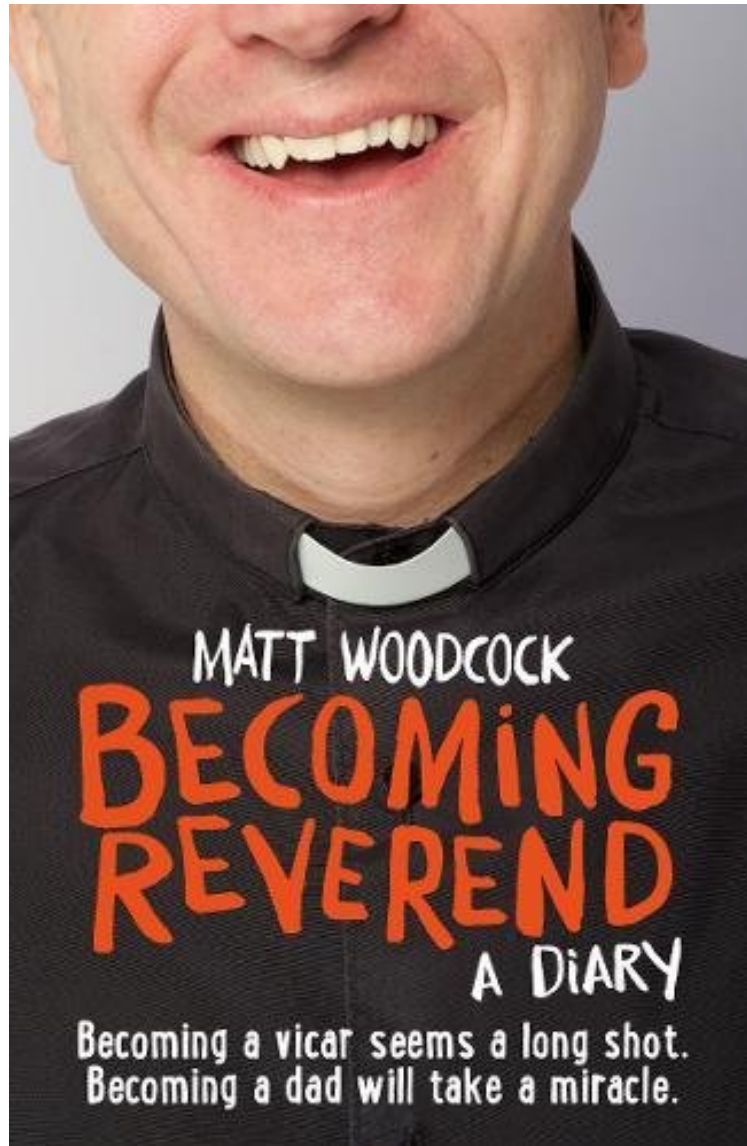


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their families and friends who want to know what this experience is like). The author's experiences also may be relevant to those discerning a call to pursue a new path in life, not necessarily limited to the confines of the church. I hope he will write a follow-up about his experiences in his first years of the priesthood. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Too Much Information By yumchadaily An interesting but ultimately incomprehensible story of the author's time as a trainee priest, including the details of his married life in the quest for children. The author depicts himself as one of the lads, right down to the fart stories, and I can only wonder that his wife gave permission for the intimate details of their marriage to be revealed. It's more about his own inner journey than anything else, though, and that part is interesting and could have taken a larger part of the book.

Meet Woody. Former journalist. Die-hard Oasis fan. High energy. Low sperm count. Training to be a vicar. Obviously. Matt Woodcock's frank, funny real-life diaries reveal what it was like for him to train as a vicar while struggling against all odds to become a father. In them he lays bare his joys and struggles as he attempts to reconcile his calling as a vicar with his life as a party-loving journalist, footie-freak and incorrigible extrovert. *Becoming Reverend* is a compelling and original account of how faith can work in the midst of a messy life, combining family, fertility, faith and friendship with the story of a divine - but unlikely - calling.

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A "About the Author"
A former newspaper journalist, Matt Woodcock is now a Church of England minister in Hull. He puts on a sell-out beer festival in his church every year and walks real camels down Hull's main shopping street at Christmas. This is his first book.