

About Nathan

I joined Dunchurch Band in September 2023 when I moved to Rugby. I was looking for a friendly band without too much pressure because as a Methodist Minister the diary can get a bit busy, so it may not be possible to make every rehearsal or play for every gig.

I started learning the tenor horn when I was 9, thanks to the determination of my Mum when I failed the music test to learn peripatetically through the schools music service on Guernsey. The Guernsey Youth Band rehearsed at my primary school so I went along one night and tried out all the instruments and the tenor horn suited my embouchure. I started lessons and when I was good enough joined GYB, I am ever thankful for Colin Whitfield who taught me.

I went on to university to study Music with History and joined the National Methodist Youth Brass Band 2000 and am still playing with them and part of the chaplaincy team.

My first contesting appearance was when I was with Waterbeach Brass when I was training for ministry in Cambridge.

There was then a gap of regularly weekly banding of 7 years due to family and ministry commitments before I realised that I really needed to join a band. So I had 3 very happy years with Newark Town Band.

Dunchurch Band is a great family band and I am really enjoying my time playing solo horn, they accept me and my diary.