



In my late teens I left the urban jungle in east London, where I was brought up, to explore strange new worlds in Devon, Staffordshire, Kent, Lincolnshire and now Yorkshire. Along the way, I came to Christian faith in my early twenties, studied biology, married Shirley and raised two children (now grown up and fledged).

Following a few years' teaching, I trained at Spurgeon's College for Baptist ministry and pastored two churches (in Westerham, Kent for 8 years and Grantham, Lincolnshire for 16 years) before becoming a tutor for Northern Baptist College in Manchester, in 2013. From autumn 2016 I took up a role for the United Reformed Church, shared between Northern College (as a tutor) and the North Western Synod (as training officer). From spring 2020 I continued to work for the college, but laid down the training officer role and returned to pastoral ministry, having accepted an invitation to become part-time pastor for Meltham Baptist Church, near Huddersfield.

I love natural history and being outside in the garden. If you were to ask about my approach to life, I might say I aspire to be a 'contemplative in action'; I have trained in, written about, and offer spiritual direction. I have endured being a Spurs supporter since childhood, through which I continue to learn lessons about hope and disappointment, and a 'long obedience in the same direction'.