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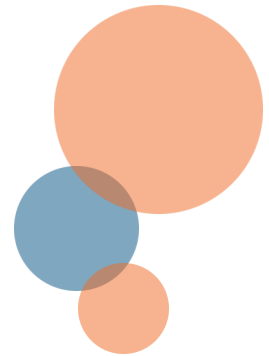
Jonah

Paul Perkin both studied and taught physics, having specialised in theoretical physics at Oxford University where he discovered a living faith in Christ. After ordination he served in the dockyard town of Gillingham in North Kent, and then at Holy Trinity Brompton, where he was also Chaplain to the Brompton Hospital.

In 1987, Paul and his wife Christine led the planting of a new congregation at St Mark's Battersea Rise, which has grown from 50 to 600 adults and 150 children. During this period they have in turn planted twice: a group of 65 adults to restart the ministry of the Church of the Ascension Balham Hill, and more recently to take responsibility for a new injection into two neighbouring parishes, St Peter's and St Paul Battersea, on one of the toughest housing estates in London.

Paul and Christine have three grown-up children – and have developed a parenting teenagers course with New Wine, published by Kingsway.

Paul's work includes teaching, leading the staff team and developing the community ministries at St Mark's. In his spare time Paul enjoys motorbikes, hiking, skiing and gardening.



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JONAH 1

In the Boat – Jonah Fleeing (1)

'You can run but you can't hide!'

Verse 3: 'Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish... And sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.'

KEY INSIGHTS

THE POSITIVE LESSON: 'PURSUE GOD!'

JONAH 1

In the Storm – Jonah Despairing (2)

'When you reach the end of your resources you're at the beginning of his!'

Verse 6: 'How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god!'

Verse 12: 'Pick me up and throw me in the sea'.

KEY INSIGHTS

THE POSITIVE LESSON: 'HOPE IN GOD!'

JONAH 2

In the Fish – Jonah Dying

'The way down is the way back up.'

Verse 1: 'From inside the fish, Jonah prayed to the Lord his God'.

KEY INSIGHTS

THE POSITIVE LESSON: 'PRAY TO GOD!'

JONAH 3

In the City – Jonah Judging

'He's the God of the second chance.'

Verse 4: 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown'...

Verse 10: 'When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.'

KEY INSIGHTS

THE POSITIVE LESSON: 'OBEY GOD!'

JONAH 4

In the Shade – Jonah Quarrelling

'He's everything we hoped for, but nothing we expected.'

Verse 9: 'God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the plant?"
"It is", he said, "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead".'

KEY INSIGHTS

THE POSITIVE LESSON: 'LOVE GOD!'