**The Right Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells**

*Michael grew up in rural North Staffordshire and, after school, read biology at Imperial College, London. Undecided as to whether to follow a life in Christian ministry or academic research, he was encouraged to try both, spending time as a parish assistant in Liverpool and then undertaking medical research among children living in Tanzania.*

*A life in ministry seemed to beckon, taking him to theological college in Durham where he met Lizzie, whom he married in 2005. Michael and Lizzie are the parents of Charlie and Connie.*

*After Durham, Michael ministered first as a curate in Shropshire, and then at Westcott House, Cambridge. He combined these roles with work for the Partnership for Child Development, an organisation based at Imperial College that seeks to improve the health and education of children in low income countries.*

*In 2010, Michael hung up his tropical kit and became full-time Director of Mission in the Diocese of Oxford, where he worked alongside colleagues in parishes and deaneries to develop activity in mission, ministry, and social responsibility[[1]](#footnote-1).* This was followed, in 2015, by his installation as Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans.

When Covid hit, he Joined the Church of England Covid taskforce and worked with UNICEF, the NHS, the Government and leaders of different faiths to launch vaccinaid.org which has raised more than £10 million in support of vaccination for low-income countries.

2022 saw his installation as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

1. Source: Service sheet for the Ordination and Consecration of The Reverend Canon Michael Beasley

   to be Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans (<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/media/4981/ordination-consecration-bishops-service.pdf>, accessed 5 Jan 2023) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)