

**St Andrew's, Carters Green, West Bromwich**  
**Resolution put before the Ecumenical Church Council**  
**Thursday 26th June 2014**

The Church Council of St Andrew's, West Bromwich propose:

1. That the the post of Vicar of St Andrew's-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich should be jointly funded by the Church of England and the Methodist Church via their local bodies as appropriate. This arrangement to be commenced as soon as all parties are in agreement.
2. The funding be an equivalent to half post basis from each church, thus constituting a whole post shared by the two denominations, subject to agreement over items such as housing and pensions.
3. The Incumbent shall split his time equally between the two churches, retaining the Anglican freehold.
4. That when a vacancy occurs the post be advertised following the recruitment procedure of the Church of England's Diocese of Lichfield, and that applications be accepted and considered from presbyteral ministers of either the Church of England or the Methodist Church.
5. That, in preparation for when a vacancy occurs, a suitable and sufficient arrangement be drawn up having regard to the Common Tenure provisions of the Church of England in relation to the conditions of service of the holder of the office.
6. That any future holder of the office be recognised first as Vicar of St Andrew-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich and also, on a joint and equal basis, as a minister on Tipton and West Bromwich Circuit.
7. That the main act of worship at St Andrew's on a Sunday will be a celebration of Holy Communion, subject to the availability of a presbyteral minister of either the Church of England or the Methodist Church.
8. That appropriate arrangements be made by the Diocese of Lichfield and the Tipton and West Bromwich Circuit of the Methodist Church regarding the financial contributions of the parish to both denominations.
9. That ideally the Parish of St Andrew-with-Christ Church, West Bromwich be known officially as The Ecumenical Parish of St Andrew, Carters Green, West Bromwich, in recognition of the work, mission and ministry being carried out by the two denominations.
10. The the details of any arrangement made by either the Church of England and the Methodist Church regarding this proposal should be subject to the final agreement of the current Incumbent as holder of the freehold of the said parish.

Proposed: Don Anderson.

Seconded: Roy Hemmings

10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.

*(In addition three letters of support were received from those who sent apologies).*

Notes:

(1) Wording of item 3 is suggested by Julie Jones, Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Lichfield.

(2) There are 16 members of the Church Council