

# *St Helen's*

NORTHWICH PARISH CHURCH



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## A message from the Bishop of Chester

Thank you for looking at this post in Chester Diocese. Whatever the Lord has for you, I want to assure you of my own prayers and a deep gratitude that we might get to partner together in this part of the Lord's work.

I have spent ages trying to capture the enormity of the privilege I feel in getting to serve the people of this diocese, and my words cannot bear the weight of that calling. This community of communities ranging from the very richest to the very poorest and the deepest rural to the most industrialised and urban is amazing. The diocese holds together in a shared sense of call to be 'Together in Christ Sharing Hope'. We have a deeply held vocation to serve the 1.5 million inhabitants who have no meaningful connection with a community of faith, and share the feast which has been shared with us in Jesus.

In Chester Diocese this is always going to be worked out locally first and foremost: no-one met Jesus through a Diocese! Lives are changed in parishes, chaplaincies, and new expressions of Christian community, when people are invited in kindness and grace into transformative encounter with the love of the God who made them. Together we focus on our broad strategic aims so that those who know they are the people of God can serve all the people God calls in their everyday living.

We are utterly committed to safeguarding, because every person matters to our God and Saviour more than we know how to express. This is also why we welcome applications from every background for posts in this diocese. We are learning how to do all of this as guest rather than always as host, as we partner to serve the world to which we are sent.

If God is calling you to serve with us, I rejoice! Come, roll up your sleeves, and get stuck in! If the call is elsewhere then be assured of our gratitude and earnest prayer that the Lord will lead and provide in all things.

Please do pray for us, too – the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

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## **Introduction**

St Helen's is a thriving and growing church with a reputation for the warmth of our welcome and our openness to everyone. We are blessed with a committed congregation, a breathtaking building in good repair, excellent modern facilities and robust finances. These are the tools for our mission to Serve Christ and Serve the Community. A sound base but we are not complacent. There is the need and opportunity to do much more and to do it even better.

The next incumbency will begin a new chapter in our story. Our previous vicar achieved a great deal but had to split his time between two parishes. We have the resources in place to support a full-time vicar and are determined to achieve this. We therefore seek a person to lead and guide us forward, to develop our church-based worship and outreach so that we serve the congregation and the wider community more effectively. We want to attract more young people and families where we see a great need as we continue to grow.

This new chapter must see more members of the congregation helping in the many tasks needed to support our activities. Our new vicar should encourage members to live out their faith every day of the week, challenging and deepening our devotional lives both individually and collectively. Together we want to share the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ with all.

We need our new full time .....

- To lead to find new ways to engage with our community
- To lead us in development of mission in our community
- To encourage our congregation to live out their faith in daily life, Monday-Saturday, not just on a Sunday
- To lead us to develop our worship in ways that challenge us and bring us together
- To help us deepen our devotional lives as individuals and as a congregation
- To foster a strong safeguarding culture in the parish

## **Inclusive Church**

We are an Inclusive Church and accept worshippers and volunteers irrespective of their gender, sexuality, race, wealth or Christian belief. We believe these principles makes us stronger as we share the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. In 2025 we decided to formalise this perspective by joining the Inclusive Church Network and are now starting to use the logo in communication.

## **In summary**

St Helen's Parish is looking to recruit a full-time incumbent who will lead us through the next stage of our evolution. We need someone who will build on the foundations we already have and, at the same time, challenge us to do better. Someone who will lead us to new green pastures. Our previous vicar also had responsibility for a second parish. We are moving forward to a new chapter in the life of St Helen's and for that to be successful we need a full time vicar who will respond to this opportunity

## **WORSHIP**

St Helen's is looking for a sacramental priest who will embrace the modern catholic tradition of worship whilst being open to a degree of change.

Our current pattern is a Eucharist at 9-15 am every Sunday morning supplemented by additional eucharists at Easter and Christmas. Our present service is based on a simplified version of Common Worship, with the aim of making our worship accessible to people with a range of religious experience and commitment. Clergy do robe and occasionally wear vestments but the entry, exit and gospel processions have been discontinued. We have lay involvement in our services: reading of lessons, leading the intercessions and administration of the chalice.

Consistent with our aspiration to have worship both accessible and attractive to all people, we currently run a Sunday Club and a creche (described later) as part of the Sunday morning worship.

Our present worship is the result of a journey from regular sung communions, with elaborate liturgy to something which is deemed to be more accessible to the range of religious commitment and experience in our congregation. However, this change of incumbency presents us with an opportunity to re-examine whether our expression of worship is indeed reaching people's hearts as we wish. Amongst our congregation, there are a variety of views; some are content with the present services, while others would wish for something of the expression of worship we had during previous incumbencies.

### **1st Sunday of the month**

Our present policy is to make the 1st Sunday of each month "family-friendly" (known as Worship Together) by having a shorter service with a more accessible liturgy. This provides a worship format to which we encourage attendance by families of recently baptised children. To that end it has proved successful, but it is notable that others with young children do not necessarily prefer the 1st Sunday to other Sundays in the month.

### **Additional services**

To support a different 9-15 service on the 1st Sunday, it has been our practice to provide a short BCP Communion at 8.00am on those Sundays. (It has not been feasible to continue this during the vacancy.) However, with a priest without commitments to other churches, there will be opportunities to change the service time and also consider additional services.

We run a midday Communion on a Wednesday once a month. Usually this precedes the monthly Cameo meeting (described later).

### **Ministry team**

Apart from our incumbent we have a ministry team comprising 2 retired women priests and a male reader emeritus. The opportunity to preach and preside, perhaps once a month, has been offered to each of our retired clergy. Our reader also either leads the service and or preaches about once a month.

During our vacancy all three have committed to running our services of worship and carrying out occasional offices – baptisms, funerals and weddings. We have sought additional assistance from other clergy in the diocese, but these three will carry most of the load. With the appointment of a new incumbent, both priests and the reader will take stock of their situation. We expect that they will be willing to continue to contribute to ministry at St Helen's but at a reduced level.

## Music

St Helen's has a tradition of music provided by a pipe organ and a robed choir. We have sought to continue this but the choir has decreased in numbers over the past 5 years and we are undergoing installation of a refurbished organ. Thus our music is largely by piano and a few choir members sing when they are available. We do have a permanent organist, who plays at services and weddings & funerals, when required. We have not sought to develop our musical offering in recent years, but once the refurbished organ is complete, there will be an opportunity to evaluate how we might enhance our worship in music & song.

## Streaming of Sunday Services

We follow the standard practice of the Church of England, but it is well worth checking out our YouTube channel to see our current style of worship. All services are available to view from when we set up the channel during Covid. The YouTube link is below: <https://www.youtube.com/@sthelensnorthwich9396>



A good example is our previous incumbent's last service at St Helen's on the 2nd November 2025.

We are in the process of improving our camera coverage for streaming purposes

## GROWING THE FAITH

### Baptisms

We are finding a continuing interest in seeking baptism, particular of infants, and these have been conducted by the vicar. There is discussion with parents before the baptism of a child, but we impose no requirement to attend any pre-baptismal training.

All families of baptised infants are invited to attend a Worship Together Service in the weeks following the baptism for a welcome by the whole congregation and gift to commemorate the baptism.

### Confirmation

The numbers seeking confirmation vary from year to year. There are fewer teenage applicants than previously but more adult candidates over recent years..

### Sunday Morning Creche

Together Communion Service. The creche meets in the lower vestry during the first part of the service. The children join the rest of the congregation during the offertory hymn.

The creche is for pre-school children accompanied by a parent or carer. There is a space for the children to play, a Bible story is shared, often a simple version of the Gospel reading for the day, and the children can take part in a simple art or craft activity linked to the story.

### Sunday Club

Currently Sunday Club meets on the second and third Sunday of the month, in an upper room above the vestry. It is aimed at primary age children. We primarily utilise Godly Play sessions. During periods where church is following a block of Jesus Shaped People (JSP) Sunday Club uses the resources provided through the JSP programme to guide our sessions. We have a small number of children who attend regularly, although this number is growing.

## TEACHING & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

St Helen's has explored a variety of approaches to spiritual development of our congregation. Frequently, the incumbent has run Lent studies, which have taken a variety of forms. It has also been the practice to provide devotional study materials at Advent and at Lent. We have made use of the Church of England's publications, such as last year's – The Lord's Prayer booklet

However, in order to take a significant step forward, two years ago St Helen's became an early adopter of the "Jesus Shaped People" (JSP) programme. This is a "whole-church disciple programme" comprising a worship programme and smaller home-based study groups. The worship programme is intended for the entire church family and thus included the younger worshippers in Sunday Club and Creche.

We found that home studies groups enabled a more questioning approach to our faith and were a useful way of helping newer members of the congregation to integrate into our community. Feedback has been positive with people saying they are more likely to talk about their faith in every day conversations. Being confident in our faith and comfortable talking about our faith is a key element in the JSP programme. For those who have been part of the programme, it has helped our faith.

We have completed our recent 10-week course on "Spirit-filled church" and now need to decide how to develop further. At least one of the study groups intends to continue but we see the need for an incumbent's leadership in this area.

On Monday 1st December we held a day of prayer from 9:00am to 7:00pm. We were praying for our parish during this period of vacancy and we were asking God to help us in our mission

- To be respectful of each other's views
- To be welcoming to all who visit our Church
- To be understanding of the mistakes of ourselves and others.
- We also wanted to ask God to
- Increase our ambition for the sort of church we want to be
- Help us remain a prayerful and worshipping community
- Make us ready for new directions and initiatives when our new vicar arrives to lead us



## PASTORAL CARE

### Cameo

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) started in 2013 when we had around 23 members attending. It is primarily for members who are retired/elderly to come together for a Bring & Share lunch and fellowship once a month, on a Wednesday. Twice a year we go out locally for lunch. It is pleasing to note that everyone who comes to CAMEO attends the Communion service at 12.00 noon. During Lent we have a Lent lunch each Wednesday to which all who attend the service are very welcome to stay and join us.

### Home Communion

Home Communion is taken monthly to those who are housebound or recovering from illness. Unfortunately, since Covid we have not been asked to return and take communion to the local residential homes. Hopefully this will change in the future.

### Pastoral Care

We take note of regular worshippers who have been absent for two weeks and, where possible, follow up by a telephone call to make sure they are not ill. If so they receive a card and, where appropriate, also may receive a visit. We want our fellow worshippers to feel cared for and part of our church family. This is another area where work has been restricted by St Helen's not having a full time vicar.

## INTO THE COMMUNITY

### Place of Welcome

Place of Welcome is now in its fifth year at St Helen's. The session runs every Thursday from 11:00am to 1:30 pm.

This initiative started in the September of 2021 with numbers in single figures. Over time attendances have continued to grow to the point where weekly averages are currently in the high forties and peaked at sixty-four one week.

This Thursday event is open to people of all faiths and none are welcome although some volunteers are very happy to talk about Church should any attendees indicate interest. The event provides a safe place for people to gather, form friendships, reduce social isolation and generally improve health and wellbeing.

We largely serve an area of Witton and Rudheath that includes wards with high levels of deprivation based on the index of multiple deprivation. A simple free lunch is provided and although some who attend could pay we are committed to avoiding any issues of economic discrimination. Whilst a majority of attendees are "retired" there are smaller numbers of younger people most of whom have differing needs. We also have a small number of homeless / rough sleepers who know of the event and the warm unconditional welcome but who tend to live chaotic lives so join us spasmodically.

The activity is run by a volunteer team who commit the necessary time and talents. As time has progressed more of the attendees are contributing in various ways. Some are starting small sub activities including a Scrabble 'club'. Some are getting more and more involved in helping with washing up, clearing tables for example - "Doing is belonging". Funding for the project has, so far, come from external grants which again have been sourced by Church volunteers.

## **MIND**

At the same time as Place of Welcome, the local branch of MIND runs a bereavement counselling course in Church between 10:30 am and 12 noon. This has been so successful for MIND that they have now two groups running. These are the core group in full "counselling" mode and a second group referred to as the "Friendship" group made up of people who have previously attended the main counselling sessions. Many of the MIND attendees then join the Place of Welcome event at 12 noon.

## **Praise and Play**

Meets on a Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.00am and is specially for pre-school children and their parents or carers. The session starts with a service lasting about 10 minutes, during which the children sing a couple of songs, listen to a story and say a short prayer. After the service there is a craft activity linked to the theme of the worship for the children. This is followed by a drink and a snack, recently toast or toasted teacakes. There is then time for the parents to enjoy a chat whilst the children play. There is no charge for "Praise and Play".

Topics explored during the worship session include; 'God made a wonderful world', 'God made a colourful world', 'God makes it grow', 'Stories Jesus told' and 'Getting ready for Christmas'.

## **St Helen's Four C's- Company, Conversation, Coffee, Cake**

St Helen's opens each Saturday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 noon for casual visitors. Cake, tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided free of charge and donations are accepted for local charities. An informal Knit and Natter group meet in the south aisle. There are regular attenders who simply call in for coffee and conversation whilst other visitors include local people and tourists including people on canal holidays. Guided tours are offered if requested and a short printed guide

is freely available. St Helen's also participates in the annual Heritage Open Days event.

## **Tea at the Tower**

Over recent summers, on the first Sunday of the month, we open the church tower for members of the public to climb. They can have a go at ringing the bells and experience the fabulous views from the top of the tower. With the church tower being one of the tallest buildings in Northwich, views are possible to Manchester and the Peak District. This is a popular events with up to 50 people visiting the tower in a single afternoon (capacity is limited due to safety concerns). Members of the congregation bake cakes and we have light refreshments available during the afternoon too. We make no charge but do invite a donation to one of our nominated charities. This event is an example of how we introduce St Helen's to a wider community and, at the same time, demonstrate our support for nominated charities.

## **Bell Ringing**

While their primary role is to ring for Sunday worship, the band's presence is felt far beyond the weekly worship. They mark life's milestones; weddings, funerals and national celebrations, with the timeless resonance of bells. During the summer months, they also offer bell ringing demonstrations as part of the church's monthly Tower Tour, giving visitors a glimpse into the artistry behind the sound.

## Other Events

Throughout the year we support and host a range of spiritual and secular events as part of our efforts to continually engage with our wider community. From the Christmas services, through to the Civic Remembrance Day Parade - to hosting the Hale Light Orchestra and the Penrhyn Male voice choir. Our local Northwich LitFest group have over the last few years held two of their events in St Helen's. Having chairs rather than pews enables us to better serve our community by making best use of this large flexible space.

Our Church building is already amenable to many events and we are looking at expanding opportunities in the future, particularly once we have the use of the new multipurpose Tower Room.

The room will be screened from the main church, will be independently heated and will provide a much needed space for children's work and also smaller meetings.



Donating cheque for £1143 to local Northwich charity TinySteps

## VOLUNTEERING

It can be seen from the above that St Helen's has a full programme of activities both within church and reaching beyond. All of this depends upon our committed lay volunteers and we have come to recognise that we are faced with two issues. Firstly, the age profile of our volunteers is too high – many being in their 70's, and secondly there are too many doing more than one volunteering role.

This time of vacancy will cause us to pay attention to lobbying for more volunteers, but we expect it will remain a challenge for St Helen's for some time. Therefore we would hope that new incumbent would help us face the challenge and lead us to find new ways to build our volunteer teams.

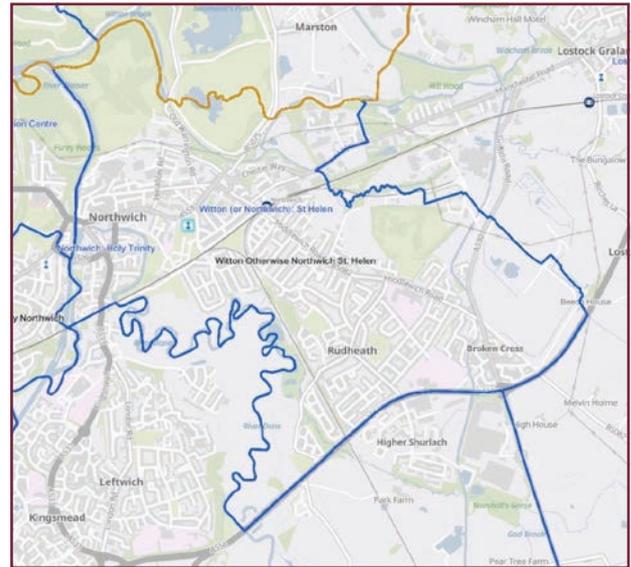


Place Of Welcome wave farewell to our retiring Vicar

## OUR PARISH

### Geography and history

Northwich is a town and civil parish within the unitary authority of Cheshire West and Chester and the ceremonial county of Cheshire, England. It is nestled in the heart of the Cheshire Plain; and lies at the confluence of the Rivers Weaver and Dane. Northwich is roughly 18 miles (29km) east of Chester and 15 miles (24km) south of Warrington. It is also around 19 miles (31km) south of Manchester and 17 miles (27km) south of Manchester airport. Northwich town is an ancient settlement, historically shaped by its natural abundance of brine springs used in salt production. It is strategically located on the Roman road between Chester and Manchester, where the road crosses the Rivers Dane and Weaver.



During the 18th and 19th centuries, advancements in salt extraction and growing industrial demands led to the large-scale production of soda ash, which is a vital ingredient in the chemical industry. The extraction of salt caused persistent subsidence problems, which was remedied in the town centre between 2004 and 2007 through major ground consolidation work. This led to an increased investment of the town centre which is recognised as a key town in the northwest region, with a modern and varied economy. From this Northwich has recently received a Gold award at the Let's Celebrate Towns awards 2024, and Cheshire West and Chester council has also been recognised as a Gold investor in people.

Both Witton and Rudheath are largely urban areas, with Witton comprising of Central and Eastern parts of Northwich town and Rudheath the South-end. Within the parish around 21.1% of its population live in housing association properties or in local authority. Approximately 20% of children (aged 0 to 15) in the area are living in poverty, 15% among the working-age population, and around 16% of pensioners. Northwich also faces other social challenges, including loneliness, and homelessness, according to data from the Church Urban Fund. This highlights a few areas where the Church can offer compassion, support, and community outreach.

More information is provided in the Parish Fact sheet including Appendix A attached to the fact sheet.

### Local Amenities

Northwich town has almost every national supermarket, all within a few minutes walk of the vicarage.

The town centre has a number of independent shops and a few stores from national chains. For example Next and H & M, no M & S, as yet ! We have the normal array of coffee shops and charity shops, an Odeon cinema and a leisure centre including swimming pool.

This area is well served with open countryside including a large public country park.

## OUR SCHOOL

### Witton Church Walk School

Witton Church Walk C.E. Aided Nursery and Primary School is our attached school, with a vibrant and welcoming cohort of children. The school is located next to the church and has just over 200 pupils on the roll, including a nursery and a new Key Stage 1 Resource Provision. At the last Ofsted inspection in January 2025 the school was graded as Good.



There are good links between church and school, which both parties would like to develop further. The children worship in church every other Wednesday, a collective worship to which a small but growing number of parents attend.

The school ethos is firmly rooted in the Christian faith and this is evident at all levels in the school, from the headteacher down to the youngest child. The most recent SIAMs inspection reflected this dedication, obtaining an "Excellent" rating.

"Where every door is opened and every gift is unlocked. Sharing God's light, spreading God's love and following God's path."

The pupils are very enthusiastic about St Helen's. They want to learn about God and they want to hear His stories. They are looking for a Vicar who will come into their classrooms and engage with them, as well as lead worship.

Please visit the school website for further information <https://www.wittonchurchwalk.co.uk/>

Ruth Cannon, Chair of Governors, Foundation Governor and member of St Helen's says:

*"Working in partnership with others is a core principle of the school. Our aim is to work with the church leadership to further develop our excellent grounding in the Christian faith, sharing our values, and serving the community. We understand that the partnership is a two way street and we hope to strengthen the relationship and create a mutually beneficial partnership."*

### Other schools

Within walking distance there are two other Primary Schools and a Secondary School; Victoria Road Primary School, Rudheath Primary Academy and Rudheath Senior Academy.

We maintain links with these schools, particularly Victoria Road School. Both Victoria Road and Rudheath Senior Academy hold Christmas services at St Helen's, as well as other occasional events.

Owing to time limitation for the previous incumbent, engagement with these schools has not been at the level we would hope to achieve in the future..

[www.victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk)

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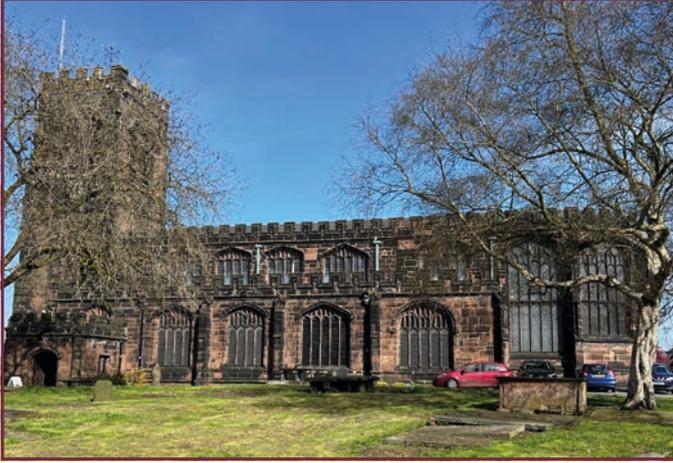
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The area is generally well served with schools and colleges.

Two other establishments within walking distance are The County High School Leftwich Ofsted rated Outstanding ([www.leftwichhigh.com](http://www.leftwichhigh.com)) and Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College Ofsted rated Outstanding ([www.sjd.ac.uk](http://www.sjd.ac.uk))

Sir John Deane's has consistently topped league tables for outstanding results and is ranked the second highest achieving Sixth Form College in the country.

## OUR BUILDINGS



### St Helen's Building

The Parish Church of St Helen Witton (Northwich Parish Church) is a large Grade I listed building located in the Northwich Conservation Area. The building dates from the mid-thirteenth century with substantial works carried out between 1480 and 1520. The church interior comprises a magnificent single volume space running from the 13th century tower arch to the east window of the chancel beneath a beautiful cambered oak ceiling. The space comprises a wide nave, north and south aisles and a spacious chancel. There is much high-quality stained glass. That in the chancel is by Wailes of Newcastle and in the south aisle by Charles Eamer Kempe.



At the east end of the north aisle a newly acquired organ is currently being installed. Dating from 1931 and made by the famous organ builder John Compton it is listed Grade 1 on the National Pipe Organ Register. There is a ring of eight bells, five dating from 1712 and all recast by Taylors of Loughborough in 1911.[At the east end of the south aisle is The Chapel of the Holy Cross. There is a two-storey vestry accessed from the east end of the north aisle.



The building is in very good condition, is well-maintained and has excellent new facilities. The south porch was recently refurbished with new fully-glazed inner doors. A high-quality kitchen and servery has been created at the west end of the north aisle and new fully accessible toilets and baby change facilities are located off the vestry passage beyond the organ. A faculty has been approved for the creation of a multi-purpose room at the base of the tower.



## Church Grounds

St Helen's has a three-acre churchyard which is closed for burials. The churchyard is maintained by the local council with additional work being undertaken by volunteers. A planning application will shortly be submitted for the creation of a car park within the churchyard.

We are fortunate at St Helen's in that our Council do invest resources in maintaining the grounds in a good condition. We enjoy a strong positive relationship with our town council colleagues both for grounds maintenance and other matters.

In addition, St Helen's has an active group of volunteers both from within the Church and also the wider community who do further work to keep the grounds in good order.

During late 2021 and early 2022 this group of volunteers carried out major work to clear swathes of overgrown holly, ivy and other vegetation. This work is being maintained.



Church grounds volunteer team

walks and canal-side walks. Within walking distance, or driving, is a large free to use country park. The park extends to over 1000 acres and has more than 10 miles of footpaths through woods and alongside small lakes. Dogs are welcome both on and off lead. The majority of the 'St Helen's Heritage Trail', which starts and finishes in the Church grounds, passes through this country park.

## Vicarage

The vicarage is an Edwardian detached, double fronted house with a good sized garden, a driveway for 2 or 3 cars and a separate garage.

The house is entered through a porch into a central hall with a tiled floor. At the front of the house there are two generous reception rooms with bay windows.

At the back of the house there is a study with French windows overlooking the garden and a large kitchen with base and wall units and room for a kitchen table. There is a ground floor toilet.

The garden is accessed through a utility room leading to a back porch.

Upstairs there are four large double bedrooms, a bathroom and separate WC and a shower room. There is also a small room above the front door created by a stained-glass window partition.

The enclosed back garden has three lawns, well stocked flower beds, a small sunny patio area, raspberry canes, blackberry bushes, a variety of mature trees and five young fruit trees.



Vicarage

## **FINANCE**

St Helen's has been and continues to be financially viable. We are fortunate in having sufficient regular givers to cover 70% of our day-to-day costs. The remainder of our income is largely from the rental income of four private houses that we own. We don't run fund-raising events to meet our day-to-day needs.

Over the past 5-6 years, we have spent significant sums to enhance the facilities in the church and to undertake important repair work. All this has been funded from savings accrued from the sale of surplus building assets in addition to reinvesting in houses for renting.

If we succeed with our aspiration to have an incumbent dedicated 100% to St Helen's, there will be an increase in our parish share of about £15,000 per year. Thus there will be a challenge to increase our giving, both by individuals giving more and increasing our giver-base. To provide a transition to this demanding goal, for the next 3 years the PCC has agreed to underwrite the increased parish share from our reserves.

Our practice in the past 4 years, has been to use our open-church activities, ie. Saturday's 4C's and Tea at the Tower, to seek donations to nominated charities. At Christmas we have donated the offerings from the special services – Carol Service, Crib Service and Christmas morning to Christian charities.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Drawing together the themes from within this profile, we consider that St Helen's is a healthy and viable church. Our aim is not to rest on our laurels and we have the following goals for the next 5 years.

- To convert our learning from Jesus-Shaped People into 2 or 3 initiatives that reach out into our community.
- To maintain and increase the growth in the Sunday congregation, achieved over the past 5 years.
- To renew/refresh our team of active volunteers
- To develop our worship in a manner that reaches young families.
- To develop further our aspirations to be an inclusive and intergenerational church.

We would like our new incumbent to:-

- To lead to find new ways to engage with our community
- To lead us in development of mission in our community
- To encourage our congregation to live out their faith in daily life, Monday-Saturday, not just on a Sunday
- To lead us to develop our worship in ways that challenge us and bring us together
- To help us deepen our devotional lives as individuals and as a congregation
- To foster a strong safeguarding culture in the parish

By now you should have a good picture of the life and work of St Helen's. The church building is magnificent, is in very good condition, has excellent facilities and we are financially sound but to what purpose?

Our purpose is to worship God and share life in all its fullness through the practice of Christian love and friendship. We are a welcoming, inclusive, hospitable and growing church. We have tried to evolve with the times and yet there is so much more to do in our changing and uncertain world. As we face the future with optimism and humility could you be our guide?



Praying for others



Jesus Shaped People  
Small groups



Intergenerational  
Worship



Inclusive Church



Baptisms



Weddings



Funerals



Our  
Church School



Praise and Play  
Friday  
9.30am-11.00am



Choir



Fairtrade



Sunday Club



Churchyard  
Working Party  
Improving the  
environment



Place of Welcome  
Thursday  
10.30am- 1.00pm



Bell Ringing  
Practice Monday  
Evening



The Four C's  
Coffee, Cake,  
Company,  
Conversation  
Saturday 10.00am  
- 12noon



Sunday Morning  
Creche



Knit and Natter  
Saturday 10.00am  
- 12noon



Flower Ladies



Venue for  
Community  
Concerts and  
Activities



Tea at the Tower



CAMEO  
Come And Meet  
Each Other  
Wednesday after  
Communion



Christian Aid



Children's Society



Supporting the  
Foodbank and  
Food Hub



Supporting local  
charities

