

Revd Glen Ruffle, Curate 2023-2025



Born in Lincoln, I studied International Relations and then worked in UK public affairs for two years before heading to Moscow, Russia, for an adventure as a teacher.

I managed a city-centre English school before moving to a Big-4 consulting firm to do internal training and quality control work.

During this time, I got involved with St Andrew's Church, Moscow (Church of England's Diocese in Europe), and then back in England, St Thomas', Heighington (Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln), I began training as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader).

I was licensed in Moscow in 2018, but by that point a number of people suggested a calling to full-time ministry, and so I entered the discernment process and was accepted, moving to Ridley Hall, Cambridge, in 2018 and graduating with a degree in theology in 2020.

Covid was in full sway, so for a year I helped my local church online, before moving back to Moscow in 2021 as Curate for St Andrew's.

Sadly, in 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, and I was required to leave. I was welcomed as a stopgap move by St Mark's, Primrose Hill, in London from 2022-2023, and in 2022 began working part-time for the Anglican Communion Office, in the United Nations advocacy team.

During my time in Russia, I met Angela and we married in 2023 at her church in Oklahoma.

In 2023 we moved to Geneva to properly finish my curacy in the Diocese in Europe. I arrived at Holy Trinity Church with two roles: firstly as Curate, but secondly as the Anglican Communion Representative to the United Nations in Geneva.

During my time in Geneva, I supported the ministry of Holy Trinity and developed Anglican advocacy at the United Nations, delivering oral and written statements at the Human Rights Council, and submitting reports to Special Rapporteurs. I developed and cultivated a fruitful relationship with UNHCR, and built many connections within the NGO ecosystem.

Most importantly, we welcomed the birth of baby Hazel in Geneva in October 2024!

August 2025, we move from Geneva to Christ Church, Lye in the Diocese of Worcester.

It will be a new challenge, and we will miss Geneva very much, but we know God is with us!