

David Faulkner – An Introduction

I was born and brought up in north London, and my sister once worked out from the family genealogy that she and I were fifth-generation same congregation in our local Methodist church. However, all that counts for nothing unless you make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, which I did at the age of 16.

A keen mathematician, I expected to go to university to study Computer Science at Imperial College, London, but a severe neck problem that appeared a month before my A-Levels changed all that. I spent some years in the Civil Service, working in Social Security (one way to see life!), and during that time I felt a call to study Theology vocationally.

I ended up as an independent student at an Anglican theological college (Trinity College, Bristol). While I was there, my calling clarified into that of ordained ministry, and in my native Methodism – although I retain a great fondness for evangelical Anglicanism.

Methodism sentenced me to three more years' study in Manchester, but I did at least complete an MPhil in Christian Doctrine at the university there during that time.

Since then, I have served in circuits in Hertfordshire, Kent, Essex, and most recently in Surrey.

I am married to Debbie, who is a keen lover of West End theatre, especially musicals. The manse will also be the home base for our two young adult children. Rebekah is pursuing a managerial path with McDonald's (and was involved in the launch of the Liphook Services branch). Becky and I share a passion for photography and would like you to know that real cameras have names like Nikon, Canon, or Sony, not Apple or Samsung!

Mark is a Maths student at Cambridge University. I also share an interest with him: we follow the joys and sorrows of Tottenham Hotspur FC.

I am the author of the recently published 'Odd One Out: Good news for those who feel like they don't belong', in which you can learn more about me. It is available either from Amazon (www.bit.ly/OddOneOutBook) or directly from me if you would like a signed copy.