

## Andy Hughes – profile

Andy grew up in Croydon before heading to Cardiff for University. Whilst there he got involved in a fairly traditional, Home Mission supported, Baptist Church, Woodville Road, and ended up taking a year out to establish a student work. The year out turned into 18 years, during which time he trained part time over 6 years at South Wales Baptist College, alongside full time ministry. The church grew and developed under the Spirit's leading impacting a significant number of students and young people's lives; giving many the opportunity to develop their own gifts and ministries, and a good number stayed on as interns. A further significant challenge was the rebuilding of the entire premises in 2001 to create a flexible facility which could be used by the wider community as well as the church.



For the last nine years Andy has served as a Regional Minister in South Wales, during which time he's gained significant experience of the challenges facing our churches and ministers, and an acute awareness of the need for creative missional responses whilst recognising that in some places, more traditional formats are bearing fruit. Andy has worked closely with colleagues in the Baptist Union of Wales, South Wales Baptist College and ecumenical partners as a director of Cytun (Churches together in Wales). Over the last couple of years with the introduction of partnerships he's played an active part in developing the ways in which Home Mission money is used and allocated, and along with Chris Wooding has created a partnership wide residential approach to ministerial recognition.

Andy is married to Rachel who is Head of RE in a large secondary school in Cardiff. They have a son James and two daughters Helen and Bethan. The older two are at University in Cardiff and Southampton respectively, Bethan will be heading to Birmingham University later this year at the end of her gap year. They've recently moved to Pen Y Fai, on the outskirts of Bridgend. When they get some free time they enjoy renovating their house and walking their two mad spaniels on the beach at low tide.