

## **DIOCESAN ADVISER ON DISABILITY**

My name is Cynthia Fox, curate in the Team Parish of Brighouse and Clifton and I am the new Diocesan Adviser on Disability.

I am writing to let you know that I am in post and most anxious to make the title a working reality rather than just a label. I am available to support, encourage and advise on disability issues whenever and wherever needed.

I would welcome invitations to churches to see what has been achieved to help create disability access. Already I have seen many splendid plans put into action, as well as churches who are struggling to make provision.

I am available to give talks about disability issues to groups within churches and also to schools if that is appropriate.

I am thrilled with the attention that has been given to making churches more physically accessible. I am keen now to help develop support for churches wanting to make their buildings more physically accessible, but I also want to raise the issue of the inclusion in church life of people with disabilities.

As a person with disabilities, I am quite happy to struggle with the lack of a suitable ramp, for example, if I know that when I eventually get inside I am going to be met with positive attitudes. Without such attitudes, all the disabled aides in the world can be pretty meaningless.

I very much want to support churches and I hope I can count on your support when I try to introduce new initiatives in the fullness of time.

With every good wish,

Cynthia Fox

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