



Welcome to  Holy Trinity Ripon



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Welcome

to Holy Trinity Ripon

Thank you for taking an interest in our vacancy and prayerfully considering Holy Trinity Ripon (HTR).

As churchwardens we are deeply privileged to be part of the team here, to work and live alongside such a great group of people in such a beautiful part of the country.

We hope, when reading this brochure, you will be as excited as we are about what God is doing in Holy Trinity and the city of Ripon.

Our church vision statement is "Worshipping, Nurturing & Adventuring in The Way of Christ". As we head toward and beyond our 200th anniversary of Christian witness in this wonderful city we are looking forward to continuing to live out this vision; welcoming a new vicar into the Holy Trinity family and stepping out into what God has in store for us next.

In the meantime, be assured of our committed prayers as you consider Holy Trinity Ripon and your calling.

Yours in Christ,

Kathryn & Dan

 **Holy Trinity Ripon**



A message from our Bishop

Ripon is an important and much appreciated city in the diocese and in the region. The new vicar will work with the people of Holy Trinity to discern how God is leading them in this season, to love and to serve, but also, engaging with others locally, to support the city itself develop its identity and vision now and for the future.

Members of the congregation are committed and gifted in many areas of church-life and mission. They are warm hearted, evangelical and will welcome a new incumbent to lead them in worship, preaching, teaching, outreach and prayer. They have a particular passion for sharing the good news of Jesus in word and action with children and young people, especially in local schools, and for loving into God's Kingdom, those who are finding life particularly tough. They also deeply value the good and active relationship they enjoy with their patron, Simeon Trustees.

There is energy and enthusiasm for the future at Holy Trinity, rooted in Christ and inspired by the Spirit. Exciting times lie ahead and I hope you feel moved to explore further. Please do contact my office if you'd like to arrange a conversation to find out more.

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The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham

“Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together”
Psalm 34 v3 NKJV



Worshipping, Nurturing & Adventuring in the Way of Christ



Holy Trinity PCC

As Trustees of Holy Trinity Ripon, we take our legal responsibilities seriously and we look forward to supporting and working with you as we journey together.



Admin and Youth Team



Facilities Team



Service Leaders and Preachers Team



Worshipping

Our current worship patterns are structured to draw us into God's presence through song and prayer, to open and reveal His word to us and to challenge us to act upon it.

With our multi-generational congregation we have developed a range of services where music in different forms feature strongly. We have a committed pool of musicians and our tech team who serve us well (on the organ, the guitar or streaming desk) to ensure that worship is encouraged both in the building and at home through our regular screened services.



Fresh Expressions

Worshipping



10:30 am Sunday

The main morning service at Holy Trinity enjoys a varied format and style of leadership. Holy Communion is held twice a month, and once a month an All Together service designed to be family friendly. The sung worship is mainly led by a music group but our organ is also used in the service as required. Testimonies, interviews and visits from our mission partners can be included in this service.

Biblical preaching is important. The sermon series are planned by the Leaders and Preachers team (also for 9.00am). Time is available in the 10.30 for in-depth teaching and it is streamed each week. This service is normally led by the ordained team and readers in our church family.



Family Church at 10:30

Family Church came directly out of the Covid Pandemic where it very quickly met a need among the young families in our church. It has grown into a relaxed space for families and people of all ages. The service is largely lay-led, very informal in nature and meets downstairs in the Arches.

Breakfast at the start creates an easy and welcoming environment for those less familiar with traditional church and leads to a very informal start.

Musical worship is guitar led. The teaching is intended to be interactive and pitched to include all and allow space for prayer ministry and the Spirit to move.



9.00 am Sunday

This is a smaller more traditional Holy Communion service. Usually the same preacher is at both Sunday services. The hymns, accompanied by organ, keyboard or violin, tend to be taken out of the Anglican Hymns Old and New.



Main Service Pattern

- 1st Sunday:** All Together
- 2nd Sunday:** Holy Communion
- 3rd Sunday:** Morning Worship
- 4th Sunday:** Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday:** Morning Worship



11.30 Thursday Communion

Held downstairs in The Arches for a small group who meet for a half hour communion with a short comment on the Gospel. It is a quiet and reflective service and the only service that some are able to attend so it is much cherished by its regulars.

Being Restored

A twice monthly evening service held downstairs in the Arches. The service is an informal time of worship, prayer and fellowship that aims to be Spirit-led and relaxed. Hot drinks and light refreshments are served with a short time to socialise, followed by an extended time of varied sung worship supported by worship leaders. The service varies in structure and topic but tends to include bible teaching following a theme and a time of prayer. The service is aimed at adults and older children, but those of any age are welcome for a peaceful and rejuvenating evening.



All Together Service

Following on from the development of the Family Church service, the once a month All Together Service also begins with a breakfast downstairs enabling younger and older members to socialise with the wider church.

This service is intended to be a fusion of both the Family Church and weekly 10:30 service so there is often space for more interactive elements within the service and the music tends to be more recent worship songs. The service is led by both ordained and lay.



Nurturing

At HTR we believe it is vital to bring together people who don't already belong to another form of church, many of whom are at different stages of their faith journey. We help nurture and welcome them into our church family through a variety of groups, activities and worship.

**BOOST
ALL STARS**

Boost All Stars

Takes place on Wednesdays after school from 3:30 - 4:30 during term time. It is for primary aged children from Holy Trinity School.

It is supported by a team of 9 volunteers, including students from Ripon Grammar School and 50 to 55 children attend weekly. On arrival the children are given toast before a time of free play. We then have a short worship time, including song, story and prayer.



BOOST

Summer Boost

Summer Boost is an annual event taking place over 4 days during the last week of August. Around 80 children attend from the Primary Schools around the Ripon area.

50+ volunteers gather to provide support and learning opportunities. A biblical theme is taught through activities such as drama, reading, crafts, games and music.

Worship and All Together time start and finish each morning. The Church is decorated and becomes a hive of activity.



Urban Saints

Since 2022 we have run a weekly lunchtime Club at Ripon Grammar School. The club varies from season to season but 20 - 50 young people attend each week, usually Year 7 - 10s.

Games like chess, Uno and play dough, as well as a craft or colouring task and challenges take place.

Our main priority is to provide a space where everyone feels safe to come and be. We always do a '60 second God spot' where we share a thought for the day.

**URBAN
SAINTS**



Sunday Night Youth

This group provides engaging activities for young people in years 7-13, meeting on Sunday evenings between 6-7:30pm.

In the summer we use the local area to Walk & Talk. We find a river and enjoy being outside, offering opportunity for our young people to engage and be encouraged. We also have access to woodland where we have a fire, cook food and play games.

During the winter we move inside the church for games and challenges. We make time to talk about faith and encourage our young people in their walk with God.

Messy Church

This brings together our love of Christ through creativity, fun, celebration and hospitality! Held on the second Saturday of the month, we explore different Christian themes. It is often the first time a family may encounter the church, so Messy Church provides an opportunity to meet Jesus. Everyone is welcome, young or old, from all walks of life. We provide a safe, inclusive space where people can come together and receive support and friendship. To top it off we finish with a delicious meal!



Breakfast Club

Open to local primary school children with parents/guardians. It's about starting the day well, where children and grown-ups, including teaching staff, meet in small groups to share breakfast and the joys and troubles of the day. Prayer needs are shared, the children pray and enjoy ringing the prayer bell.

Contact made here has led to deeper involvement in church life, attending services and even baptisms. We have about 40 people each day.

Nurturing



**Little
Fishes**

Little Fishes

This group provides a space for parents/carers and their pre-school children to play and talk. Held on Monday mornings during term time, volunteers from HTR run the sessions providing refreshments, chat and support.

A good selection of toys are provided to the children for free play before a drink, a snack and lovely quiet time! A craft activity is then available for adults and children to join in together before we finish with songs led by our Youth Leader.



Tuesday Prayer Group

A small but dedicated group, open to all, meeting weekly to pray and wait on the Lord; for HTR, its work and outreach, our schools, as well as those who may have specific needs and requests.

We also pray for Ripon, and world events of concern. Praise and worship are an essential part of our time together, especially offering thanks for the many answered prayers over the years.



Community Groups

Regular pastoral support visits are an important part of our ministry to some of the older and more infirm members of our congregation, both at home and in some of our local residential homes. We also conduct a monthly communion service in 2 care homes within our parish.

Ripon Walled Garden and Jennyruth Workshops are both community enterprise companies working with adults with learning difficulties. HTR has strong links with both organisations through our Mission Partner support programme and also through more direct contact and support.

Thursday Lunches

An established part of the life of HTR offering a warm space with a team of welcoming volunteers who prepare and serve a three course lunch to those who attend.

The lunch is available to both members of our congregation and the general public, and is held after our Thursday Communion Service.

The meal is run throughout the year with one of the highlights being a Christmas Lunch with some 80 people in attendance.



RenewRipon

RenewRipon was introduced as part of a ministry initiative at HTR in June 2022, under the guidance of the then curate and the national body, Renew Wellbeing (www.renewwellbeing.org.uk).

It provides a safe space where “it's OK not to be OK” and is available for two sessions a week (Monday lunchtime and Tuesday evening), providing conversation, craft opportunities, light refreshments and reflective prayer for those struggling with loneliness, anxiety and other mental health issues.

During summer months, RenewRipon Wellness Walks take place twice a month. Referrals to RenewRipon are made by MIND, Social Prescribers and word of mouth. Since opening, volunteers have welcomed an average 30 guests a week, some of whom have gone on to become RenewRipon volunteers and members of Holy Trinity church.

OASIS

OASIS is our women's ministry; a very informal, friendly and welcoming women's group. It is...

a space for all women regardless of faith or denomination

a place where God affirms us and meets us just where we are

a break from the day-to-day to refresh, share life and encourage one another

In the past we've met on a Saturday morning beginning with breakfast in The Arches from 9am. We worship together and explore what God has put on our hearts to share, aiming to finish by 11am. We have 5/6 dates a year; sometimes doing one-off events.

We seek God's heart for a theme for the year and invite people to share, this has been a wide range of people from inside and outside the church.

We have a wide variety of women from the local area come; usually around 40 per session.



Fellowship Groups

A large part of the congregation at HTR belong to one of the Church House Groups. These are an important part of Church life where people can meet together informally in a small group, to explore and deepen their faith while getting to know each other.

Groups meet both during the daytime and evenings on most days of the week in the Ripon area. Some include members from other churches in the area that do not have a House Group system.

Adventuring

Building on the foundation and legacy of 200 years of Holy Trinity Church, we are excited about the future. We want to work together to grow and deepen our knowledge of, and faith in, God. We are keen to learn more from Bible centred teaching and preaching and then to share Jesus with others. We desire to serve Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, through the many local, national and international communities in Ripon.



Men's Breakfast

Men's ministry has been an important part of Trinity church life for many years. Our 'official' Men's Breakfast takes place every 2 months in The Arches. It involves a hearty meal followed by a speaker who either shares their testimony or tells us what God is doing in their life. Our 'unofficial' men's breakfast happens monthly in a local café where it is even easier to invite friends along and perhaps start their journey in following Jesus.



Outreach Events

HTR has significantly expanded its outreach in the community, holding events that include concerts, theatre productions, choirs, jazz festivals, workshops and conferences bringing many non-church people of all ages to the Church.

Many volunteers are involved in both secular and church-based organisations locally and overseas, while others give financially to support these activities.



Schools

There are 2 Foundation primary schools next to Church with a long, established relationship wherein we are welcomed and involved. The vicar will be an ex officio Governor of Holy Trinity Schools.



Exploring Christianity

To help people grow in their faith and mature on their spiritual journey, we have offered a variety of courses for anyone to join. These have been **Alpha**, **Hope Explored**, **Christianity Explored** and **Discipleship Explored**. Some have done the courses several times, others have come to faith, attend HTR regularly and serve in different ways.

Home Groups have encouraged people to go deeper in their faith, develop a closer fellowship with a smaller number of Christians, studied the Bible using different ministry tools and shared their faith with friends and family.

“to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”

Ephesians 4 v12 NIV



Hope Explored, Christianity Explored & Alpha

Mission Partners

Looking outward has always been an important part of our church life. Here is a selection of some of our local and international mission partners.



The Diocese of Lake Rukwa in Tanzania

Led by Bishop Ephraim Lake Rukwa is a rural and very poor diocese in western Tanzania.



Kajo Keji Theological College (South Sudan)

Two members of our congregation have very strong connections with the college.



Andy & Kati Walsh (CMS Partners)

Work with socially excluded people in Florianopolis, Brazil's Favela's spreading the gospel.



Jennyruth Workshops

Teach craft skills & provide meaningful employment, the family also worship with us week by week.



Developing craft based enterprise organisations for differently abled people in Harrogate & S.America.



Working with young adults coming out of prison In2Out.



A national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty.



Based in Knaresborough Wellspring is a Christian counselling centre.



School worker covering the North of England, sharing the good news with children & young people.

Where We Live

Ripon is a small, friendly city with a rich 1300 year history. With its impressive Cathedral, excellent schools and proximity to beautiful countryside, it is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

“Except Ye Lord Keep Ye Citty Ye Wakeman Waketh In Vain”

Ripon City Motto inscribed on the Town Hall - Psalm 127



 **Holy Trinity Ripon**

Where We Live



Our Church

Holy Trinity Ripon was constructed in 1826-7. This beautiful building was transformed in 2000 from a largely unchanged church building into a modern Christian resource for the growing number of young people, and as a centre for a wide range of community activities and events.

The church was extensively modernised to exploit its theatrical dimensions. The pews were replaced with modern, comfortable seating, the dais raised to enhance the building's appeal as a venue for events, underfloor heating installed, and the entire building carpeted and redecorated.



The Arches

The visionary 'Space Project' optimised the footprint of the church building, both above and below ground. Below, a suite of meeting rooms was carved (literally dug) out from the crypt to create 'The Arches'. Here the church now hosts many events and activities, serving a diverse array of local community groups and Church activities.

It includes a commercial kitchen and a separate entrance to the Arches, facing towards the city, making a clear statement about the building being accessible and open to the whole of the Ripon community.





Our Community

Ripon has a warm and welcoming community feel. Being a relatively small community, it has a friendliness and a sense of coming together that is hard to emulate in larger cities. The Poppy Project is a great example of this, where the town is adorned with knitted poppies and soldiers.

The city also has ancient historical traditions, such as the setting of the watch by the Hornblower each night in the town centre. The Cathedral itself is rich in history and its Anglo-Saxon crypt, dating back to 672AD, is well worth a visit. Ripon is also surrounded by picturesque countryside, and with tranquil walks by the canal and rivers, you're never short of somewhere peaceful to go to connect with God.

Local schools include five primary schools with 3 good and one outstanding Ofsted rating, and two outstanding secondary schools as well as access to excellent schools in Harrogate.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Diocese of Leeds

The Diocese of Leeds was formed at Easter 2014. It is one of the largest dioceses in the country covering an area of around 2,425 square miles, and a growing population of around 2,642,400 people. The diocese comprises five Episcopal areas, each served by a suffragan (area) bishop. Each Episcopal Area is coterminous with an Archdeaconry.

The Diocesan Vision, informed by the values of 'loving, living, learning' is: 'confident Christians, growing churches, transforming communities and so helping share the Good News of Jesus Christ across our Diocese'. This Vision is embedded into the Diocesan Strategy and Goals and expressed in meaningful ways across the episcopal areas.

The Diocese is a blend of urban and rural in all their diversity and is unique in having three cathedrals; Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield. The Deans of the Cathedrals work together and continue to look to fresh ways of sharing ideas and engaging in projects of mutual interest.

Our Wider Location & Environment

Ripon is situated on the cusp of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, with endless places to explore and breathtaking scenery. Just four miles outside Ripon is the magnificent Fountains Abbey. This ruined Cistercian monastery is a fascinating place to visit again and again, with lots to see and always something new to discover. Ripon is also conveniently located for trips to York, Leeds and Harrogate, with good transport links to each and within easy driving distance.

The Vicarage

The Vicarage is a beautifully presented, four bedroom, detached, family home situated within its own substantial grounds within walking distance to all amenities.

Downstairs there is a spacious sitting room, kitchen, dining room, utility, office and a large cloakroom. The first floor leads to a spacious master bedroom, two further double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a large family bathroom.

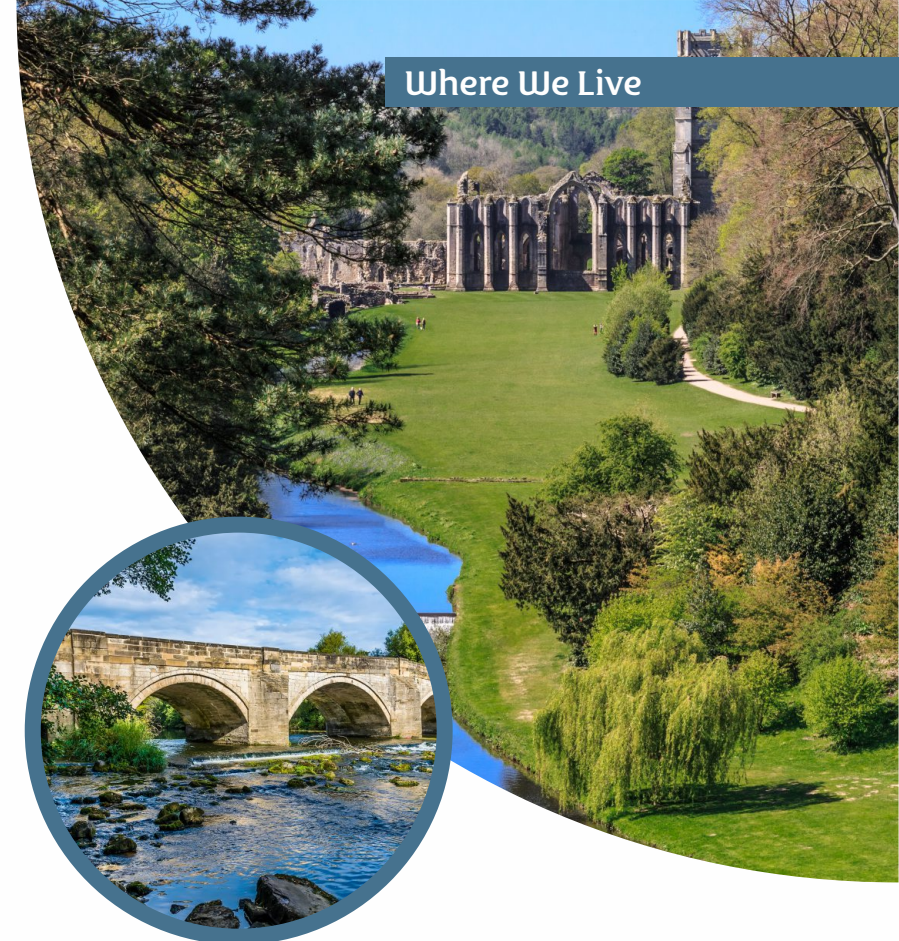


Externally, the property is set in its own grounds with ample off-road parking, a single garage and a spacious garden surrounding the property with beautiful lawns, established trees and borders.

The Vicarage is heated via mains gas central heating, fully double-glazed windows, electricity, water, gas and sewerage are all on a mains supply. Fibre Internet Available.

“For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I with them”

Matthew 18:20



Our New Vicar

Holy Trinity Ripon is a single parish of around 6500 people. We are a congregation committed to following Jesus, seeing people come to know and serve Jesus with a strong engagement with the local community.

There are three main priorities for the incoming Vicar:

1 To provide leadership which enables spiritual and numerical church growth, with Biblical preaching, teaching and training; through a culture of focussed, fervent and united prayer, and developing and implementing a sustainable strategy to reach out to all including families, young people and children via local schools and community outreach.

2 To build stronger, more confident lay ministry from the congregation, both in depth and numbers. This will include developing pathways for greater discipleship and increased lay leadership, and encouraging individuals to develop in their faith and use their gifts and talents. The incoming incumbent will therefore need excellent teaching, team building and team leadership skills.

3 To help the church connect collaboratively and fruitfully with other churches, the local community and all who use the church building, and to be a blessing to the city and beyond. This will involve developing active and visible relationships within the community in creative ways as well as sharing Jesus, sharing resources and growing Christians.

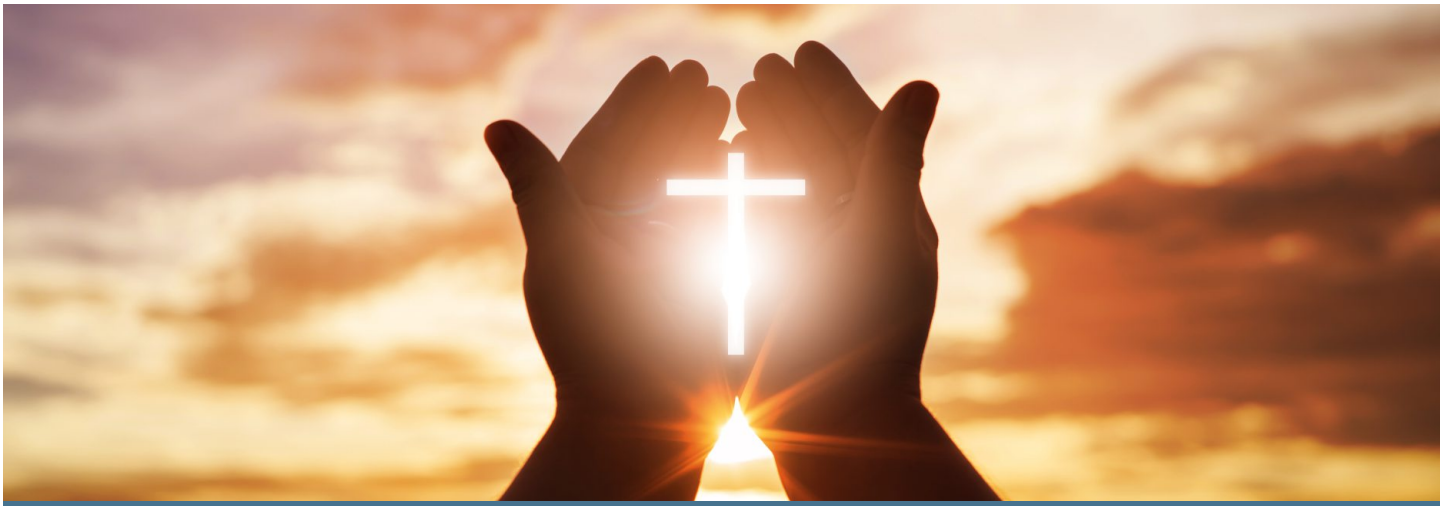
For this post, we are seeking an inspiring Spirit-filled leader with a track record of church growth who models a joyful, prayerful and mature faith. We want to appoint someone who loves Jesus and loves people, with experience in managing staff and volunteers, who can unite our different congregations to grow the church, develop confident disciples through Biblical teaching and training, encourage and grow new leaders and sustain and develop engagement with the local community.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways, submit to him and he will make your paths straight”
Prov 3:5-6



We hope to welcome you to our  Holy Trinity Church Family





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“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you”

Col 1 v 3



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