

The new Mission Director for South America

(Re)introducing Bishop Henry Scriven

Henry was born in England in 1951 and educated at Repton School and Sheffield University, where he studied Biblical Studies. After a year working in a steel mill supervised by the Sheffield Industrial Mission, he undertook theological study at St John's, Nottingham, and was ordained in 1975.

Four years in London were followed by two in Northern Argentina with SAMS GB. When the Falklands War started the family left for Little Rock, Arkansas, where Henry was Assistant Rector for Education at Christ Church (1982-1983).

Work with SAMS continued in Spain (Salamanca and Madrid) with the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church from 1984-1990, then for five years he was Chaplain of the British Embassy Church in Madrid (Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe - Church of England). In 1995 he was consecrated as Suffragan Bishop in Europe and spent seven years travelling around the 40 countries of that diocese.

Since 2002 Henry has been Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, which is home to the headquarters of SAMS USA and at the centre of the difficult realignment of the North American Anglican church. He is married to Catherine, a primary school teacher, and they have two children: Anna (b. 1979) is married to Tom and lives in South Norwood (their daughter Sophie was born in 2007); Joel (b. 1983) is married to Sarah and lives in Oxford where he's working on his doctorate at the Oxford University Environmental Change Institute.