

Chaplain/Bible Study Leader: Rev Canon Andrew Cornes

The Rev Canon Andrew Cornes writes: My three brothers were born in Jerusalem. I was born in somewhere much more romantic: Woking. Raised in Winchester, my Christian faith as a teenager was real but confused. I came to a clearer and more personal faith at university where I studied Modern Languages (French and Russian), and then Theology.

I served a Curacy in York and was then Director of Training at a London church. At the same time, for 12 years, I led a Christian camp work for teenagers which operated in all three school holidays.

Marrying in my mid-30s, we moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I was the Rector of a church in the city centre near two universities. That was a hard time; I made many mistakes and ended up resigning.

Returning to the UK, I was Vicar of the small Sussex town of Crowborough for 26 years.

Now officially retired, I am on the staff of a church in the poorest and most multinational part of Eastbourne.

I am a writer, and also involved in listening to, and offering support to, other clergy. I love our family – my wife and five children – the theatre, history, travel and good conversation.