

I was born in a village in Cheshire, England. My parents were dairy farmers. From an early age, I exhibited an aptitude for mixing things and experimenting. My grandmother lived with us at the end of her life. She loved the thirst quenching drinks I made for her, but did comment to my mother once that I could be poisoning her! My aptitude for mixing and experimenting led me to earn my Ph.D. in Chemistry. I wanted to focus on biological/medicinal chemistry in the US and was accepted into a post-doctoral fellowship program at Weill Cornell Medical College-New York Hospital in 1982. My goal was to be an academic and eventually return to England. After my post-doctoral studies, I married and obtained a faculty position at Cornell but a career in research and drug discovery in the pharmaceutical industry was in my future. Some 28 years later with Cornell, American Cyanamid, Wyeth and Pfizer, from Principle Investigator to Research Director to Consultant, ~ 50 scientific publications and 8 US patents a new phase of my life called “catching up on my life” was ushered in. This was a big change! From a life where my focus was mostly intellectual to one that is relational and giving back. I’m loving it!

My family came to CT and to St. Paul in 1996 from New York. What rapidly transpired was life changing. The end of an 11-year marriage, the death of my father, re-establishing my relationship with my brother back in England, finding my soulmate and rebuilding my life with 3 young children. Kathy’s life changed rapidly too as she took on me and 3 children. Kathy and I celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary this year. Our children, Peter (30), Emma (27) and Hannah (25) are making their own lives. Peter is a digital forensics specialist and lives in Atlanta. Emma lives in Boston and graduates from Lesley University with a master’s in Education in May! Hannah works locally and is an intervention specialist helping children living with autism.

My soulmate, Kathy, after a 29-year career with Pfizer in the UK and US, has built her own consulting business working mostly for non-profit research-based healthcare organizations. That she can work from anywhere allows us travel. We are avid skiers and spend time in VT and MT during winter. We enjoy spending time with our kids, tending our home and appreciating this area in the summer, and travel mostly in the spring and fall. I love to garden (flowers & vegetables), cook and fixing anything – my kids call me “Renaissance man”. The “catching up on my life” means I can devote my time to the people, places and projects that I love and care about. Learning about the early church and the development of Christianity has become a great interest of mine. So too has the future of the church and especially St. Paul’s future. I lead the Facilities Improvement Team (FIT) and now I’m really excited to serve on council and help in the discernment and evolution of the mission that God intends for his church in Old Saybrook.

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