

How did a middle-class Northern Irishman find himself in inner-city Manchester, co-founding a community response to gun crime? What does putting out the bins have to do with mission? How do Christians decide where to live, and is 'where' as important as 'what' for Christian service?

In this provocative and engaging book, Paul Keeble shares his story of living long-term in a multi-ethnic, inner-city community - not as a flag-waving missionary but as a resident and neighbour, who happens to be a follower of Jesus. Through listening, learning and building relationships, Paul's thinking has evolved from 'mission-to' and 'mission-for' towards 'mission-with'. At once challenging and enhancing contemporary practices, this incarnational model takes mission beyond projects and special events into everyday life.

Sharing his experience and exploring the wider theology of mission, Paul encourages us to see Jesus' calling as whole-life, and how through 'mission-with', God can make something out of the ordinary.

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Paul Keeble came to Manchester from Northern Ireland in 1978 for a year - and stayed. One-time bass guitarist in several bands, he now works with the inner-city charity Urban Presence in various church and community projects, networks and initiatives. He and his wife Judith have lived and raised a family of three in a Manchester inner-city neighbourhood for more than thirty years.

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