

Our Assistant Pastor is Mike Hudson. He is currently studying at Bristol Baptist college as part of his to become an accredited Baptist minister.

Mike is married to Rachel, and they have a son named Joshua.

Mike says; "I feel extremely excited, humbled and privileged to join the work God is doing in Kilmington and the local area. The history of the church is truly fascinating and I consider myself very fortunate to be both part of the fellowship and serving here".

Mike's Story

I was not born into a Christian home and had very little exposure to Christianity as a child or young adult. After school and college, I decided to join the Army. In June 2011, in Edinburgh, I met Rachel who would later become my wife. Rachel had grown up in a Christian home but for a number of reasons had strayed from her faith in recent years. After getting married in February 2013, Rachel felt a desire to return to church and God and persuaded me to attend Andover Baptist Church with her one Sunday. I attended that day not looking for and not expecting anything, however, during the preaching of God's Word I was overcome by the Holy Spirit and in that moment realised my need for Jesus. We joined a house group and we both began to be transformed by God. In 2013 I deployed to Afghanistan. It was a testing period, but also a time full of blessing during which I was able to read the Bible cover to cover. Reading God's word completely transformed and continues to transform my life.

On return I began to sense a calling to ministry but was unsure and apprehensive. After several promptings and signposting I began the 'Prepare, Feed, Sustain' course at Bristol Baptist College studying a variety of theological topics. During this period I began to become more active in church life. My wife and I became members of our first Church, I began my preaching ministry and I have also had the opportunity to lead worship, Alpha courses, and youth ministries.

A sense of restlessness continued to chip away at me and after a conversation with Steve Finamore (Principle of Bristol Baptist College) in November 2016, I was completely convicted by the Holy Spirit to seriously pursue a calling to full time ministry. After this call was confirmed by my pastor and church I was commended by Ministerial Recognition in January 2018.

In June 2018, I was called to serve at the Baptist Church Kilmington as Assistant Pastor and began training for ministry at Bristol Baptist College in September of the same year. I am very excited for the adventure God will take me and my family on over the next four years.