

Introducing Revd David Cooper...

If we are made up of the people we've met, the things we've done and the places we've lived in, then I think I must be a pretty complicated person. I've lived in Middlesbrough, Coventry, Nottingham, Gillingham in Bradford, York, Holmewood in Bradford, Bingley, Peshawar in Pakistan, Pollard Park in Bradford, Harborne in Birmingham, Burslem in Stoke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton, Arnside in Cumbria and now here in Walkden and Little Hulton... and I'm only 23 (that's a joke!)

I've been married to Caroline for 29 years, have three grown-up daughters, Naomi, Abi and Beth, a dog called Teddy, two cats called Gus and Tanzy. Naomi has a rabbit, and Beth with her partner Lewis, is going to have a daughter in December! The only person mentioned above not living in the Vicarage on Algernon Road is Abi, who is studying for an MA. at York Uni. Because we are rattling around this house, we are also considering becoming foster carers. I think there is a spare inch in the corner upstairs.

Like Abi, I was also at York Uni, when 32 years ago I got a maths degree. Since then I have been a maths and computing teacher with the Church Mission Society in Peshawar, a licenced Lay Worker in inner-city Bradford, and then with a Birmingham Uni theology degree under my belt, a curate in Burslem, a Team Vicar in central Wolverhampton, an Urban Spirituality Officer in Wolverhampton, an Inter-Faith Officer in the Diocese of Lichfield, a vicar in Arnside and an Ecumenical Officer in Cumbria. Now I am known as a Team Rector.

My key passions are seeking ways of being more Christlike, teaching and learning, communicating faith and love, working with schools, supporting team building, and proper coffee. I've been a chair of Governors in a number of schools of different sorts, big and small. Many things lead me to delight and wonder and I love sharing these things with the world around me. I look forward to meeting you!

