

**F**ather Paul Burch is currently Curate at Christchurch Carnforth in the Diocese of Blackburn. He is married to Catherine and they have three children Sophie, Jessica and Benedict. We look forward to welcoming Father Paul and his family to St Thomas' during early 2008. Keep looking for further updates. Please pray for Father Paul and St Thomas as we begin a new chapter in our ministry.

God our Father,  
shepherd and guide of your people,  
look with favour on your servant Paul,  
whom you have called to be a faithful pastor to this flock;  
grant that by word and example  
he may lead the people committed to his charge  
and with us come to your eternal kingdom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen