

So, Adam, what do you think about...

Adam began serving as Pastor at REC in July 2020, so we thought we'd ask him a few tricky questions....

Q. After living here for a while now, how do you like Yorkshire?

We really like Yorkshire. We had a lovely time back in March (just before the lockdown) in the Dales visiting sheep, waterfalls and Wallace and Gromit. Since our move we have already spent lots of time at Roundhay Park and I've started drinking Yorkshire Tea. We are enjoying life 'up north'!

Q. Tell us a bit about your family...

I'm married to the lovely Iuliana who is from Romania. We first met through serving together at a children's holiday club in south eastern Romania in 2010. I am originally from the south of England. Together we have a 4-year old daughter and another child on the way.

Q. What is your favourite film?

This is a difficult one because I don't have one. The original Star Wars, Lord of the Rings and Indiana Jones trilogies are definitely up there. I haven't actually watched a film for a while. I have more recently enjoyed documentaries on sports, travel, and adventure. I particularly enjoyed BBC 2's Race Across the World.

Q. Favourite song?

Again, too difficult to single one out. One of my earliest memories was sitting on the living room floor watching the VHS of Shiny Happy People by R.E.M. I've recently really enjoyed listening to songs by the band Colony House.

Q. How come you support Wycombe Wanderers?

Whisper it quietly but growing up I was a big Chelsea Football Club fan. It was around the age of 9 when I attended a 'soccer school' that I was given a free ticket to a Wycombe game. From that moment I adopted my local 'lower league' team. My friend and his dad generously took me along to the home games. This year for the first time in their history Wycombe ceased being among the small clubs having won promotion to the Championship (England's 2nd biggest league). It was a true underdog story of character, hard work and perseverance.

Q. Lockdown is a funny time to start a new job – what are the challenges?

It is a strange time. Usually in these circumstances a new pastor would be visiting all the regular church activities and seeing what 'normal' looks like. These are not 'normal' times and therefore patience is required, but that's the same for everybody: we are all having to adapt. With challenges come opportunities. Opportunities to get to know the church and the community. Opportunities to share the lifechanging message of Jesus. The diary is freer than it has ever been so do get in contact if you're local: I'd love to meet you!

Q. What are your priorities for the church?

As a church we are very much being reminded now more than ever that the church is people and not a building. Modern technology has enabled us to continue to enjoy our Sunday services, prayer meetings and some other activities and we have much to be thankful to God for. We do long to get back to meeting together physically when the time is right. In the meantime (and always), we need to be a people of prayer who are fed by the life-giving word of God, encouraging one another in the faith and serving our community with the love and good news of Jesus Christ.