



A bit about my family and I...

For me, my journey of faith has been life long and I expect will continue to be so. My heart is for connecting people with God, and his love for them. I have journeyed myself in understanding God's love for me, and truly accepting it and letting it change my behaviour in this world. I am still on that journey, very much a work in progress. But I do have this deep belief that we are called to live lives trusting in God's love for us, rather than driven by fear. And I am inspired and sustained in this, by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, whom I believe proves God's love for us, proves his power to redeem all things, and so enables us to trust God once again.

My family and I join you after serving as curate at St Chad's Far Headingley in Leeds. Prior to that we were briefly with the lovely people at St Edmund's Roundhay, and for a much longer time part of the community at St James Woodside, Horsforth. Before our time in Leeds, I attended St Peter's, Harrogate, which is where I was confirmed, and Rob and I were married.

Rob and I (both 38) met at school, and have been together since we were 18. We both have a background in analysis, I as an economist in the civil service, and Rob in various lead roles for Aviva. I left my career after 11 years in order to start three years of training for ministry, gaining a postgraduate diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission and our third child.

Our children Ted, (9), Max (7) and Elsa (5) bring us so much life and joy, if no rest.

As a family, we enjoy being outdoors, sports (including a house divided between Newcastle and Leeds United), time with family and friends, travel, film and food.

We look forward to getting to know you and being with you in this place.

With blessings and prayers,

**Jo**

