

David grew up in Aberdeen and went to Mastrick Parish Church Sunday School as a young boy before falling away from church and Christianity. He graduated with a degree in accountancy and economics from Aberdeen University, before designing financial management systems at Grampian Regional Council. Excited by the potential of the internet, which was starting to come into mainstream use, he co-lead a team in Elgin looking at how it could be used to communicate with the public better and reduce costs. David went on to co-found a software development and project management business which worked with NHS Highland, local government... and the film industry across three continents which took him, among other places, to the glamour of the Cannes Film Festival!

David came to faith later in life, over the course of two hours (!), when God reached him through a book he was reading and the pieces fell into place. He later sensed a call to ministry, and in 2019 was affirmed as a candidate, studying at HTC Dingwall from where he graduated with distinction in 2022. During the COVID lockdown David became a (very minor) local celebrity when he established 'Church on the Air' in Moray, offering a weekly radio church service for hundreds of people who did not have easy access to online services. He served his probation at Hilton Church in Inverness where he is currently Assistant Minister supporting worship, pastoral care and small groups. Passionate about Christian hospitality, he has worked with other churches and secular organisations on 'warm welcome' initiatives city-wide, as well as involvement in school chaplaincy, intergenerational worship, and leading Bible studies. He has recently trained in workplace chaplaincy, community engagement, and healing and prayer ministry. David enjoys photography, walking and - most of all - being an amateur scone critic, albeit tempered by healthy eating advice from daughter Larissa, currently living in Glasgow and working as a personal trainer.

David's wife, Heather, has been a church pianist at Dyke and Edinkillie since she was 15 and has always been a part of a church community. When she met and married software-developer-David, she never imagined she might become a minister's wife! Heather was born in Dunfermline but, as her father was a civilian with the military, she moved around the UK growing up. She studied for her degree in Earth Science through the Open University, worked for a few years as a research assistant and then qualified as a primary school teacher. She currently works as a piano tutor. She leads the church choir and enjoys being accompanist and occasional conductor to a local youth choir. Heather is a committed runner who recently took part in the Loch Ness 24-hour race. Heather is also a keen ornithologist.

David and Heather share a love of exploring the outdoors (even in the rain!). They are excited at the prospect of beginning their ministry together and - hopefully - becoming part of, and serving alongside, the communities of Fort William Kilmallie and Kilmonivaig.