

## **Swanley & Hextable Church news**

Sunday 15th October 2017

I'm delighted to be invited and accept the opportunity to join you at Swanley and Hextable as your new vicar. My present ministry is located at Emmanuel Church, Northwood, in NW London, where I'm the Associate Vicar having led the interim ministry there for the last two years also. In addition to lots of equipping individuals, churches and organizations, I previously served my title post in East London.

Prior to ordination I've had a background in architecture, organisational management and community church pastoral leadership. I've lived in Staffordshire and Essex before coming to London, though most of my growing up years were spent in Northern Ireland, and the accent still holds! Seeing people flourish in life with Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit is what gives me greatest satisfaction. Whole life discipleship and community transformation are really important to me, and part of the attraction in joining you.

I'm privileged to be married to Julie and we share a blended family of four - two teenagers and two young adults, and no pet life! Julie is an adoption specialist with a local authority and is a passionate Arsenal fan! She loves to serve children and families, lead in worship and share hospitality; together we're excited about serving with you and all that God longs for your community.

Plans for our move are being finalised, with the licensing start date for early in 2018. Further details will follow. We are delighted at God's clear, distinctive and peaceable leading to join you. This is an answer to our shared prayerful discernment, and the start of a new chapter in our lives together. Pray for us as we are praying for you! We're going to have wonderful adventures together!