

## Workplace Chaplaincy - Missional Chaplaincy

**Available** – many people wouldn't otherwise meet a Christian

**Challenging** – when the Church has narrow internal preoccupations

**Ecumenical** – chaplains from, and supported by, a wide range of churches: an LEP in continuous session.

**Educational** – Student placements with us, training and development of chaplains, supervision of WPM young chaplains.

**Encouraging** – People appreciate being told they are doing something valuable

**Evangelistic** – no proselytising, but 1 Peter 3: 15 is key. Seeds are sown, people do join churches

**Functional** – helping people with practical arrangements, contacting their local church, explaining how it works

**Guests** – the host sets the agenda and has the opportunity to receive the grace of giving

**Immersive** – Helping local churches form links and develop mission with those who work in their area

**Informing** – every chaplain is an active church member, some have preaching ministries, and their workplace experiences can inform the church

**Interfaith** – the workplaces we visit are highly diverse – “for all faiths and none”

**Kingdom vision** – affirms the presence and purposes of God in service and creative work

**Nurturing** – young Christians who may find church unfamiliar

**Pastoral** – a listening ear and support at turning points of life

**Peaceful** – people are often stressed in the workplace

**Prayerful** – “You can pray with them sometimes, but pray for them always” (Woodbine Willie)

**Prophetic** – opportunities to offer a Christian perspective to those who make the decisions

**Relational** – alongside with a long term commitment – “You get to know us before you need us”

**Resource** – ready to contribute as church develops its thinking e.g. on whole life discipleship

**Responsive** – to a rapidly changing world

**Signposting** – for more specialised support and care

**Strategic** – in place at times of need (e.g. store closures, redundancies)

**Worshipping** – Carol Services, Remembrance, opening factory, funerals and personal commemorations, blessing rings, workplace prayer groups, Eucharist in the workplace, Workers' Memorial Day prayers

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## Mission in the Economy

**Faith on the Front Line** (especially work)

Using LICC and other materials, close contacts with CHRISM, Transform Work UK, Movement for Christian Workers etc.

NSMs, OLMs, Readers

**Workplace Chaplaincy**

**Engaging with the Economic Order**

Basic Budgeting

Ethical Money Churches

Chamber of Commerce

Business groups & MPs' links

## Chaplains:

Ivor Anderson - *Aldridge Industrial Areas , including Shaylor Group plc*

Mike Batchelor – *Basic Budgeting Training*

Steve Bentham - *The Metal Centre & Wednesbury Automotive Park*

Allen Bower – *Walsall Bus Garage*

Cath Brumfitt – *Wolverhampton Bus Garage (Student Placement)*

Peter Carmody-Heaton - *Brockhouse Forge, West Bromwich YMCA,  
Sandwell College, Health Futures UTC (Sandwell)*

Louise Clark - *Marks and Spencer, Wolverhampton (and BHS before closure)*

Gennie Evans - *Wolverhampton Science Park*

Matthew Gordon – *Learn Play Foundation & Walsall & Dudley Mental Health  
Services NHS Trust “Man Up” Project*

Vanetta Griffith - *West Midlands Ambulance Service, Waterfront*

Ian Host - *JLR Engine Manufacturing Centre*

Shaun Kelly - *National Express Buses, West Bromwich*

Bill Mash - *Marston’s Brewery, Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Chamber of  
Commerce, Excalibur Engineering & Adullam Homes*

Roberta Maxfield - *Grand Theatre Wolverhampton, The Royal School &  
PayCare Wolverhampton*

Millie O’Connor - *Sandwell Council*

Jeremy Parkes - *Leader of Dudley Town Centre Team*

Ruth Reynolds-Tyson – *Wolverhampton College & Beatties*

Melissa Rose – *Merry Hill Shopping Centre (Student Placement)*

Tony Stone - *ASDA, Brierley Hill*

Sue Watson - *Wolverhampton Courts*

John Welsby - *National Express Buses, Wolverhampton Bus Garage*

Awaiting Introduction:

Annah Magutta – *Willenhall Town Centre*

Nigel Rowe – *Pensnett Bus Garage*

Chaplains at 11 Black Country Fire Stations

Close links with Vitalise (Wolverhampton Pioneer Ministries) Chaplains, and  
with Wednesfield and Shifnal Town Centres



## Workplace Missional Chaplaincy



**The Black Country Urban Industrial Mission is a partnership between:**

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