

Hi! We're Tristan, Laura and Hattie, and are so excited that God has called us to serve the parish of St. Peter's, from next year!

I was born in the coastal town of Broadstairs and started singing in my church choir as soon as I was allowed, aged 7, and was studying to be a classical pianist before feeling called to the priesthood. (This nearly didn't happen after I set my surplice alight one Easter vigil!) After reading Theology at Cambridge, I 'fell into' teaching Philosophy, Theology, English, and Music in various secondary schools, whilst serving as my church organist.

In 2013 I met Laura and she and I were married in 2015, after which time we moved to Bookham. We welcomed our beautiful, funny, imaginative, daughter, Hattie (Harriet) on Advent Sunday, 2019.

As my pastoral roles at school developed I began to feel the nagging sense of vocation again, so went forward for ordination a couple of years ago and then, in 2023, gave up teaching to take on the role of Rising Generations Pastor at Leatherhead Parish Church — where I've continued to serve, whilst training for ordination at Trinity College, Bristol, and studying for an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission.

In my spare time, I love writing — I'm a performed playwright, and have published four novels, some poetry, and philosophy books, and directed some short films, and one feature. I don't do sport. Except tennis. And that, badly. (I also played netball for my college's mixed team, but I think they just needed more men to make up the numbers. I was terrible).

Laura grew up in Stoneleigh and, aside from her time at university, has always had a KT postcode. Called to the charity sector, Laura works as a Specialist for Compassion UK — who partner with local churches across the globe to lift children out of poverty in Jesus' name. In her free time, she loves literature, music, and board games. Especially if accompanied by a cheese platter and some gin (as long as it isn't Gordon's).

Hattie fell in love with Hersham via Piglets café which we discovered a few years ago and, although sad to see it go, the zipwire playground opposite St. Peter's will likely become her second home! She loves foxes, reading, climbing, and swimming, and is looking forward to making lots of new friends here. Her toy fox (pictured) is called Tee Tee.