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## PRESS RELEASE

### 1003 Squadron Enrol New Padre

1003 (Leighton Buzzard) Squadron of the Air Training Corps were pleased to enrol The Rev'd Dr Paul Andrews as Squadron Chaplain in a recent ceremony,. The enrolment was conducted by the Beds & Cambs Wing Chaplain, The Rev'd Steve Pullan in the presence of Staff and Cadets of 1003 and the Beds and Cambs Southern Sector Staff Officer Sqn Ldr Charles Dicks. It was particularly exciting as 1003 had been without a Padre now for a number of years.

The Rev'd Andrews background is in classical music, having studied music at University, and before entering the ordained ministry, having been a music librarian, researcher, editor and conductor for about 25 years, working for Bedfordshire Libraries, The Royal College of Music, and managing a British Library project to build an internet database of music research resources in the UK ([www.cecilia-uk.org](http://www.cecilia-uk.org)). He was ordained in the Church of England in 2000, and joined the Leighton Buzzard group of churches in 2002, where he is now Team Vicar with responsibility for Eggington and Billington in the newly formed Ouzel Valley Team Ministry.

The new Padre, after his enrolment said "I am delighted to be Padre to the 1003 Leighton Buzzard Squadron, and to be part of a unit that sets itself high standards and gets results. I'm looking forward to getting to know the staff and cadets better, and getting involved in the life and activities of the Squadron". The Commanding Officer Flt Lt Paul Weston welcomed the new Padre to the Squadron saying "We are particularly looking forward to his officiating at a Service for ATC Sunday next month, which will for the first time be held at Eggington Church".

Leighton Buzzard Squadron is currently recruiting male and female cadets aged 13 to 17. If you are interested please call 01525 851728 on Monday or Thursday evenings.

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