



Steve Sowerby lives in Sheffield and is studying to become a Methodist Deacon at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham.

Steve has worked at a range of trades in Sheffield including; Edge tool grinding, oven assembly, ice skate grinding, laundry sorting, cloth cutting and sewing machining. He has studied at the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield.

Steve says of himself: - 'I am forty two years of age and have been married to Barbara for nearly twenty four years, and we have one son called Alex who is thirteen.

We currently live in the Southey Green area of Sheffield.

I have been a member of the Methodist church for twenty years and currently attend worship at Wesley hall Methodist Church at Crookes, Sheffield, which is the area I grew up in, and where my family still live.

I am a local preacher, worship leader, and am currently in pre-ordination training as a student Deacon at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. I also have a passion for Heavy Metal music and the culture that that brings with it. This has in the past been a challenge for many Conservative Evangelicals within the church to deal with. However, it is part of my identity and I love to challenge the preconceptions that society has of youth culture in whatever form it may take.

I have spent most of my working life in factory settings and know full well the joys and sorrows that kind of environment can bring. I have been made redundant four times in my life and this has had a profound effect on the way in which I approach life and interact with those who may find themselves in similar circumstances.

I have spent two years at the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield with its ethos centred around the theology of cities and the diverse communities that we find there. Along with that came a very strong liberationist ethos which had an enormous impact on my own view of salvation. Because of this I consider myself to be very much a liberationist in the sense that every person has something in their lives that they need liberating from; and this sense of liberation is found in the redeeming act of Jesus' self sacrifice.'