



## **The Revd Yuce Kabakci**

Yuce was born in Izmir (ancient Smyrna), Turkey and grew up by the beautiful waters of the Aegean coast. Although he was born into a Muslim family and context, he had considered himself an agnostic growing up. During his college years, he decided to become a more devout Muslim. He decided to move to America so that he could both further his career and be a Muslim missionary to Christians there. However, God had other plans. While trying to disprove the veracity of Scriptures and the accounts of Jesus' life, God turned the tables around and Yuce met with the irresistible beauty of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yuce became a Christian in a little town of Pisidian Antioch and helped local churches in Turkey as an evangelist.

He then went to the United States to receive his theological education at a Presbyterian seminary, Westminster Theological Seminary, and received his Master of Divinity degree, specialising on Hermeneutics, and Second Temple Judaism. In his final year of seminary, he became an Anglican and worked at Christ Church, Plano, Texas as an adult discipleship minister. Upon returning to Turkey to work as a missionary and a church planter, Yuce began his discernment process with the Diocese of Europe, and with the support of Anglican Chaplaincy in Istanbul. He planted a small congregation of Turkish believers within the chaplaincy and worked as a translator, theological lecturer, and ecumenical partner in theological education with both Protestant and Roman Catholic parishes in Turkey. During the same time, he trained and mentored future leaders of the church in Turkey.

After being recommended for training, He and his wife moved to Cambridge to start his residential training at Westcott House and graduated with a Master of Arts in Theology, Ministry and Mission degree. Since his ordination in the Diocese of Lincoln, Yuce worked as an assistant curate at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, Holy Cross Church in Boultham, and now finishing his final months on placement at All Saints Church, Monk's Road, Lincoln.

In his spare time, Yuce enjoys spending time with his wife and playing with his two silly cats. Yuce is an avid audiophile and enjoys listening to music with his headphone collection which he has been curating for the past 20 years. When he can find the right time, he follows his favourite metal bands' concerts and practices their songs on his bass guitar. One thing that he never gets tired of is to talk about theology and the beauty of God at a friendly gathering at a pub or dinner table.