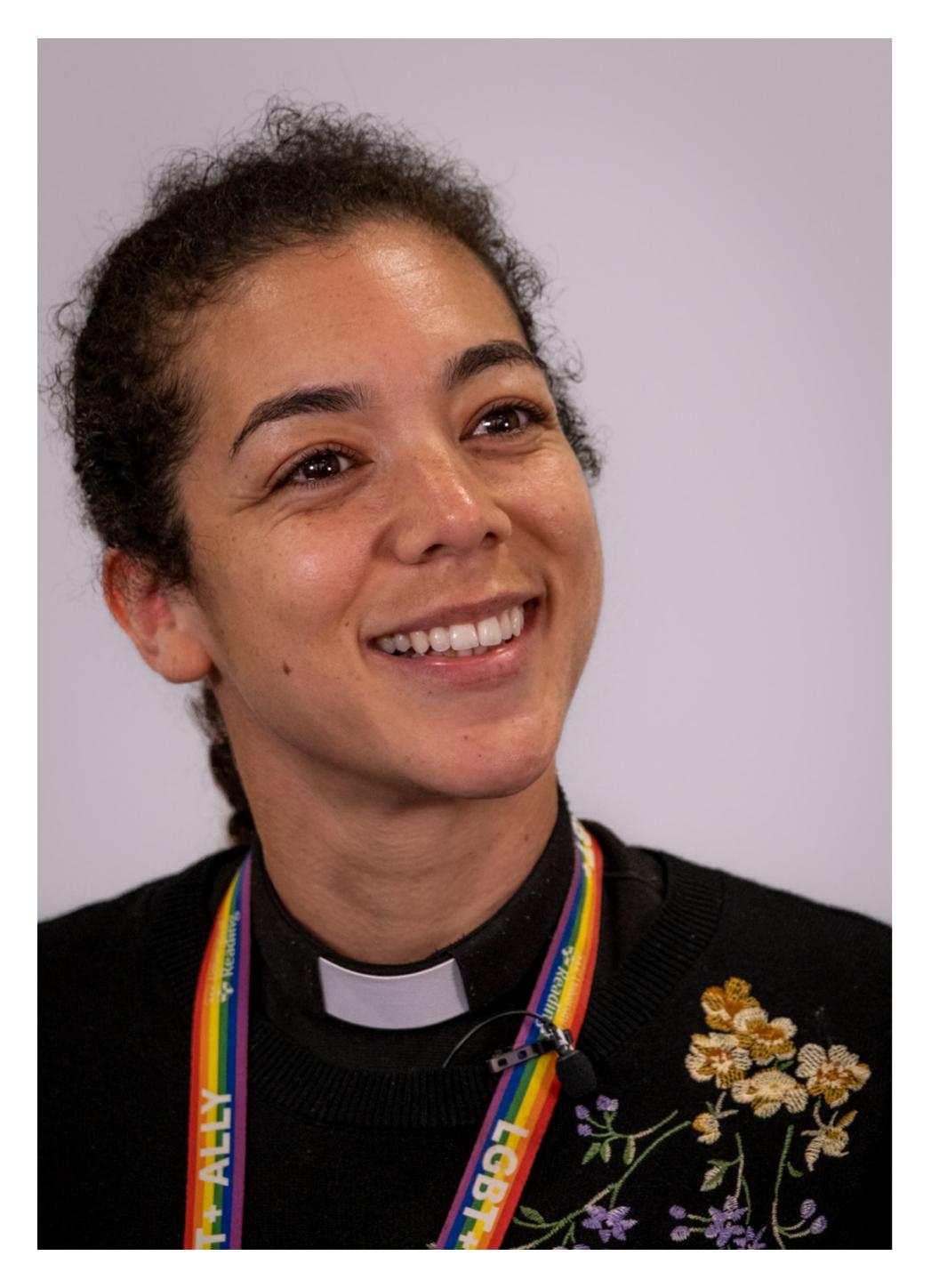


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The Revd Serena Tajima

Serena was born in Yorkshire but grew up in Berkshire. She is currently the Vicar of St Mary's Church in Banbury, a Vocations Advisor and an LGBTI+ Chaplain for the Diocese of Oxford.

Before training at Westcott House in Cambridge to become a priest, Serena worked as cabin crew for British Airways for over ten years. She also has a degree in Archaeology and a MSc in Building Conservation.

Serena is married to Andrew, who is a lecturer at Queen's Theological College in Birmingham, and together they have a little boy and a dog.

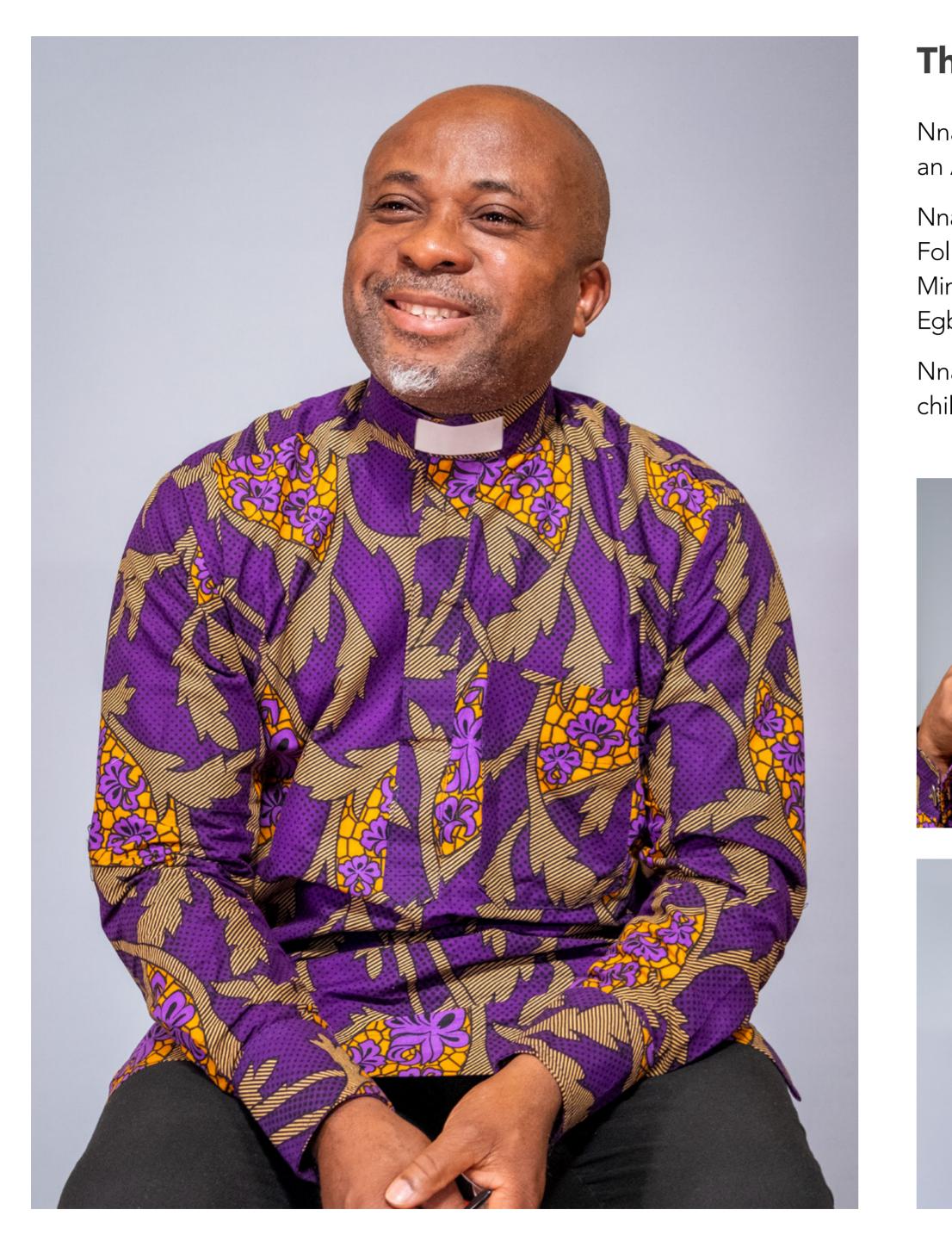


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The Revd Nnamdi Maduka

Nnamdi grew up in Nigeria. He sees himself as a vicarage boy as his father is an Anglican Priest, who later retired as an Archdeacon.

Nnamdi is currently the Associate Minister at St Mary's Denham Parish Church. Following ordination training at St Mellitus College, gaining a BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission, Nnamdi was ordained deacon in 2012 in the Ohaji Egbema Diocese, in the Church of Nigeria.

Nnamdi is married to Chinwendu and they are blessed with four lovely children – a boy and three girls.







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The Revd Polly Falconer

Polly was born in a tiny village in Jamaica called Lemon Hall, where even today the village bathe in the river which flows down from the mountain.

Polly joined her parents in the UK when she was three years old and had a difficult time at school due to her accent and speaking patois. She grew up in Reading with both parents, six siblings and her maternal grandparents.

Currently a self-supporting minister in Tilehurst, Reading, Polly also leads on racial justice for the Diocese of Oxford. Polly was ordained priest in 2021. Polly is divorced and blessed with five children and four grandchildren, whom she describes as her heartbeat.







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The Revd Samson Oluwole Kuponiyi

Samson was born and raised in Nigeria by Christian parents, within the Pentecostal tradition. After graduating with a Botany degree, Samson went on to train as a professional accountant with an audit firm in Nigeria.

Samson moved to the UK in 1998 and had to re-take professional accountancy qualifying examinations because at the time the UK accounting body (ACCA) did not recognise the Nigerian qualification. He worked in the wine and spirit industry for over a decade and later ran a cleaning company before starting ordination training at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, in 2017.

After his ordination as deacon at St Mary's Church Bletchley in 2020 and priest at Buckingham Parish Church in 2021, Samson is now serving his curacy at St Peter's Church, Burnham.



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The Revd Canon Janet Binns

Janet was ordained in 2007 and served her curacy at St Paul's Slough. In 2010, she became the Olympic Missioner for the Diocese of Oxford, challenged to inspire churches to put on activities afforded by the London 2012 Olympics.

As Rector in the Benefice of Hedsor and Bourne End, Janet became actively involved in the diocesan UKME nurturing group in 2018.

With the Black Lives Matter events of 2020 and the subsequent 'Lament to Action' report, work started to address the under representation of UKME individuals in Senior Leadership roles in the Church of England. Janet helped lead the recruitment of a UKME Enabler in the diocese and was appointed Dean of the newly formed UKME Chapter in 2021.



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The Revd Rickey Simpson-Gray

Rickey was born and raised in London by parents of Jamaican heritage who were ministers in the Church of God of Prophecy.

Rickey is team vicar of three churches in the Claydons, Buckingham. He advises on the diocesan common vision, rural Church and the UKME Chapter and is a national Bishop's Adviser for recruitment. Rickey has held numerous ministry and leadership roles, including at Soul Survivor Church. He is an accountant with government senior managerial experience, and a professional bassist and music director.

Following ordination training at East Ministry Region Course, Rickey was priested in 2015 in the Diocese of St Albans and served in two Anglo-Catholic churches there. Rickey is married to Nicki, Child Psychotherapist, with two children.

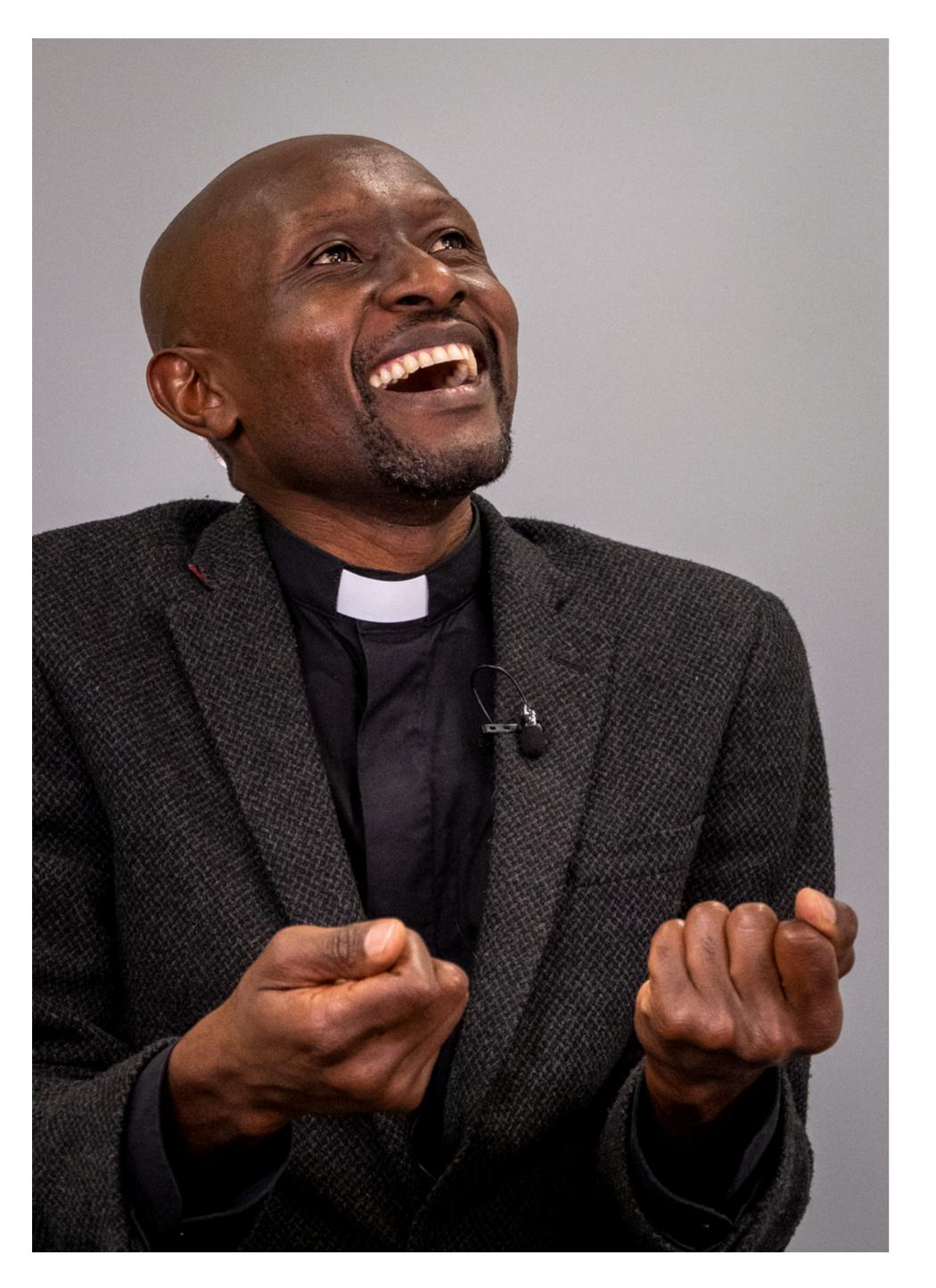


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The Revd David Nyirongo

David grew up in rural Zambia before moving to the UK in 2000 as a volunteer support worker for adults with disabilities in Islington. After serving in the UK armed forces in logistics and supply and on deployment in Iraq, David completed ordination training at Wycliffe Hall..

David served his four-year curacy in the Diocese of Liverpool, where he was ordained priest. Following this, David and his family moved to Wales in 2015 where he was a Team Vicar. His other roles included ministry in Tolworth, Surrey and the Diocese of Southwark.





David is currently the Community Missioner at New Hope, Greyfriars in Reading.





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The Revd Ayo Audu

Ayo traces his ancestry to the Middle Belt region of Nigeria. After moving to the UK, Ayo worked in retail financial services as a Digital Marketing Specialist.

Responding to a call to ministry, Ayo trained for ordination at St Mellitus College, London, and was ordained deacon in 2021 and priest in 2022 in the Diocese of Oxford.

Ayo is serving his curacy at St Frideswide's Water Eaton in Bletchley. He is married to Lara, and they have two children.

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