

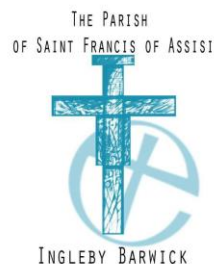
# St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick



## A Parish Profile

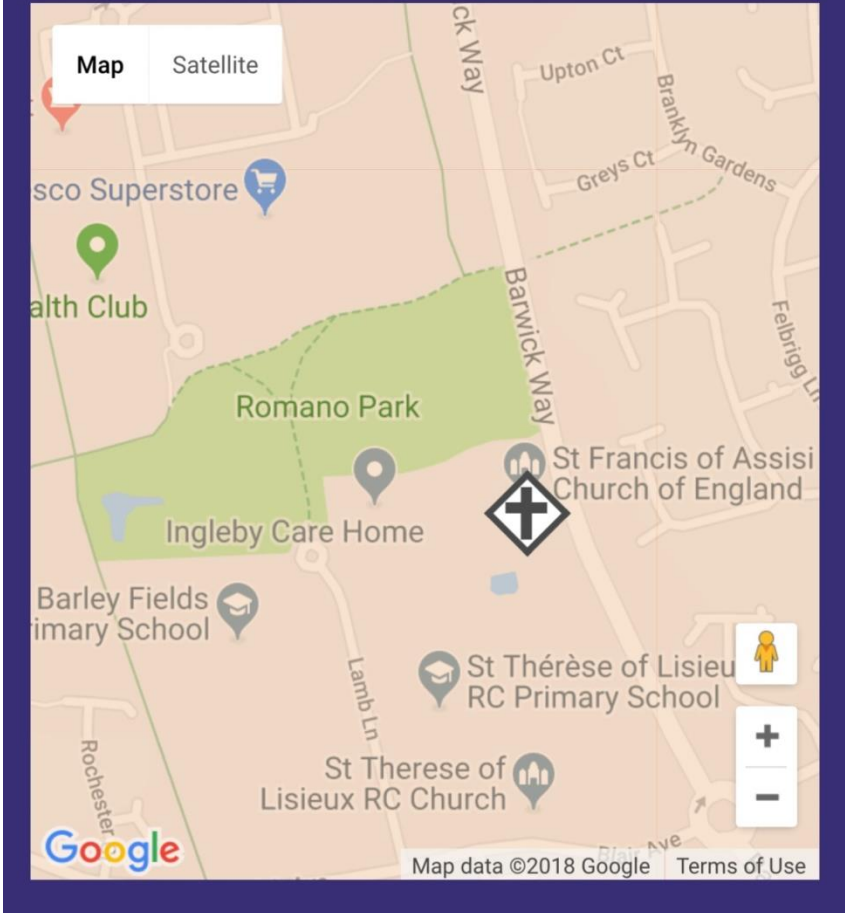
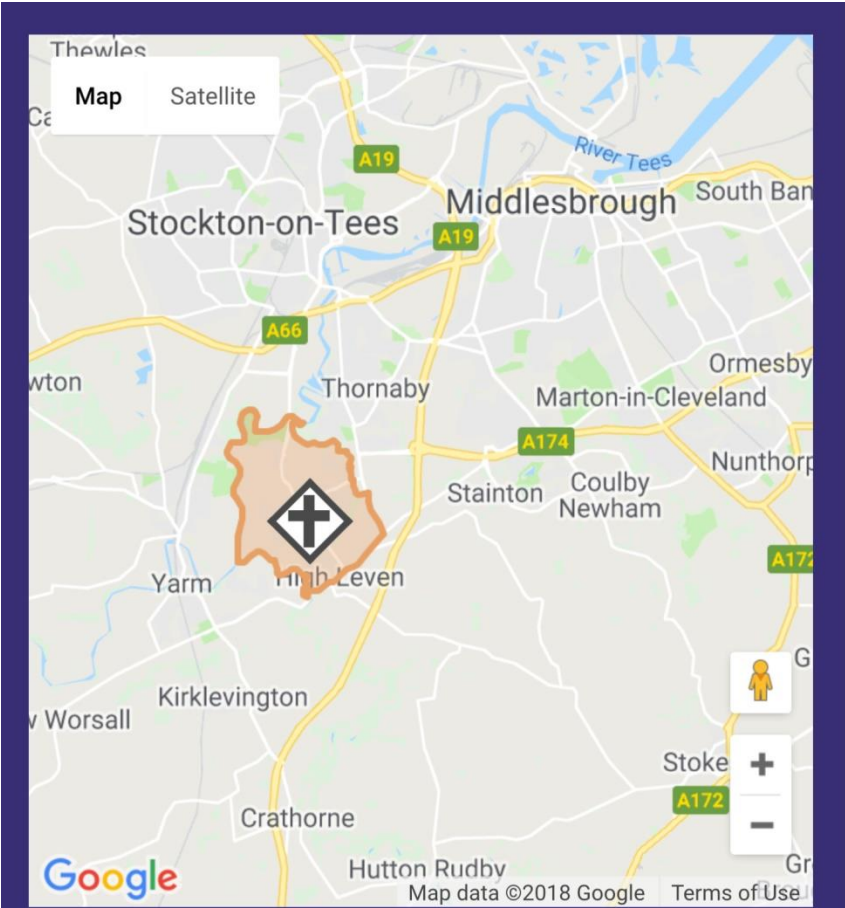
Thank you for having a look at this particular snapshot of our parish community! It has been drawn together specifically in preparation for the 20s/40s priest whom we hope to meet.

If you would like to know more, please ring our Vicar, the Revd Clay Roundtree on 01642 760171, or the Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Ven Andy Broom, Diocesan Lead for Reaching 20-40s on 01482 881659.



Ingleby Barwick has been described as Europe's largest private housing estate composed of 6 'villages'. It has been made a town, complete with a town council. There are a few historic farm houses in the parish (some of them have been converted into pubs) but most of the houses have been built from the 1970s on and houses are still going up today. Ingleby Barwick is in the top 7% of wealthy parishes in the UK, with 92% of adult residents having access to a car. The majority of residents are professionals though 3% have no qualifications. The parish has a higher than national average of both Level 1 (GCSE) and Level 4 (Degree Level) qualifications and has the highest concentration of graduates in the North East. On the whole it is bright and leafy, but there is evidence of quite rapid turnover in the rental market and some instability in 'pensioner poverty' increasing.

Images from a church near you:



More parish history can be found at [www.inglebybarwick.com](http://www.inglebybarwick.com) and there are a number of active Facebook pages maintained by residents. Our church Facebook page, **St Francis of Assisi Church, Ingleby Barwick**, has over 600 'likes' and we have found it to be a great communication tool.

The approximate population is 23,000 and will rise to above 25,000 in the coming years. It is a suburban parish predominately made up of young families with a small Asian community as well. Most of our parishioners are engaged in professional and manual labour, with only one percent of the population unemployed. 92% are White British, 95% of residents have been born in the UK, and 15% are single parent households.

Approximately 90% of the housing is owner occupied, 10% are privately rented. Currently less than 2% are owned by the LA. There are 7 pubs, 2 care homes, 1 Supermarket, 4 shopping parades, and one community centre.

People in Ingleby Barwick do their shopping mainly at Tesco in the town though there are two smaller Co-op markets and two One Stops. The nearest train stations are Yarm and Thornaby and bus routes through Ingleby Barwick.

## OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS



St Francis CofE Primary School

## All Saints CofE Academy



We are very fortunate in having three church schools in the parish: St Francis of Assisi C of E VA Primary, All Saints C of E Academy (11-16), and St Therese of Lisieux RC Primary. There are four other primary schools in the parish: Ingleby Mill Primary, Whinstone Primary, Barley Fields Primary, and Myton Park Primary. There is another Secondary School in the Parish, Ingleby Manor Free School. The Vicar enjoys a good relationship with all of the Head Teachers in the parish, and there is a great deal of weekly collective worship led by him and the Assistant Curate, the Revd David Charlton. Anglican clergy have led collective worship in all of the schools except for the RC School, and there have been regular school visits to the Parish Church. Fr Clay is currently the Chaplain to All Saints and Chair of Governors at St Francis School and our ordinand in training, Mrs Laura Wild, works closely with him in All Saints Academy.

## WORSHIP

Worship in the Parish Church is predominately Eucharistic on Sundays, though the monthly Parade Service with our uniformed groups is occasionally a Service of the Word. BCP Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 10am, Common Worship Order One is used at other times. There are a number of family service 'one offs' that have been held through the year, and there is a team of Recognised Parish Assistants who assist in worship and pastoral care. The Mothers' Union is very active and have led creative worship services on a Sunday evening.



The Revd Clay Roundtree

Sunday: 8.30am Said Eucharist with sermon, 10am Sung Eucharist with hymns and sermon, baptisms (around 90 each year) are normally at 12.30pm and in the 10am service. Evening Prayer is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, with an active Youth Church that meets on Sunday evenings in term time. Other forms of worship are utilised, such as healing services, and meditative services.

Principal Feasts, Holy Days, and Festivals are celebrated regularly.

The Daily Office (CW Daily Prayer) is said regularly in the church, and the laity often come along to support the Vicar in his prayers for the parish. Readings from the Church Fathers are used at Evening Prayer.

Currently music is provided by two organists, and there is a children's choir that meets each week. The hymn book used at the Parish Church is the latest edition of Ancient and Modern, though we do print additional music in the orders of service when needed.

Vestments are worn for our Eucharistic services. Incense is not used on Sundays, but the Youth Church loves it, and it is used at the Christmas and Easter liturgies.

The church describes itself as central Anglican, but they tend to be modern catholic in some areas, evangelical in others. We have members of our congregation who love Walsingham, others who love New Wine. Because this is the only church building in the parish, it draws people from the widest churchmanship imaginable. 95% of those who attend St Francis Church live within Ingleby Barwick! The Vicar has an Anglo-Catholic background, the Asst Curate is an Open Evangelical. There are so many in the congregation who want to deepen their faith and that is very encouraging.

Other groups meet regularly through the week:

Monday evening prayer group at St Francis Church,

Tuesday and Friday Noah's Ark Toddler Church

Wednesday Bible Study group

Thursday morning //Pause coffee morning and prayers



Our current usual Sunday attendance is 87 adults and 26 children under the age of 16. Nearly 2000 people attended special services in Advent, with 662 attending services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Easter Eve and Easter Day attendance was 235.

## MINISTRY

As mentioned before, we have lots of baptisms each year, and we presently do not visit families in their homes before a baptism but instead insist that they come for a baptism preparation evening in church. This has proven successful, and is probably the most time efficient way of engaging with them.

We have an open baptism policy, but we would really like to make the most of the opportunity to grow disciples through baptism ministry and this is an area that will be explored further in the near future.

We have regular services in the 2 Care Homes, Ingleby Care Home and Roseville Care Home and some of the residents, typically 12 to 15, come to our monthly Soup for the Soul community lunch which is followed by a short act of worship in the church.

Last year St Francis Church clergy led 23 funerals, mostly at the local Crematorium in Middlesbrough. We hold a yearly service at All Souls, inviting families back into church which has been very well attended each year.

We hold very few weddings at St Francis Church, as we aren't exactly a 'postcard church', but we did hold three at St Francis Church in 2017.

Bible study groups have been lay led in the parish for many years. We have also sent a team of five people to a Leading Your Church into Growth residential course in 2018 and will begin the LYCiG Local course in the autumn.

There are 135 on the Electoral Roll. There are 50 children on the books for Cornerstone Children's Church. We have a yearly Confirmation group and First Communion each year as well for younger children, typically aged 7.



We enjoy quality hospitality at St Francis Church and we like to spoil people with proper coffee!

The Open House team create a monthly social event that continues to be very popular, drawing from local talent in showcasing their skills, followed by an Afternoon Tea or an evening meal.

The laity share in the following areas: lessons and intercessions, office hour, gardening, Eucharistic Ministry, youth work, visiting, safeguarding, health and safety, Church Hall bookings, parent and toddler groups, Baptism Preparation, building maintenance, fundraising, church cleaning, sacristans, service rotas, pew sheets, etc.

The nave and chancel are only 14 years old. The hall (attached) is 22 years old. The church centre contains a number of meeting rooms, a newly refurbished kitchen, toilets, and parish office. The hall has bookings every daytime and evening by local organizations, some of which are church related, such as the scouts, cubs, beavers, rangers, rainbows, brownies. The rental income covers the annual running costs and major repair costs. The Vicarage and the 20s/40s minister's house are both owned by the Diocese of York. The Associate Vicar's house is a 4 bedroom detached house not far from the church.

The church is able to pay its parish share (currently 60,000) through donations, social evenings, twice yearly fetes. Expenses are covered in full for the clergy.

Last year's income for the church was around 80,000 pounds. We give to a number of charities each month including Christian Aid and the Children's Society.

## APPETITE FOR GROWTH

The Vicar recently completed a 12 week study leave at the beginning of the year and asked the congregation to pray in the time he was away the following prayer, taken from the confirmation service:

God of mercy, by whose grace alone we are accepted and equipped for your service: stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



laying on of hands for the Vicar on Christmas Day, in preparation for his Extended Study Leave

**We feel ready to take a new step in faith and take our active church family into God's future for us.**

### CALLING AN ASSOCIATE VICAR!

We have been praying that the right person will be called to serve our local community and work alongside a diverse and active team. There isn't a church quite like us, and there is no one quite like you! If you feel that you have the right skills for ministry to 20s/40s in Ingleby Barwick, we would love to meet you.

Our ideal candidate will be essentially a priest with:

- a strong desire to reach those in their 20s – 40s, and where appropriate their children, and see them become disciples of Christ
- A demonstrable track record of innovation in their life and a commitment to pioneer
- A proven ability in:
  - (i) relating to 20s – 40s outside of the church, taking initiative, having imagination and being prepared to work 'outside the box'
  - (ii) growing and developing a sense of community and belonging
  - (iii) making and nurturing disciples
- A demonstrable ability to evangelise and communicate the faith effectively to those outside the church
- Commitment to a process of 'listening and discerning' and the valuing of context
- Collaborative approach to relationships and ministry, especially with close colleagues
- Well-developed abilities to handle complexity and initiate change
- A person of prayer, robust spirituality and self-discipline with the personal resources to sustain a pioneering ministry
- Commitment to a 'mixed economy' approach to mission and a deep respect for parish ministry within the Church of England, drawing deeply from its liturgical traditions and its approach to discipleship through the sacramental Christian life.



Children preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion



The Archbishop of York visits St Francis Primary



Our yearly shoebox campaign is very popular!

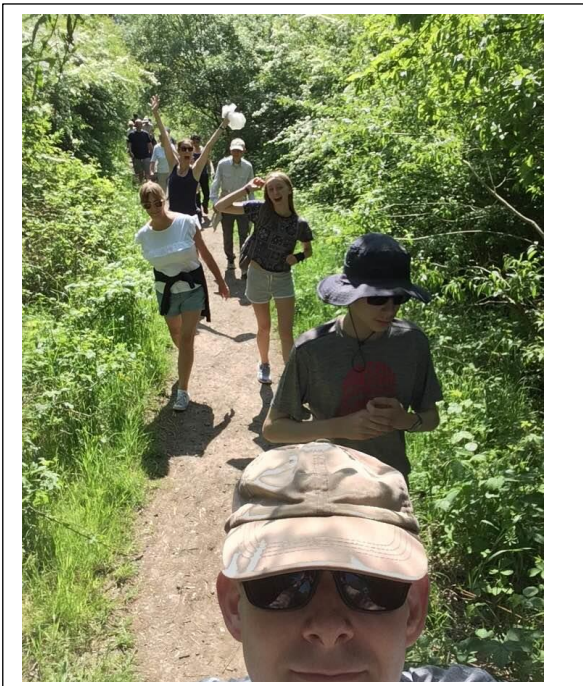
The monthly Soup for the Soul lunch and midday prayer that follows draws in all ages





The 2017 Confirmation group

An informal service at St Francis Church. We have flexible seating in the church, so we are used to trying new ways of worshipping, and eager to expand what we currently offer.



Ingleby Barwick has loads of great paths away from the roads. Our Open House team arranged for an 8km walk on the afternoon of the recent Royal Wedding followed by a splendid Afternoon Tea!

