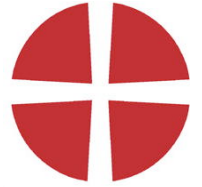




# The Ecumenical Parish of St Andrew's, Carters Green West Bromwich



This Benefice is legally known as St Andrew's-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich

## Role Description

**Name:** Michael John Claridge

**Address:** St Andrew's Vicarage  
Oakwood Street  
West Bromwich  
B70 9SN

Role Description signed off by:

\_\_\_\_\_, Archdeacon of \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next review: \_\_\_\_\_

Role Description supported by:

\_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent Minister of West Bromwich Circuit

## 1. Details of Post

**Role Title:** Vicar of St Andrew's-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich

- i) **Benefice:** St Andrew's-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich
- Episcopal Area:** Wolverhampton
- Archdeaconry:** Walsall
- Deanery:** West Bromwich

ii) **Local Ecumenical Partnership:**

The Parish is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with the Methodist Church and the post holder is a Minister of the Methodist Church (*Authorised Status under Standing Order 733 of the Methodist Conference*).

**Circuit:** West Bromwich 5/8

**District:** Birmingham

- iii) **Other responsibilities:** None currently defined.

iv) **Initial Point of Contact for Terms of Service:**

Archdeacon of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Role Purpose

### Role Purpose - General

- To further the mission of the Church that we understand to be:

- i) to proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- ii) to teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- iii) to respond to human need by loving service
- iv) to seek to transform unjust structures of society
- v) to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation  
and sustain and renew the life of the earth

- To work ecumenically within the ethos of our Mission Statement:

“Anglicans and Methodists Together Serving the Community”

- To use and develop the church's Mission Action Plan to achieve the above aims.

## Role Purpose - Specific

| Purpose  | Goals  | Partners  | Evidence   |
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| To work ecumenically within the ethos of our Mission Statement<br><br>“Anglicans and Methodists together Serving the Community”. | To share the resources, experience and people of our two church traditions to achieve the general and specific purposes of the wider role description.   | The people of St Andrew’s, as an Ecumenical Partnership, together with the members of the wider Deanery and Circuit in West Bromwich.   | The mission of our two churches locally will be enhanced in effectiveness by sharing experience and resources.   |
| To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom   | To make the love of God in Jesus Christ known to the people of the area. This to include, where appropriate, new ways of worshipping and of sharing the Gospel message.  | Those who come to St Andrew’s at significant moments in their lives.<br>Those we live, work and share leisure time among.<br>Those who are seeking meaning to their lives.            | The changing of lives and an increased sense of worth of individuals.<br>An increase in those who consider themselves disciples and regard St Andrew’s as their partner on the journey of faith. |
| To teach, baptise and nurture new believers  | To explore faith ourselves and share our understanding of that faith with others.  | All those who are seeking after meaning or wanting to explore faith.<br>Fellow travelers on the Christian pilgrimage.   | New members at worship and at other events in which we share our faith and discipleship of Christ.   |
| To respond to human need by loving service.  | To model ourselves in the pattern of Christ as being servant of all.<br>To use our building effectively as a community resource.<br>To increase awareness of the connection between faith and community service. | Those serving the local community, whether from any faith perspective or none, voluntary or statutory.<br><br>e.g. Local schools, local authority, NHS, West Bromwich Food Bank, YMCA | An increase in our involvement with other bodies serving the community.  |
| To seek to transform unjust structures of society  | To allow preaching, teaching and action to be prophetic in challenging injustice.<br>To build on our role as a Fairtrade Congregation.   | Resources and support of agencies also involved in issues of justice and development<br><br>eg, Traidcraft, Christian Aid and the agencies of our two churches                        | Increased use of Fairtraded goods and engagement with the issues.<br>A generous response to emergency and other appeals<br><br>eg, Bishops Lent Appeal, Easter Offering                          |
| To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth                                     | To be increasingly effective stewards of the resources of the earth both globally and locally.<br>To encourage this awareness in others.   | Local authority recycling schemes, givers of energy efficiency advice, suppliers of environmentally friendly paper.   | A reduction in the quantity of waste being deposited in the general refuse bin.<br>Lower fuel bills!   |

### 3 Key Contacts/Relationships

**Ministry Team Members:** Revd Mike Claridge (C of E) (Presbyter)  
Revd Phil Thomas (Methodist) (Presbyter)  
Revd Sara Windsor-Hides (Methodist) (Deacon)

**Churchwardens:** Geoff Williams  
Lyn King

**Methodist Stewards:** Margaret Morgan  
Sandra Collins  
Don Anderson (Circuit Steward)

**ECC Secretary:** Jennie Wilson

**Deanery - Area Dean:** Revd Andrew Smith

**Circuit - Superintendent:** Revd Phil Thomas

**Linked School:** Ryders Green Primary School  
Headteacher: Mr Devinder Riat  
*The Vicar is currently Chair of Governors*

#### **Designated initial points of contact:**

Archdeacon of Walsall and Bishop of Wolverhampton.

### 4 Role Context

The Parish of St Andrew:

- is an area that is (*all figures from 2001 Census*):
  - predominantly of significant economic deprivation (52.1% economically inactive)
  - of diverse faith traditions (Christian 59.4%, Sikh 8.7%, Muslim 8.4%, Hindu 5.6%)
  - of diverse ethnic origin (White 67.5%, Asian/Asian Brit 23.9%, Black/Black Brit 5.7%)
  - of diverse national origin (14.1% born outside the EU)
- plays a full part in the life of West Bromwich Deanery and West Bromwich Circuit
- maintains strong links with, among others, Ryders Green Primary School
- sees itself at the heart of the life of Carters Green and surrounding area.
- is a Fair Trade Congregation

## 5 Benefice Summary

**Parish:** St Andrew-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich

**Patron:** The Vicar of All Saints', West Bromwich

**PCC:** The Parish operates an Ecumenical Church Council as defined in the Constitution document of the Local Ecumenical Partnership.

**Churchwardens:** Geoff Williams 6 Birchfield Gardens  
Yew Tree Estate, Walsall, WS5 4EG  
01922 613622

Lyn King 73 St Helen's Avenue  
Great Bridge, Tipton, DY4 7LN  
0121 522 3244

**Ministers:** Revd Mike Claridge (C of E), (Methodist - Authorised)  
Revd Phil Thomas (Methodist). Regarded as Associate Minister

Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides (Methodist)

Jean Tuck (Local Preacher - Methodist)  
Barry Price (Reader Emeritus - C of E)

**Buildings:** St Andrew's Church, Dudley St, West Bromwich, B70 9LR

**Population:** 9958 (2001 Census)

**Usual Sunday Attendance:** 56

**Parish Share:** £ 17,164 100% paid (2009)

**Circuit Assessment:** £ 3,218 100% paid (2009)

**Church Tradition:** Ecumenical. Vesture worn depends on minister.  
Sunday worship Eucharistic.

**Pastoral Reorganisation Proposals:** None

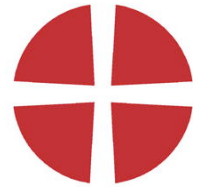
### **Outreach/Service to the wider community by the parish:**

In addition to our own church organisations the premises are also used:

- twice a week by a Keep Fit Group
- on regular occasions by Ryders' Green Primary School in different ways
- by the YMCA Childcare Centre when their building is evacuated
- by the YMCA Childcare Centre who use our open space as a play area
- on Sunday afternoons by an Independent African Church of Zimbabwean origin
- on occasions by other organisations and groups as a place of meeting.



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## Person Specification

The Vicar of St Andrew's, Carters' Green, West Bromwich is:

- A Presbyter (Priest) of the Church of England or of a church in communion with it.

The post-holder will need to:

- Be committed to working ecumenically with The Methodist Church in West Bromwich and specifically further develop the role of the Ecumenical Partnership at St Andrew's.
- Be willing and able to both share ministry at St Andrew's with Methodist colleagues.
- Seek Authorised Minister status in The Methodist Church (Standing Order 733).
- Able to work imaginatively and sensitively in an urban area that is diverse in terms of faith, ethnicity and national origins.

The post-holder should be able to:

Develop our Mission Action Plan and work within it's key areas:

*In our worship of God:*

- Help us share with those we meet the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Draw on the traditions of our churches while also developing new ways of worshipping.
- Value and develop the contribution of our children and young people in worship.

*In our role in the community:*

- Guide us in further developing our building as a resource to the wider community.
- Seek to develop new ways of taking the message of God's love into the community.
- Work with local schools especially Ryders Green Primary where a strong relationship has been developed.

*In our role in the wider world:*

- To build on our support of the relief and development agencies of our churches and also uphold our status as a Fair Trade Congregation.
- To be prophetic in ministry and preaching in challenging injustice.
- Develop our understanding of the connection between our faith and serving the world.

*In our growth in faith:*

- Lead us in growing together in our understanding of faith and discipleship.
- Value and support our existing youth and children's ministry in this task.
- Be prepared to challenge, and be challenged, in how we understand our faith.

*In our building and grounds:*

- Be able to use our building imaginatively for worship and service.
- Be able to encourage us to give generously financially in order to resource God's work in this place.
- Be committed to helping us reduce our Carbon Footprint and be good stewards of creation.