



OUR JOURNEY

In September 2001, Richard and Naomi Shaw arrived in Portsmouth and planted a Newfrontiers Church out of Kings Church Hastings. The church, formally known as Solent Community Church moved into the John Pounds Centre shortly after it opened in 2006, with a real sense of call to the PO1 area of the city.

Tim and Liz Blaber relocated to Portsmouth from Sidcup in 2012 to transition the church to new leadership on behalf of Guy Miller, who leads the Commission network (part of the global Newfrontiers family). In September 2013, the name Christ Central was established. Over the next few years an Eldership team was formed, Deacons appointed, and the Mission and Vision launched.

OUR MISSION:

To Bring Hope and Share Truth

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To see lives and communities, in, around and beyond Portsmouth, transformed by the gospel, enjoying God and glorifying Him in all things.

In December 2015 we began providing Christmas Hampers to the most vulnerable in Portsea in conjunction with the Portsea Housing Office. Our students began the #LovePortsea campaign in 2017, spending the late May Bank Holiday every year cleaning up gardens in the area to help residents. From summer 2019 we have had the privilege of being invited to take part in the annual Portsea Carnival, providing a whole host of kids activities to serve the local community.

In September 2016 the church took on the management of Portsmouth & Southsea's only independent Christian Bookshop, the Acorn and the Vine: 109 Palmerston Road, Southsea, PO5 3PS. This location now also serves us as our church office, training base, life group venue and prayer space. Find out more [here](#).

In September 2018, Christ Central Church planted a new congregation into Fareham, led by Duncan Sills. Christ Church Fareham shares our mission to bring hope and share truth and is a growing, faithful, diverse, Bible-teaching church that meets every Sunday. You can find out more information via their website: <https://christchurchfareham.co.uk/>

In January 2020, Adam North took on the role of Lead Elder as Tim became the Director of Training for the Commission network. Adam and his wife, Nikki have been members of the church since 2012 and share the same heart to seek the fame of Christ in this great waterfront city, read more about Adam and Nikki North [here](#). In March 2020 the



church went online to meet Covid-19 regulations. While not easy, this has strengthened what it means to be a family together.

In January 2021 whilst still in lockdown, Adam shared the vision for the next season in the church, giving definition to our direction with the introduction of five new values: Christ Central Church is committed to be a Kingdom-advancing, charismatic, multiplying, family where every member matters. We returned to in-person meetings in July 2021 by baptising 11 people.

In January 2022, Langstone Church was formally adopted by Christ Central Church. This has seen the addition of many faithful older members who have had an incredible legacy of serving the church in the city through prayer, children's work, and church partnerships. This is now the second multiplication as people have been sent from our central site to establish gospel-centred congregations.

In September 2022, Christ Central Shore Avenue was established as a congregation of Christ Central that exists to serve the community of Baffins/Milton. They meet every Sunday at 10AM at Shore Avenue, PO4 8NB. The Sunday sermon is first preached here, before it is brought at our central PO1 location (John Pounds Centre, PO1 3HN).

Since multiplying Christ Central Church continues to grow with a large number of students coming to join us at our PO1 location (near campus) and growing number of Nigerians making their home with us as well. Everyone is on a journey, and we invite you to come and journey with us, no matter your background, employment, educational status, age or race.