

## **ASSOCIATE MINISTER – St Peter’s, Harold Wood** [www.stpetersharoldwood.org](http://www.stpetersharoldwood.org)

The post is vacant from July 2022, within a staff team of ten, due to the previous holder taking up an incumbency.

The post is for an ordained Anglican. It is recognized with a license from the Bishop of Chelmsford, a stipend on the Diocesan scale, and a house which the parish owns. The house is in a private road, an easy 5-minute walk from the church, and has four bedrooms, a separate study, and a large sitting room. St Peter’s is generous with expenses, which include annual book and conference allowances.

Harold Wood is a growing community on the edge of Greater London, with quick rail links into the city, two local primary schools and one secondary, shops, parks, and plenty of green space. The parish numbers about 12000, and the church draws 350 adults and 100 children on an average Sunday. The church building was substantially redeveloped in 2009, and now includes excellent facilities for staff, groups, and hospitality.

St Peter’s has had a long history of convinced and cheerful conservative evangelical ministry, and plays an important role in the ReNew network regionally. The church is currently at an exciting stage of growth, and the Associate Minister will play a vital leadership role in helping us pursue our vision – to be Equipping God’s Family to Keep Serving, Strengthening, and Starting Gospel Churches.

The Associate Minister is responsible to the Vicar, and works with him as a senior colleague on the staff team and within the leadership structures of the church. The Associate Minister will have key responsibilities for:

- Keeping evangelism at the centre of our life together as a church.
- Playing a central role as a senior pastor-teacher in the ministry of the word, both in preaching and 121 discipling.
- Developing and overseeing the men’s ministry.
- Alongside other senior staff, identifying and training the next generation of leaders and ministers of the word.
- Helping us prepare for the next church plant or graft. The possibility of leading such a plant could certainly be considered.

As a church whose PCC has passed a resolution under the House of Bishops’ Declaration, we seek a man who can demonstrate:

- A love for God and for people.
- A desire to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus.
- A passion and gifting for teaching the Bible and growing disciple-makers.
- The ability to work well in a team and support the ministry of others.

The expectation is that the Associate Minister would stay in post here for at least 4-5 years; we would happily consider applications from those who may wish to stay for a longer term.