



Christopher Peter James Golding is passionate about sharing God's love found in Christ Jesus.

Born in 1983 in Brisbane, Australia, Christopher traces a sense of vocation to time as a chorister at St. John's Cathedral. God's voice spoke through music and liturgy, granting a deep sense of grace-filled belonging. It is this reality that Christopher wishes to share with others as a priest.

After graduating from high school, Christopher worked in various people-focused jobs, including two years as a night-shift taxi driver. In 2007, relocation to Australia's capital, Canberra enabled a testing of a vocational call at St. Mark's National Theological Centre, in conjunction with part-time salaried lay ministry as a school chaplain, a disability support worker, and as a resident sexton.

Christopher married Julia Pitt-Owen, a music teacher, choral director, and administrator in 2010 at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Canberra. Christopher and Julia are parents to Phoebe (b. 2011) and James (b. 2012).

During teenage years, Christopher's step-mother, a native of Denver, CO instilled a love for the United States. It was this which inspired a call to pursue a scholarship-based research trip in the continental U.S. for six weeks in late 2010. This travel facilitated the practical investigation of environmental sustainability and social justice issues by connecting with The Episcopal Church and U.S. based interfaith organizations.

Ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia as a deacon and priest in 2011, Christopher served a curacy in Young, New South Wales: a diverse, multi-centre rural parish just over 200 miles south-west of Sydney.

Moving back to Brisbane from November 2012, Christopher served a joint appointment as Vicar of the Anglican Parish of Morningside and as an Associate Chaplain at the Anglican Church Grammar School known as "Churchie," Christopher's alma mater.

Concluding this joint appointment in December 2014, Christopher accepted a call to be the Associate Rector of the Parish of St. Clement, Honolulu from January 2015, working closely with the Rector, and then Interim Rector in a time of transition, striving to provide a continuity-based pastoral presence, and an energetic programmatic resource.

Christopher was received into The Episcopal Church in May 2016, and in December of that same year concluded ministry at St. Clement's to begin a new call as the Vicar of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Kailua from January 2017.

Holding a deep love of the liturgical and monastic traditions of the Christian faith, Christopher is active in the North American Province of the Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) as the Convener of the Hawai'i Chapter. Christopher was called to ecumenical ministry within the International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) in 2012 and in 2017 became the State Chaplain of Hawai'i.

A vegan, Christopher enjoys time spent with family and friends, singing, reading, study, meditation, going to the movies, and enjoying the beauty of the Hawaiian Islands.