**Ian Paul: Curriculum Vitae**

Name: Ian Benjamin PAUL Date of birth: 31.08.62

Nationality: British

Marital Status: Married to Maggie (doctor in General Practice). Three teenage children.

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Education

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| 1973–1980 | Dulwich College, London  | 5 A-levels (4 As, 1 B) 2 S-levels (both grade 1) |
| 1981–1984 | St John’s College, Oxford | MA Mathematics | 2 (i) (equivalent) |
| 1984–1985 | Southampton University | MSc Operational Research  |  |
| 1989–1991 | Nottingham University/ St John’s College, Nottm | BTh Theology | First Class |
| 1991–1998 | Nottingham Trent Univ/ St John’s College, Nottm | PhD on Paul Ricoeur’s hermeneutics of metaphor and the interpretation of the Book of Revelation |  |

Employment

2013– Freelance writer, theologian and blogger. Honorary Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham. Visiting lecturer, Cliff College. Visiting lecturer, St Barnabas Training Scheme, Leeds. Associate Minister, St Nic’s Church, Nottingham.

2005–2013 Dean of Studies, Tutor for Admissions and Lecturer in NT, St John’s College, Nottingham

2004–2005 Director of Partnership Development, St John’s College, Nottingham

1996–2004 Curate, Associate Minister, Associate Vicar, St Mary’s, Longfleet, Poole

1992­–1996 PhD student; private tutor; associate lecturer; Business Manager, Grove Books Ltd

1989–1992 Ordination candidate in training

1985–1989 Management trainee and Personnel Manager, Mars Confectionery, Slough

Academic: Module teaching

Introduction to Paul (levels 4 and 6)

The Book of Revelation as Counter-Cultural Protest (levels 6 and 7)

Introduction to John’s Gospel (levels 5 and 7)

Preparation and Practice of Preaching (levels 5 and 7)

The Letter of James (part module) (levels 5 and 7)

Biblical Interpretation (levels 6 and 7)

Theology and Practice of Leading Worship (levels 4 and 6)

Academic: Memberships

Member of British New Testament Society since 1991

Founding member of Grove Biblical series editorial group (1994 to present) and Chair 1994­–2004

Member of BNTC organising committee (2005-09)

Convener of the BNTC Revelation seminar group (2004-present)

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature from 2010. Attended SBL Atlanta 2010, San Francisco 2011, Chicago 2012, Baltimore 2013, San Diego 2014 [planned]

External Examiner for MTh programmes in Biblical Interpretation and Biblical Preaching, ICC Glasgow 2008-10 (validated by the University of Aberdeen)

External Examiner for Biblical Studies in undergraduate and Masters programmes, Spurgeon’s College, London from 2011 (validated by the University of Wales then Manchester)

External examiner for MTh in Biblical Studies and MTh in the History of Christianity at St Petersburg Christian University (validated by the University of Wales) from 2014

Academic: papers and publications

‘Preaching the Book of Revelation and the pedagogy of the local congregation’ to the Evangelical Theology Society, Baltimore, Nov 2013

‘Comparative taxonomy of Jesus’ symbolic action in John and Luke’ to the ‘John, Jesus and History’ seminar at SBL, Baltimore, Nov 2013

‘The role of the Spirit in biblical interpretation’ Irish Biblical Association, September 2013

‘Women, teaching and authority: 1 Timothy 2 and 1 Corinthians 11 and 14’ in *Women, Men and Scripture* (Canterbury Press, April 2013)

‘Preaching on the Book of Revelation’ in *Preaching the New Testament* (IVP, January 2013)

Editor (with David Wenham), *Preaching the New Testament* (IVP, January 2013)

'The Book of Revelation' and ‘Methods in critical study of the NT’ in *Exploring the New Testament* vol 2 ed Howard Marshall and Stephen Travis (London: SPCK, revised edition 2011)

*Women and Authority: the key biblical texts* (Grove, Cambridge, 2011)

‘The Future of Language in Preaching’ in *The Future of Preaching* ed Geoffrey Stevenson (London: SCM, 2010)

‘Power, polemic and pressure: the dating of Revelation and archaeological evidence from the reign of Domitian’ presented to British New Testament Conference, September 2009

‘Paul Ricoeur’ in *New Dictionary of Theology Revised* (IVP, 2008)

*IVP Readers' Guide to the Bible* (2006) articles on: The Story of the New Testament; The Letters of the New Testament; The Pastorals; James; 1 Peter; 2 Peter and Jude; The Johannines.

*The Ethics of the Book of Revelation* (Grove, Cambridge, 2005)

‘The Interpretation of Metaphor and Symbol’ in *Dictionary of the Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (Baker, 2005)

‘The meaning of *authentein* in 1 Tim 2.12’, *Biblical Studies Bulletin* 38 (December 2005)

‘Oxyrhynchus and the Beast’, *Biblical Studies Bulletin* 36 (June 2005)

‘The End of Interpretation: Use and Misuse of the Book of Revelation’ in *The Bible in Transmission* (Bible Society, 2003)

‘Orthogonal methodologies and the structure of Revelation’ presented to Revelation seminar group, British New Testament Conference, September 2003

‘The Book of Revelation’ in *Exploring the New Testament* vol 2 ed Howard Marshall and Stephen Travis (London: SPCK, 2002)

‘Theological Interpretation of the Bible as Scripture’ in *The Bible in Transmission* (Bible Society 2001)

‘Image, Metaphor, Symbol’ in *Studies in Revelation* ed Steve Moyise (Edinburgh: T and T Clark, 2001)

‘The Exegesis of Metaphor’ in *After Babylon:* *The Philosophy of Language and Biblical Interpretation* ed Craig Bartholomew (Carlisle: Paternoster/Zondervan, 2001)

‘The Use of the Old Testament in Rev 12’ in *The Use of the Old Testament in the New* ed Steve Moyise (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000)

‘Where will it all end? Aune, Beale and the Future of Commentary on Revelation’ presented to Revelation seminar group, British New Testament Conference, September 1999

‘Interpreting Revelation: What Does Paul Ricoeur Do To Help?’ presented to Hermeneutics seminar group, British New Testament Conference, September 1994

Academic: Publications and papers in progress

*Same Sex Unions: the key biblical texts* (Grove, Cambridge, forthcoming May 2014)

*The Book of Revelation* Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (IVP, Nottingham; under contract, forthcoming 2016)

*Power to See the World Anew: Paul Ricoeur, metaphor and Revelation 12–13* (revision of PhD thesis), Wipf and Stock: Pickwick Monographs, forthcoming November 2014 (contract pending)

‘Evil in the Book of Revelation’ in *Evil in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity* (ed Steve Walton and Chris Keith) WUNT, forthcoming 2015

‘Fasting in the New Testament’ in *Expository Times*, forthcoming 2015

Editor with Simon Woodman and Garrick Allen, *The Book of Revelation: currents in British Research,* forthcoming, July 2015, Mohr Siebeck (contract pending)

‘Anthropology in the Book of Revelation’ in *Anthropology and New Testament Theology* ed Jason Maston and Benjamin E. Reynolds (LNTS, forthcoming 2016)

Academic: Research supervision and examining

MPhil: one supervised to completion

PhD Examination experience:

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| Short thesis title | Institution | Award | Date | External/Internal |
| Leadership in post-colonial Tanzania | Open University | PhD | 2006 | Internal |
| Theological Hermeneutics | Nottingham | PhD | 2007 | Internal |
| Interpretation of Genesis 1 | Nottingham | PhD (Fail) | 2008 | Internal |
| Formation in Paul | Nottingham | PhD | 2009 | Internal |
| Metaphor in Revelation | LST/Middlesex | PhD | 2011 | External |
| Macrostructure of Revelation | IBTS, Prague/Univ of Wales | PhD | 2012 | External |
| The ‘new song’ in Revelation | Nottingham | PhD | 2013 | External |
| Body metaphor and gender in Paul | Highland Theological College | PhD (resubmit) | 2014 | External |
| A Pentecostal Engagement with Worship in the Apocalypse | University of Wales | PhD | 2014 | External |

Ministry: Memberships and responsibilities

Managing Editor of Grove Books Ltd 1993–2007; Director of Publishing 2007– [www.grovebooks.co.uk](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk)

Governor, The Nottingham Emmanuel School, 2011–

Member of Preaching modules writing group, Common Awards process (2012–2013)

Member of Fulcrum Leadership Team 2004–2013

Member of Church of England Evangelical Council (2003–2006 and 2009 to present)

Council Member, Scripture Union 2005–2013; theological adviser and consultant to the CUBE project

Member of General Synod of the Church of England (2000–2005)

Member of Implementation Group of Synod report on Structure and Funding of Training 2004

Member of the Evangelical Group of General Synod committee (2002–2005)

Chairman, Salisbury Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (2001–2004)

Tutor, diocesan OLM scheme (1999–03)

Theological Adviser to the Board of Ministry, Salisbury Diocese (2000–04)

Visiting lecturer, STETS (2000–03)

Visiting lecturer, Trinity College, Bristol (2001–02)

Governor, Windsor School for Girls (1987–1989)

Ministry: Publications

**Books and booklets**

Grove booklets: [www.grovebooks.co.uk](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk)

* *Women and Authority* (2011)
* *What’s the Bible All About?* (2006, with Philip Jenson)
* *The Ethics of the Book of Revelation* (2005)
* *How to be Fruitful* (2005, with Mike Breen)
* *Refreshing Bible Study* (editor) (2004)
* *How to Read the Book of Revelation* (2003)

*Building your Spiritual World* (ed) (London: HarperCollins, 2003)

*Through the Eyes of Mark* (Oxford: Bible Reading Fellowship, 1996)

Editor, St John’s Advent books

* *The Light Still Shines* (2005)
* *Hope that Transforms* (2006)
* *Looking Towards the Dawn* (2007)
* *Walking to a Different Drumbeat* (2008)
* *All Things New* (2012)

**Articles**

More than 200 blog articles at [www.psephizo.com](http://www.psephizo.com)

Regular contributor to *Encounters with God* (Scripture Union) from 2009

‘Can I blame the devil for the wrong things I do?’ *Youthwork*  magazine, 2013

‘The Book of Revelation: challenge or opportunity?’ *Rapport* magazine March 2013

‘Why does God allow people to do evil?’ *New Wine* magazine, January 2012

‘Reflective practice on preaching’ *The Preacher* (magazine of the College of Preachers) 2011

'The Letter of James: Integrity as a key to mission and holiness'  Address to Fulcrum Conference  2009

'The Spirituality of John's Gospel' *Reader* magazine Spring 2009

‘Poetry and Preaching’ in *The Preacher* (magazine of the College of Preachers) Autumn 2008

‘The Hind Report on Theological Education: Reviewing Progress’, written for *Church of England Newspaper*, Friday 8th July 2005

Review of *God's Big Design* by Vaughan Roberts (IVP) published in *Church of England Newspaper* 15th July 2005

'Word of Life, Spirit of Life' in *Resource Magazine* July 2005

'How to Read the Bible', *The Reader Magazine*, December 2004

‘Theological interpretation of the Bible as Scripture’, *The Bible in Transmission,* 2001

Contributor to *The Ministry of the Word: a Handbook for Preaching* (Oxford: Bible Reading Fellowship, May 2000

Contributor to ‘Commentary’ column in *Third Way* in 1996 and 2000

'The Message of Christmas' in *The Times Book of Best Sermons* ed Ruth Gledhill (Cassell) p12–16 (1995)

Ministry: Recent talks

Matthew’s gospel (2 days), Hereford Diocese CME

The Book of Revelation (6 sessions), Lee Abbey Community, Devon

Theological education: where have we come from? Where are we going? (2 hours), Gedling Deanery, Nottingham and Southwell Diocese

Reading the Book of Revelation (2 hours), St Nic’s Church, Nottingham

Biblical texts on same-sex unions (2 hours), West Midlands Bishops’ meeting

Overview of Acts of the Apostles (2 hours), St Nic’s Church, Nottingham

Interpreting the Letter of James (2 hours), Church Army International Leaders

Key Issues in reading the Book of Revelation (2 hours), Derby South Clergy Chapter

Discovering Jesus again for the first time (1 hour lecture), Derby Cathedral

Matthew and Mission (3 sessions), Scripture Union Leaders

The Church in Three Dimensions (Revelation 7) (6 sessions), Lee Abbey Community, Devon

The Gospel of Matthew (1 day), Derby Diocese Clergy and Readers CME

Models for the interpretation of Scripture (1 day), Salisbury Diocese CME

The Gospel of John (2 days), Hereford Diocese CME

The Fall: Genesis 3–11 (3 hours), All Saints, Marple

Seminars at New Wine summer conference:

* What’s the Bible all about?
* The Book of Revelation (4 sessions)
* How to interpret the Bible (2 sessions)
* Why I want to be Left Behind (eschatology and ‘The Rapture’)
* Preaching to the iPad Generation (use of social media)
* The Bible, Women and Leadership
* What is the relationship between the natural and the supernatural?
* Relationship between Word and Spirit