

Electoral address: Sarah Cawdell Formation Guardian, Wyvern Area.

I am Sarah. I am a priest living at present in Bridgnorth, Shropshire. Simon and I have three children, two at university, and one in sixth form. I am not in full time paid work, but do bits of tutoring and gardening. I have been a tertiary since I was an undergraduate, and was professed in 1991. The principles and fellowship of the Third Order have sustained me through many different aspects of life: from teaching in Uganda with the CMS to child rearing; when working and when at home. I have a creative mind, and enjoy building community as well as making things.



I appreciate the balance of action and contemplation that Francis offers in his life in Christ. I keep the Rectory Garden as part of the Quiet Garden Trust, and with others, open it once a month for reflection and prayer. I lead quiet days and retreats. I have a passion for understanding more of God, and God's ways in the world, through study and conversation

I spend a fair proportion of my time listening to others about personal and wider community matters. I am a governor at the children's school and oversee the special educational needs department, listen to appeals, and with other governors look for the strategic way forward. Last year I worked as a support worker for young mums, helping them in household skills development. I am convinced that each individual holds something of the image of God, and that we can always learn from one another. I am experienced in listening to different conversations and interpreting them to each other. As a wife and mother as well as a priest I am well practised in grappling with and representing the views of others.

I have been Formation Guardian in Wyvern Area (Herefordshire, South Shropshire, and Worcestershire) for four years. I very much enjoy the way that in the Area Team our complementary skills and abilities function to enable the on going growth of the Local T O Community. We, as have others across the Province, have been working through the questions towards the Convocation. I have been excited to see how conversations in Local Groups have complemented each other, and how by a careful listening we can discern new possibilities for our Franciscan lives as an Area and as individuals in the order. I am looking forward to the event and outcome of the Convocation. Although developments can look unnerving it is

important that together we discern as a community locally and Provincially how to continue creatively the rebuilding of the church to which Francis was called.

I am well versed in safeguarding issues, & up to date with the training provided in the church.