

John Shortt



John Shortt has been a member of this church since the mid-seventies. He is a teacher-educator and a speaker and writer on education from a Christian perspective

He and Val, his wife, and their young sons came to live in Leighton Buzzard when he was working for a degree in education at a college near Watford followed by a year at Cambridge University. During this time, he developed a keen interest in Christian perspectives on education. He then worked as a teacher of Mathematics at secondary level in a grammar school in Aylesbury for seventeen years (1974 - 1991). While doing this, he also studied part-time at the University of London for higher degrees in the philosophy of education.

John says: "I came to a personal faith in Jesus Christ in my late teens while living in Dublin and working in the motor insurance industry. My aim in life is to encourage others to follow and serve him in their whole lives and all their work. Please pray with me that I will do so."

John worked for nine years at the Stapleford Centre, a study centre near Nottingham set up by the Association of Christian Teachers. For the last thirteen years, he has worked with the European Educators' Christian Association (EurECA) for whom he is now Senior Adviser. The ministry of EurECA provides encouragement, support and resources to Christian teachers all across Europe.

John makes regular trips to mainland Europe, especially to countries in the former Soviet Union, to teach at conferences, seminars and summer schools for Christian teachers. He also has an extensive ministry through email to Christian educators all over the world and he has a personal website for them at www.johnshortt.org. He has written books and articles on Christian teaching.

John is also Professorial Fellow in Christian Education at Liverpool Hope University and he was for a number of years an adjunct professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

