

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

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

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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



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