



## LEADER'S BIOGRAPHY

Adam & Nikki North took over the leadership of Christ Central Church in January 2020.

Adam was born in Portsmouth and joined the Navy's scholarship programme at 16. After graduating with a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineer at the University in Southampton he went on to work with Harrier aircraft with both the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, taking him across the world. It was while preparing for his final deployment to Afghanistan that he met Nikki at a friend's wedding in Cape Town, South Africa.

Nikki was born in Pretoria, and grew up in Cape Town, where her family still live. She studied Education (in Afrikaans) at the University of Stellenbosch, before teaching at the prestigious Somerset College. Nikki was exploring options to teach for a year overseas when she met Adam at a wedding. She happened to be coming to the UK! Adam & Nikki got engaged while she was in the UK and were married in January 2012.

On arrival at ChristCentral in August 2012, Adam & Nikki got stuck into student work in the city, seeing a large crowd gathering in multiple groups in their Navy married quarter! In these early years Adam & Nikki completed Commission's Foundation in Theology Course making great friends with many across the network.

Adam left the Navy in 2015, after being asked to join Christ Central's staff team as the Executive Pastor, bringing leadership and structure to the church. Adam & Nikki have 3 young girls: Zoe, Jemima and Talia, and they live in Southsea, near the Tenth Hole Café. Adam completed an MA in Applied Theology through Moorlands College in 2021, focussed on the Bible and Preaching. His dissertation was on the interface between church and culture.

Adam took on the role of Lead Elder in January 2020, he is passionate about releasing and equipping people in their gifts. Post-Covid Adam and the Eldership Team have led the church to multiply through adopting a new congregation, and established new Wider Leadership, and Congregational Teams. The Elders' desire is to see the Kingdom of God advance through sending gifted individuals with a passion for the gospel, a love for the Word and a desire for the things of the Spirit.