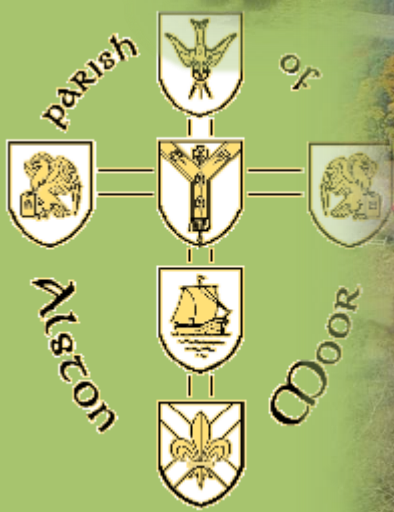


***Welcome!***

***Parish of Alston Moor***



April 2026

## Welcome to the diocese of Newcastle!

Thank you so much for your interest in this role, and I hope you enjoy reading the information contained in this brochure and will find it helpful for your discernment. I am three years into being Bishop of Newcastle and I rejoice in this calling. Our diocese is a vibrant and varied blend of parishes, chaplaincies, schools, and ministry-contexts and is home to diverse geographical contexts with rich history and Christian spirituality. Our Northeast region is known for its friendliness and creativity, in city, coastal and rural areas. Our Diocese has responded to the challenges and joys of our region with imagination and resolve, mindful of our own financial challenges but undeterred in our hope and trust in God's generous provision. Shaped by the Five Marks of Mission and upheld by the dynamics of seeking, sharing, and sending, we are attentive to the need to speak the good news of God's Kingdom, and to be faithful stewards of our environment.



You will be joining us at a crucial point in our mapping out and implementation of vision and strategy: to be confident Christians enabling more and different people to experience life in all its fullness. Your role in this will offer opportunities to grow and develop in your own ministry. The Diocese of Newcastle has a long and proud history of inclusion and speaking up for the vulnerable and marginalised. We are the only diocese in the Church of England to have a paid chaplain to the victims and survivors of Church-based abuse, and our work with victims and survivors has been upheld as pioneering and ground-breaking. We also have a paid chaplain to the LGBTQI+ community, and our Diocesan Synod passed a motion in 2025 to express its full support for progress towards full inclusion of LGBTQI+ people.

Following a refresh of our Diocesan vision, to be confident Christians enabling more and different people to experience life in its fullness, we are working towards a bid to the National Church for strategic funding. Additionally, having received a generous legacy from the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Newcastle (+Alec Graham), we are in the process of establishing a new 'Bishop of Newcastle Foundation' and developing a new partnership with the Community Foundation Northeast (a major philanthropic convenor in our region). It is hoped this will enable parishes across the diocese to bid for funding for projects that are within areas of interest to Bishop Alec (education, and children and young people being two such areas). Additionally, the diocese is undertaking a major review of its governance structures to ensure we are working efficiently across all areas of our engagement in God's mission, and to reduce silo working.

**The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley**  
**Bishop of Newcastle**

The Diocese of Newcastle is the Church of England's most northerly Diocese. Formed in 1882, the Diocese covered an area almost equivalent to the then County of Northumberland. With 169 parishes across 2,110 square miles, the Diocese covers the local authorities of Northumberland, Newcastle, North Tyneside and also small parts of County Durham and Cumbria. Under the episcopal leadership of our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley and the Suffragan Bishop of Berwick, The Rt Revd Mark Wroe, we are resourced by two Archdeacons, and a team of lay and ordained officers who support the development of mission and ministry across the Diocese. Our Cathedral, under the leadership of The Very Revd Lee Batson, is a vibrant place of worship and outreach and plays a vital role in the life of the City of Newcastle.

There are 12 deaneries within 2 archdeaconries (Lindisfarne and Northumberland), which serve a population of 831,600 people across a variety of communities ranging from sparse rural to market towns, coastal, suburban, and larger inner-city areas. We have a current cohort of 95 stipendiary clergy (office holders), 20 self-supporting clergy, and 47 Readers, alongside a number of chaplaincies, pioneers, and new and emerging worshipping communities. A small administration team is based at Church House, North Shields. Church House is also the base for the Joint Education Team and Joint Communications Team (serving the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle), the Lindisfarne College of Theology and a Religious Resources Centre.

The Diocese has recently increased its resourcing of safeguarding in the light of its INEQE safeguarding report, which was published in 2024. Our new Director of Safeguarding works alongside two assistant staff members in the areas of case work and training, with separate administrative support. The Diocese and its Cathedral are rightly proud of their work with the victims and survivors of church abuse, and we are the only Diocese in the Church of England to resource a chaplaincy to victims and survivors of church abuse.

The Diocese also has a new chaplaincy support for the LGBTQI+ communities, which is part of our diocesan-wide commitment to foster a climate of inclusion and welcome.



# The Parish of Alston Moor

The map displays the parish of Alston Moor, centered on Alston. Key features include:

- Roads:** A689, A686, B6294, B6277.
- Rivers:** River South Tyne, Black Burn, River Teale.
- Landmarks:** Featherstone Castle, Whitfield Moor, Gilderdale Forest, Milburn Forest.
- Churches (with inset photos):**
  - St. Mary & St. Patrick, Lambley
  - Holy Paraclete, Kirkhaugh
  - St. Augustine, Alston
  - St. John, Nenthead
  - St. John, Garrigill
  - St. Jude, Knarsdale

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## 'England's Last Wilderness'

At about 120 square miles, the Parish of Alston Moor is the largest in England, but the greatest part of it is populated only by the hardy sheep of the fells. It runs from Cross Fell, which is the highest point in England outside the Lake District, to the gentler pastures of the Tyne Gap near Haltwhistle. The northern 3 churches of the parish are in Northumberland and the southern 3 are in Cumbria. The Pennine Way runs the entire



Ruined Limekilns

length of the parish and the Sea to Sea Cycle Route (C2C) runs across it. It was once described as 'England's Last Wilderness' and is the centre of what was called the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Recently, AONBs were re-designated as National Landscapes, because, when you look closer, it is very much not 'natural'. There is evidence of Lead Mining, Quarrying and Lime Burning all around, and miles of dry-stone walls enclosing fields all shaping the

landscape. Bronze Age and Iron Age people were here and the Romans left their mark as well. The industries declined and so did the population, leaving behind piles of stone which were once houses and farmsteads often supporting large families.

Legend has it that St. Augustine himself stood on the summit of Fiends' Fell (the highest point in the Pennines) and planted a Cross there, banishing the demons to a nearby fell, *now* known as Fiends' Fell.

To visitors the scenery may seem bleak and austere with the now named 'Cross Fell' often snow-capped, and sparse habitations. To the inhabitants, hill-walkers, bikers, guns on the grouse moors, and other visitors it is neither bleak nor austere. Early summer blackthorn blossom, the dark purple bloom of heather in August, the reds and gold of both valley trees and the high moor in autumn highlight the seasons to the viewer. It is a 'Dark Skies' area. Reflected in this is the agricultural landscape of hill sheep farms with the continuous cycle of the shepherd's calendar.



All we like sheep . . .

For those who can live without the bustle, noise and activity of the city, this is a beautiful place to live and work. It is not without its problems though. Adding the statistics for the Civil Parishes from the 2021 Census shows a population with the following age range (The largest concentration of population is in Alston):

Age	0 – 4	5 – 14	15 – 29	30 – 44	45 – 59	60 – 74	75 +	Total
Number	105	219	295	398	616	717	286	2635
%	4	8	11	14	24	27	11	100

99% of the population are White, English speakers and the census reveals that 50% identify as Christian, with 49% have no religion or not declared. 53% are in employment, 30% are retired and 2% are students, 7% are long-term unemployed and 24% are self-employed; 6% are lone parent households; 47% are not deprived in any way; 71% are owner occupiers and 12% do not have access to a car or van.

Although Alston has schools and doctors and its own local shops, residents report that lack of facilities is one of the reasons they would have to leave the area.

Reported crime levels are low, but tend to be around the larger centres of population. There is no longer a Police Station in Alston, and there are no police officers resident in the parish. There is a retained fire station in Alston, but there is no Ambulance service, though a Community First Responder team can deal with emergencies until an Ambulance and



Ruth Lancaster James Cottage Hospital

paramedics arrive. Alston has the Ruth Lancaster James Cottage Hospital, though its in-patient beds closed permanently in 2018. Attached to it is an excellent medical practice. 78% of people report good to very good health, 72% report no disability and 21% have disabilities that affect their day-to-day activity to varying degrees. Grisedale Croft, in Alston, provides residential care for up to 19 elderly people or those with dementia, though the attached 12 small sheltered flats are no longer deemed habitable.

In one way and another, tourism is probably the biggest employer right across the parish; in Alston there is one outstanding example of a Tourist attraction: The South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society. It probably attracts many of the visitors through the season. There is also a Lead Mining Heritage Centre in Nenthead and a small Museum dedicated to historic transport and local life, at Alston Station.

The South Tyne Trail (permissive path) runs, largely along the railway line, from Haltwhistle in the north to the source of the river, high above Garrigill. Though some of it is not a designated cycle route, it is mostly open to cyclists between Alston and Haltwhistle. National Cycle Route 68 runs the length of the parish, and the Sea to Sea (C2C) cycle route crosses it on some very challenging roads. There is a cycle repair business in Nenthead on the C2C. There is limited public transport, some of which is seasonal.

Tourist Information is provided in the Local Links centre in Alston Town Hall. This also incorporates Library Services.



## Alston Moor Parish Mission Statement

Together with other Christians on Alston Moor we seek to respond to the Gospel of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and to live out our discipleship in service, worship and mission to the wider community at home and overseas.

## What aspirations do we have for the future?

- To make stronger connections with the people and institutions of Alston Moor. Alston Moor is a seat of alternative culture and the people are motivated, enterprising and spiritual. We want to change perceptions about 'church', to convey a better understanding of the vision and practicalities of Christian love and service.
- To find ways to overcome the increased misunderstanding and rejection of religion today.
- To offer different sorts of worship, encouraging families to join in: worship such as the previously popular Taizé style services and Messy Church for the youngest.
- To provide for faith and growth in discipleship through prayer, Bible study and preaching, beyond encouraging attendance at church services.
- To continue the vision started with Alston Aspire and complete the St. Augustine's Rekindling project, making it fit for purpose for the whole community, (which includes the worshipping community).
- To continue our commitment to various local initiatives undertaken by Churches Together on Alston Moor such as the Food Bank. There is also an aspiration to start a 'Community Kitchen' based in the reordered St. Augustine's.
- To establish ministry to visitors and tourists, who are important to the prosperity of the area.

## The New Incumbent

### Who are we looking for?

Are you attracted or challenged by the introduction above? Do you think the following sounds like you?

- A strong leader, with good organizational and administrative skills but with the ability to delegate as necessary, and who must have, or can develop, a strong personal support network.
- Has a strong but friendly personality, be approachable and empathetic to the constraints of a rural community, and through involvement gets to know the wider community, putting the people before the institution.
- Liking for country living and sympathetic towards the challenges of rural life.
- The churches and communities that make up Alston Moor Parish vary greatly in terms of their own local communities, church facilities and congregations. The new incumbent therefore must be able to adapt their style and approach accordingly, and make any changes in a sensitive and gentle manner.
- Has a commitment to maintain the Safeguarding standards achieved over recent years. (The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard is up to date at Level 3.)
- Able to bring new ideas to involve younger people and the wider community, encouraging young couples and children to attend services and inspiring congregations to the mission of the church, while at the same time embracing all forms of worship – traditional, modern and ecumenical.
- A musical talent would be a bonus, to tap into people's unexpressed ability to enhance worship



### Do you think it is *you* are looking for?

Possibly? Then read on . . . . .



## The Local Communities

**Alston**, at 1000' above sea level, is the highest market town in England. There is however no traditional market any more, though a local greengrocer has a stall in the market cross several mornings a week. The



The Market Cross

Market Cross is a Grade II\* listed building, first erected in 1764 by Sir William Stephenson, a local man who became Lord Mayor of London. John Wesley preached at the Market Cross (presumably an earlier one) in 1748. Charity and fundraising stalls use the cross from time to time. The town has many fewer shops than of old, and



Alston's old lanes

the remaining banks closed in 2015. The Post Office remains, there are independent bakers, wholefood and outdoor clothing shops, in addition to two small supermarkets (Co-op and Spar). There is a pharmacy, a well-stocked hardware/ironmonger's, and a selection of clothing, novelty and craft shops. A number of cafés, including a wine bar, a takeaway and five public houses cater for the recreational needs of visitor and resident alike. A fish and chip van also visits the area. There are 2 garages and 2 filling stations.

The largest single employer in Alston had been Bonds Precision Castings. The Bonds Group won the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International trade in 2011, and the plant was visited by the then Prince of Wales in 2013. The company was taken over by Cook Precision Ceramic Castings Ltd in 2025.



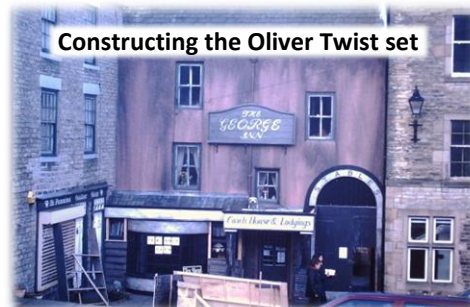
Alston Show

There are many small businesses specializing in building, roofing, plumbing, landscaping, etc. all of which are in great demand.

The Tyne Willows playing fields, as well as providing seasonal facilities: football pitches in winter, transformed to a cricket pitch and athletics field in summer, is host to a Sheep Dog Trials in June, the 'Alston Live' music festival in mid-July, the Alston Gala later in July and Alston Show in September. The

town has occasionally been used as a film set, notably in the 1990s in dramatizations of Jane Eyre and Oliver Twist.

'Special' services (Remembrance, Christingle, Crib etc.) tend to be very well attended by the whole community and are also supported by the congregations of our sister churches in Alston. They are ecumenical and often presided over by the three clergy of the denominations in town, who have a very good working relationship and meet as the 'Churches Together Leadership Group' about 4 times a year. The services targeted at Children and Young People in the Advent season are often very well attended – at Christmas, the South Tynedale Railway runs 'Santa Specials' with church members singing carols. Also, the town business community provides a 'Santa's Grotto' event at the Market Cross, and families will very often attend church first and then go on to the Market Cross in the evening. We can have 80 to 100 people, from home or away, at these services which are key events in our evangelism to the local community. During Lent, an ecumenical study group meets and a Service (and Procession) of Witness takes place in the centre of Alston. The ageing profile of the church does mean that there are rarely school aged children in our regular congregation.



Constructing the Oliver Twist set

## A Vision for the Whole Community

Some 15 years ago, a previous incumbent led the congregation in a vision for the future of Alston St. Augustine's. The church is structurally largely as when originally built. It has little or no modern facilities, no kitchen and no toilets, and whilst generally structurally sound, there have been significant areas of rot beneath the floors. The Tower and large West wall have been allowing water to penetrate for many years in the prevailing wind and the roof needs attention. Whilst the so-called "Alston Aspire" project was set up and concept designs produced, finding adequate funding was going to be a challenge, in spite of a large number of fund raising events supported by the community including musical events, choral events, and art displays and sales. The long term vision of Alston Aspire was to develop St. Augustine's so it becomes the natural centre of our community – with modern facilities, efficient heating, and a repaired building and reordered interior allowing the space to be used by many different community groups. Sadly, in 2022, a lifelong Alston congregant died, but as her legacy she left her entire estate to St. Augustine's. This allowed the project to go ahead as the 'St. Augustine's Rekindling Project' and revised detailed designs have been produced and tenders for the work are to be invited in the near future.

**Garrigill** is a village of approximately 250 people with the majority living in the area surrounding the Green and the roads approaching the village. The rest of the community is dispersed over a wide area inhabiting farms and cottages in the surrounding hills. Garrigill is a remote post-lead mining community in the high Pennines with the population spread between those who live and work here, those who commute to other places for work, and a few weekenders.

Industry in Garrigill is based on agriculture and grouse shooting with several large hill farms and ancillary work

(agricultural engineer, farm workers, and foresters) and a shooting lodge which forms part of the Garrigill Estate. The other industry is tourism with bed and breakfast, and holiday cottage lets.

The pub (The George & Dragon), which served visitors and locals well, is largely refurbished but remains closed pending the acquisition of further funding to complete the work.

There is a village shop and post office but no schools with children being taken to Alston and further afield by bus for this.



**Kirkhaugh** is little more than a scatter of farms and houses on both sides of the River South Tyne. The two halves are linked only by a footbridge, which was completely rebuilt in 2020 after the demise of its predecessor two years earlier in a flood. The 60 or so residents are a mix of

farmers, retired, business people, artists, teachers and a film maker – all have one or more cars and are owner/occupiers. Only two of the houses are holiday cottages, and another has been refurbished for self-catering. There is no shop or post office and schooling is now provided in Alston. Robin Wood Activity Centre, in Barhaugh Hall, a large Victorian mansion and grounds, employs approx. 70 – 80 young adults. Groups of children 120/batch attend from all over northern England and Scotland for 3 day activity courses. The Epiacum Roman Fort (Whitley Castle) has been developed as a



tourist attraction, based around 'The Nook' Farm Shop and Café. The South Tynedale Railway has two stations in the parish, Kirkhaugh and Lintley.

**Knarsdale** itself is a very small community, but the ancient parish includes the villages of Slaggyford and Eals, a mile in each direction of the church. It is a predominantly farming community, with retired people and



a small number of commuters. There are a small number of holiday homes.

Neither Slaggyford nor Eals has Post Office or shop, but Knarsdale can boast an excellent Restaurant and pub, The Kirkstyle Inn & Sportsman's Rest, situated adjacent to the Church. It has recently been completely rebuilt and re-fitted to a high



standard. The Knarsdale shooting estate, which owns the Kirkstyle, is very generous to the church, providing coffee and tea after church services and events. They also provide their in-house baked sausage rolls and cake to the monthly Coffee Stop.

There is limited public transport; but buses run through the parish to Alston, Haltwhistle and Carlisle, with train connections from Haltwhistle to Carlisle or Newcastle and beyond. Slaggyford is currently the northern terminus of the South Tynedale Railway, a heritage line run by volunteers.



The area attracts many tourists and walkers which benefits the owners of bed and breakfast, cottage lets and the caravan site on the edge of Slaggyford. We are a community of a wide range of residents. Any newcomers to the area are always warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend local events. Any fundraising events organised by or on behalf of St. Jude's are always well attended by all ages, helping to bring the community together. The Knarsdale with Kirkhaugh Cairns Community Hall, situated very close to St. Jude's, is

used extensively for fundraising events, benefitting both the church and other charities. It is also the venue for a variety of clubs and associations such as exercise classes, carpet bowls, dominoes and badminton. The local WI celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. It runs crafts classes and a book club. There is a monthly 'Local News and History' magazine covering the Knarsdale and Slaggyford area.

We have no schools, so children are taken to school by taxi or coach.

**Lambley** is a small hamlet of around 20 houses in the immediate locality,

some of which are holiday homes. Halton-Lea-Gate is a village about 1 mile along the A689. It no longer has a village shop, but there is a Post Office in Leaside. On the east side of the river on the Haltwhistle road is the village of Coanwood. Lambley has a small modern village hall. The Herdley Bank



Church of England School in Coanwood, closed in 2016, but the building is now used as an annex to Kirby Moor School in Brampton, for children with special needs.

**Nenthead** is a community nestled at 1,519 feet in the Pennine fells. The 'highest' of the 6 individual parishes that make up our benefice, Nenthead had its village origins, clustered by the River Nent, when lead ore was first excavated there. It became a purpose built industrial village, with a hardy community of mine workers

and their families. The lead industry peaked in the 1820s, but mining switched to zinc in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and was finally abandoned in 1920 after which re-processing of spoil heaps to extract fluorspar and zinc continued until 1971.



The Village

The residents now employed, largely commute to Alston and further, Penrith, Carlisle, Newcastle. Such commutes can be impeded by winter weather. However our community snowplough greatly assists in clearing the roads. Many residents have retired status while others are unemployed.

The village pub, The Miners' Arms, closed after nearly 200 years. A Community 'buy-out' was set up and sufficient shares were sold, but in

2024, the government closed the Community Ownership Fund, and the project is in limbo. On the positive side, the Methodist Chapel, which closed in 2002 and had been neglected thereafter, was restored, re-ordered and re-opened in 2019 as The Hive, a café and community space. Interestingly, a monthly Pennine Praise service is now also held there.

2025 was a special year for Nenthead known to us as **N200** when every aspect of community significance came together for Nenthead's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. St. John's became the Saturday music venue for performance by popular local musicians: Lounge Lizards, Flying Thimbles & Hainton Symphonic Orchestra, where an atmosphere of nostalgia and joy was expressed of long standing benefit. With the doors opened to a stream of visitors, we felt united in a vitally unique way and the church interior became celebratory of history and fellowship with artwork and history on broad display.



N200 Artwork



The mining history was given special attention by the loving creativity of Nenthead Primary Schoolchildren; their 1825 model village 'spar box' and geode displays alongside St. John's remembrance biography display. A relationship forged and held together with ease.

Our relationship brings spontaneous contribution of art work. The head teacher has a 'smiling' ambition: *'To fill the church until there is no more room'*. Their 'Nenthead Primary School Art for Us' pew holds their harvest 'veggie faces'. We maintain all their thoughtful contribution in file archive alongside their display bench



The church is made resplendent by their welcome interventions at Christmas – at Easter – at the Season of Creation, Harvest – and Remembrance often arriving as an unexpected surprise – featuring the font adorned soldiers and doves [2025] and their poppy jar tea light holders [2022]. I sense all are lovingly made.

The school makes two highlight service visits for their Taizé service usually in

July, normally with a creation or environmental theme; 'colours' – 'bees' – 'my favourite creature' – Services with Taizé music which include their spoken ideas: *"My favourite creature is a sloth because its lazy like me!"* or more serious environmental thought which leads to ideas of bee protection.



Closer to Christmas Nenthead Primary School brings their joyful Nativity Christingle to the church and of course an appreciative parental and family presence.

2025 brought a new tradition when the children at Nenthead School designed a paschal candle transfer. Every child was then provided with a small candle mounted with their design while the most outstanding was used at all 6



churches. The Easter Vigil when congregation members are invited to read and each carries a candle its light derived from the Paschal candle illumined from the embers of our vigil fire at the entrance to a darkened church awaiting 'Lumen Christi'

## Education

The Alston Moor Federation comprises Primary Schools in Alston and Nenthead and Samuel King's Secondary School in Alston. There is also Alston Pre-school and Gilderdale Nursery. Whilst some secondary pupils go by bus to outlying schools in Penrith, Hexham and Haydon Bridge particularly for 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Samuel King's School takes boys and girls to GCSE.

Once famed for being the smallest comprehensive school in the country SKS has won awards for its standards. Alston Primary School has shared a campus



Nenthead School



Samuel King's School

with Samuel King's School since 2017. One of the Churchwardens is Chairman of the Governors of the Federation. There is some church contact

especially with the Alston Primary School and end of term services for the school are held in St. Augustine's, attended by children and their families.

Christingle services are held in Nenthead church each year, in conjunction with the local school, and in St. Augustine's at Christmas there is an art exhibition by

the Primary School. See above for details of Nenthead School's extensive involvement with the church. A new schools' initiative is to be set up for August: an Ecumenical Christian Summer Club to organize activities during the holidays.

**Local Clubs & Associations** cater for a wide variety of interests. For example: Women's Institutes (Alston, Slaggyford and Nenthead), Alston Masonic Lodge, Alston Historical Society, Alston & District Flower Club, Alston Art Group, Alston Moor Golf Club, Alston Moor Fitness Club, Alston Bowls Club, Nenthead Indoor Bowls, Slaggyford Indoor Bowls, Allen Valley Quoits League, Alston Agricultural Society, Alston Community Workshop, Nenthead Over 60s, Alston Craft & Knitting Club, Nenthead Knit & Natter, Garrigill Knit & Natter, St. Augustine's Guides and Brownies, Alston Moor Observatory.

**Neighbourhood Initiatives** include: Alston Social Enterprise Town; Alston Moor Partnership; Alston Moor Emergency Response Group; Alston Moor & Fellside Place Action Group; Nenthead Community Projects; Grisedale Community Garden (which is supported by church members).

## Meeting Places

Whilst there are no Church Halls, there are a number of meeting places of various sizes throughout the parish:

Alston Town Hall (which also houses the Library, Local Links and Tourist Information services)

Alston Masonic Hall

Friends Meeting House (Alston)

The Chat Room (Alston)

Garrigill Village Hall (formerly the 'Church Institute Hall')

Nenthead Village Hall (a former village school dating from 1864)

The Hive (Nenthead) (the former Methodist Chapel)

Knarsdale & Kirkhaugh Cairns Community Hall (built in 2009 on the site of a former WI hall)

Lambley Village Hall

## Other Places of Worship and Ecumenical Relationships

St. Wulstan's RC church in Alston is used by both the Roman Catholics and the Methodists, the latter having no buildings of their own. The Roman Catholic priest is based in Penrith which is part of the Lancaster Diocese. The Alston Methodists belong to the East Cumbria Circuit and the Minister no longer lives in the parish. For those in the northernmost part of the parish, Haltwhistle provides both Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches.



St. Wulstan's shared church

The Society of Friends (Quakers) has its own Meeting



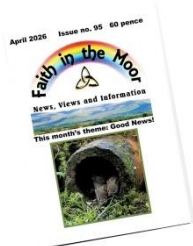
Quaker Meeting House

House in Alston.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is represented in Alston Moor by the 'Churches Together Leadership Group' aka 'Ecumenical Fraternal Group', bringing together the different denominations. Since the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches are allied to the North West and the Church of England to the North East, Churches Together has links to both sides of the country.

In Alston there are several courses during the year which are ecumenical: Lent Courses; Bible Study organized by the Methodists; a Service and Procession of Witness is held in Alston on Good Friday, attended by members of all the churches and denominations in the parish. A 'Men's Breakfast' has recently been inaugurated – its mission – to try out as many local venues as possible. 'Alpha Courses' run from time to time, one is due in 2026.

One of the outstanding Ecumenical success stories of recent years has been the 'Faith in the Moor' monthly parish magazine. See the separate section below.



The 2021 census records the following religious allegiances:

	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No Religion	Not Stated
Number	1305	17	0	4	0	0	28	1085	195
%	49.52	0.65	0	0.15	0	0	1.06	41.18	7.40

The non-Christian religions have no formal meeting places in the parish, though there is a Buddhist Monastery in the West Allen Valley about 6 miles from Nenthead. Since the 2011 census, there has been a further increase in the proportion of people declaring 'No Religion', but stated 'Christian' remains above the national average.

## The Parsonage House

The Parsonage House is situated in The Raise on the outskirts of Alston. It is a substantial stone-built house, dating from 1912. On the ground floor is an Entrance Hall, Dining room with open fire, Lounge with gas fire, Study, Kitchen with central heating boiler, Laundry room and toilet/cloakroom. On the first floor are 3 Double bedrooms and 1 large Single bedroom, Bathroom with shower separate, toilet. Secondary glazing has been fitted. The house was fully refurbished in 2003 and has recently been redecorated for the new Incumbent. There is a garage, front and back gardens and off-road parking.



# Faith in the Moor

'Faith in the Moor' magazine had its first publication in March 2018 when an ecumenical team of seven, spanning three churches: Methodist, Roman Catholic and Church of England came together.

April 2026 Issue no. 95 60 pence



The magazine communicates the news and events of each church, and a rota of first page letter style contributions from each of their clergy representatives is in place, leaving copious pages to fill.

The further major content stems from editorial discussion around an agreed theme. Once a theme is agreed, possibilities are discussed. April 2026 is its 95<sup>th</sup> issue of publication and the themes covered are almost equal to that number. The theme for the month ahead is published, which in itself is an invitation for readers to contribute. As relevancies are discussed and become varied, a team member might say 'I'll do that' or be asked, 'Will you do that?' – answer, 'I'll try.'

There is expertise within our group which can lead to a biblical or faith contribution. The theme 'building bridges' had obvious implications for them. The theme might suggest a community member be approached, someone known to have a strength in that area, or it might suggest a candidate for interview, a contribution from school might be ideal, knowing young voices bring a special quality to our pages.

'Safety' as a theme led to a piece on 'den building' their communicated enterprise, inventiveness and pleasure was infectious with photographs of course.

It is as if a fresh ministry is emerging; a need to reach out – to connect with our community knowing they can enrich us.

When our theme emerged as 'focus', an ideal unassuming candidate for interview was a community member who loved to photograph wild life, owls being his favourite.

Other themes have been: 'stone' – 'leaves'

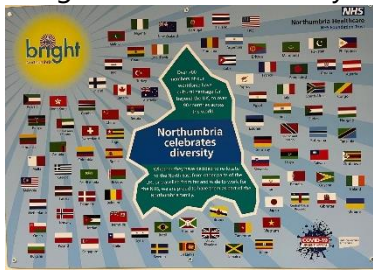
Our theme for May 2026 is 'surface and depth' – the sea came to mind and 'The Wave Project,' the sea's surface waters offering delight to children with profound mobility problems or mental impairment bringing liberating belief to their concerned parents. Such inclusions



**Finding fulfillment**  
Fulfillment is described as a blend of happiness, peace, and a feeling of accomplishment, desirable yet elusive. However it could have an unexpected arrival. Terry (Stout) a long term resident of Nenthead found fulfillment 'fall of a sudden' when in 2010 he united his 'love of the outside' with photography, using his Canon 500D camera with mirror lens, some 43 years after a brief boyhood ownership of the 'instant' polaroid. For Terry, using two great loves has become "a bit of an addiction—a healthy addiction!" – a cue to smile.  
Terry's love of 'the outside' means images of landscape, skies – the northern lights with their changing hues – and a deep affection for wildlife. His affinity with wildlife is evident in his disabled images prompting curiosity and admiration. "Who took those? They are exquisite, so accomplished."  
"I've always liked owls, I wanted to get every owl" his quest draws Terry to St John's Churchyard where he has established a nesting box for the tawny owl with a night vision camera participating visits and hoped for nesting. Terry describes his softly - patient - watch from a distance approach, "Sit and wait - should they fly off - repeat."  
His 'quest' of discovery includes sparrow hawks found in the silence of 'Dovagang Hult' where "you can hear their young" Buzzards are recorded at Killhope. His quest: "to get every owl" takes Terry "on his travels" to record his favourite, mine too, the beautiful barn owl (above) at Carlisle.



bring us into a community beyond our boundaries.



An NHS map 'Northumbria celebrates diversity' offered another aspect of 'surface and depth' with its vivid display of overseas flags stating that: 'Over 700 members of our workforce have cultural heritage far beyond the UK to over 90 countries across the world.'

We do enjoy and include the humorous light touch, which in October featured a Vicar's study in disarray with the quote: 'As far as Reg could tell, the burglar had disturbed nothing in the vestry' or for a Scottish Epiphany: 'Three wee kings'.

Welcome and positive feedback came from a reader this March: "Always a good read!" And in 2022 we collected a 'Certificate of Achievement' from the 'Church Editors – Church Magazine awards'.

Distribution is made across and beyond the parish each month copies are available for £0.60 each at churches and at Alston Library, Alston Post Office and local retail outlets. Printing is outsourced at Penrith and we are grateful to so many local businesses who take advertising space.

It is hoped we reach out to our residents in a sensitive and inclusive manner.



## Current Sunday Service Pattern

	Service Times	Form of Service
<i>Alston</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11:00 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:00	Common Worship Sung Eucharist Common Worship Prayer & Praise
<i>Garrigill</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 09:30 or 15:00	Eucharist, Morning Prayer or Themed Service
<i>Kirkhaugh</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 09:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 18:00	BCP Communion with Hymns BCP Evensong (alternating Basic, Choral & Taizé)
<i>Knaresdale</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 15:00	Eucharist or Themed Service
<i>Lambley</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 15:00	CW Eucharist, Evensong or Special
<i>Nenthead</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 09:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 09:30 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:30	Morning Service with Hymns Morning Service with Hymns Eucharist with Hymns (all Common Worship)

## Current Weekday Service Pattern

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Alston, St. Augustine's</i>	9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer	9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
<i>Alston, Chat Room</i>		12 noon (informal) Holy Communion		
<i>Nenthead, St. John's</i>			6pm Evening Prayer	
<i>Online - Zoom</i>			9pm Night Prayer (Compline)	

All services at Alston St. Augustine's are also available on Zoom and YouTube.

An Ecumenical Service is held monthly for residents and staff at Grisedale Croft Care Home.

## Parochial Staff

In addition to the Incumbent, there are:

- 1 Deacon, due to be ordained Priest in summer 2026
- 1 Retired Priest, who has a holiday home in the Parish (Nenthead)
- 1 Lay Reader and 1 Licensed Reader with PTO
- 1 Authorized Lay Minister
- 6 Organists (some shared with other denominations)
- Each Church has at least 1 Churchwardens (except Lambley, which has none)
- Parish Safeguarding Officer



Alston Moor Parochial Church Council, with its own officers

Alston & Kirkhaugh Churches have District Church Councils, which look after the business of their own churches.

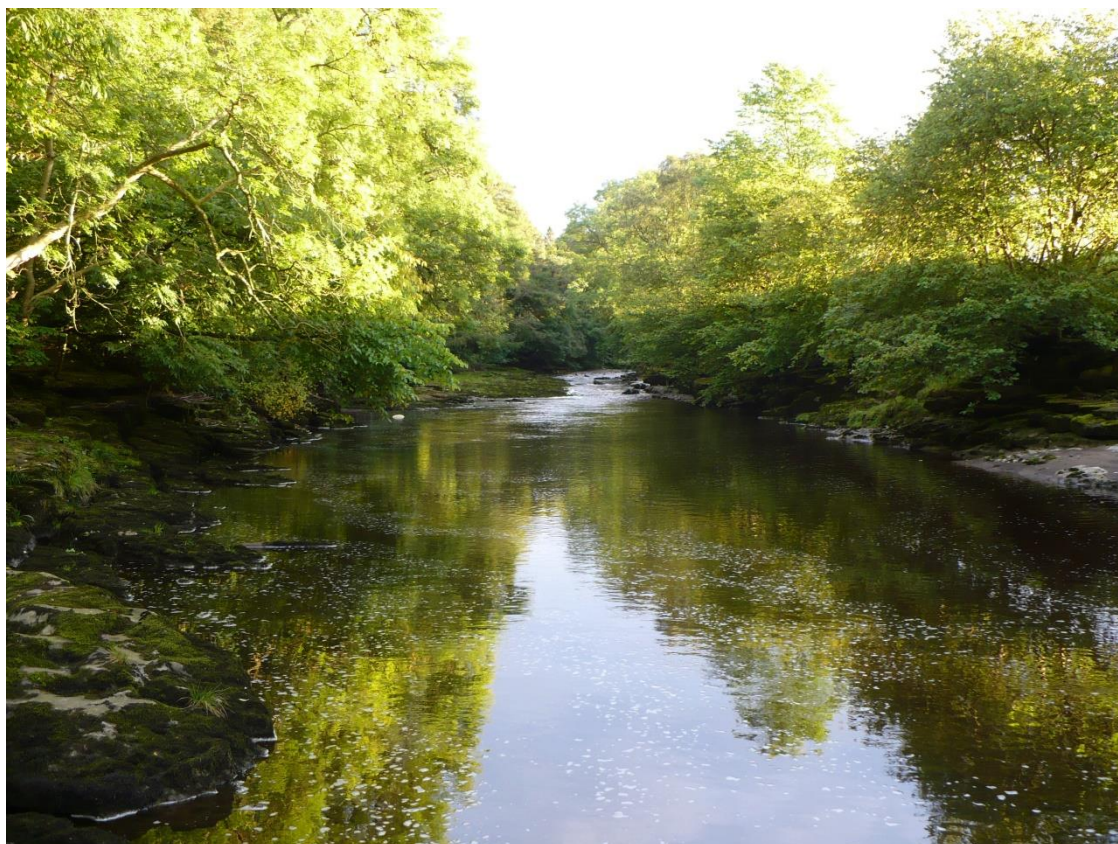
A Standing Committee (sub-group of the PCC) looks after the business of churches without a DCC.

Each Church has its own Treasurer

## The Parish Churches

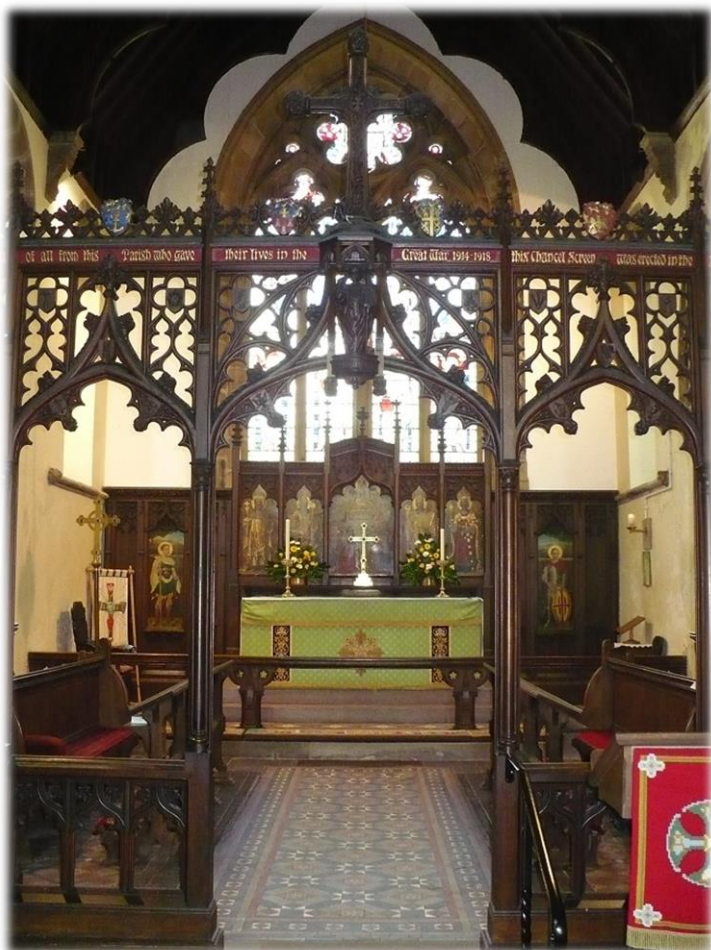
Alston Moor Parish comprises 4 ancient parishes, spanning the borders of Cumberland and Northumberland. Alston, on the Cumbrian side, supported the Chapelry of Garrigill, and as the village of Nenthead expanded with the lead mining industry, the Nenthead Parish was created in 1845, and was under the patronage of the Vicar of Alston. The other 3 ancient parishes, Kirkhaugh, Knarsdale and Lambley are on the Northumbrian side. The Parish of Alston Moor was created in April 2000 from the dissolved Team Parish of 1987, in which each of its 6 churches was designated a Parish Church of equal status.

Each Church retains its traditional character, and allegiances are strong in the local communities. The following six pages are dedicated to each of the 6 churches. Statistics quoted are as in the 2025 returns and do not represent an average over a longer period, though there are Occasional Offices booked for 2026.



## Alston, St. Augustine of Canterbury

References to a church in Alston date back to 1215. The current St. Augustine's church is the 4<sup>th</sup> to be on this central site in the heart of Alston and is approximately 150 years old. It, and the entrance walls and gates are Grade II Listed. The oak chancel screen (1920) is unusual in that it is Alston's War Memorial to those locally who died in the 1914-18 War and there are several notable stained glass windows.



Inside the Church is a bell and single-handed clock, brought from Dilston Hall, the home of the Jacobite Earl of Derwentwater as a gift from the Greenwich Hospital in 1767. The clock is of 16th Century origin. The bell, which was cast in 1714, was recast in 1845 after it cracked, and is now one of a carillon of ten bells. The clock mechanism was restored in 1978 as a demonstration piece.

The Churchyard is closed and is maintained by the County Council. There is a public cemetery on the edge of the town. Alston attracts many motor cyclists, to experience the twisting moorland roads. Tragically, a number lose control and are injured or killed. A memorial has been placed in the



**Motor Cyclist Memorial**

Population 1200  
 Average Sunday communicants 15  
 Baptisms per annum 3  
 Weddings per annum 0  
 House communion for sick or housebound 1

The electoral roll stands at 22.  
 Average Sunday attendance 17  
 Confirmations per annum 0  
 Funerals 7

churchyard as part of the outreach to the families. A seat and planters were recently placed in the churchyard to celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute in Alston. Another bench, made of stone, commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.



**Diamond Jubilee Bench**

In common with many rural areas, Alston's congregation can only be described as ageing! Sunday congregations tend to be around 17 people, sometimes more, sometimes fewer, often dependent on the weather and especially so in Winter. The age profile is such that the majority of the congregation are retired and live in Alston. The Wednesday Communion service in church has been replaced by a more informal, ecumenical service in

the Chat Room on a Thursday. This is designed to share the Gospel with the wider community, something emphasized in our Mission Action Plans. St. Augustine's is full for a funeral, for example, and also occasionally for a Baptism; we sense a need to reach people with the good news of the Gospel, as summarized in the Mission Statement. The church community is involved in outreach in several ways. For example, we support Christian Aid with various events during the year. St. Augustine's members organise and coordinate collections with our sister churches in the town. An ecumenical service kicks off Christian Aid week which is again well attended and is another indication that whilst we have a small congregation, when we work with others in our community we can achieve great things.

## Garrigill, St. John the Evangelist

St. John's Garrigill was built in the late 1700s and altered to the present configuration in 1900 by the then vicar. There has been a church or chapel on the site since medieval times.



The Church Institute was sold to the village in 1991 and is now known as the Village Hall.

The churchyard is still open but burials are discouraged as precise mapping of graves is not available, and there is a cemetery on the edge of the village. The churchyard is a conservation area with volunteers cutting the grass after flowers have set seed.

The regular congregation has seven members who are middle-aged to older. All live within the parish. However the church is filled for special services: Easter, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. The congregations at these events are from the village and further afield.

We have supported home and overseas missions financially over the years on an irregular basis. Worship is led by ordained or lay leaders.



North Window

Population 250

Average Sunday communicants 5

Baptisms per annum 3

Weddings per annum 0

House communion for sick or housebound 0

The electoral roll stands at 1.

Average Sunday attendance 7

Confirmations per annum 0

Funerals 0

There are good relations between the local Roman Catholics, Methodists and Quakers and the congregation in Garrigill, with the Remembrance Service being ecumenical and members of other churches are always welcome. Methodist funerals are held in St. John's owing to the closure of the village chapels.

A monthly 'pop-up' café runs in the Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month, coincident with the Church Service. This raises funds for the Church

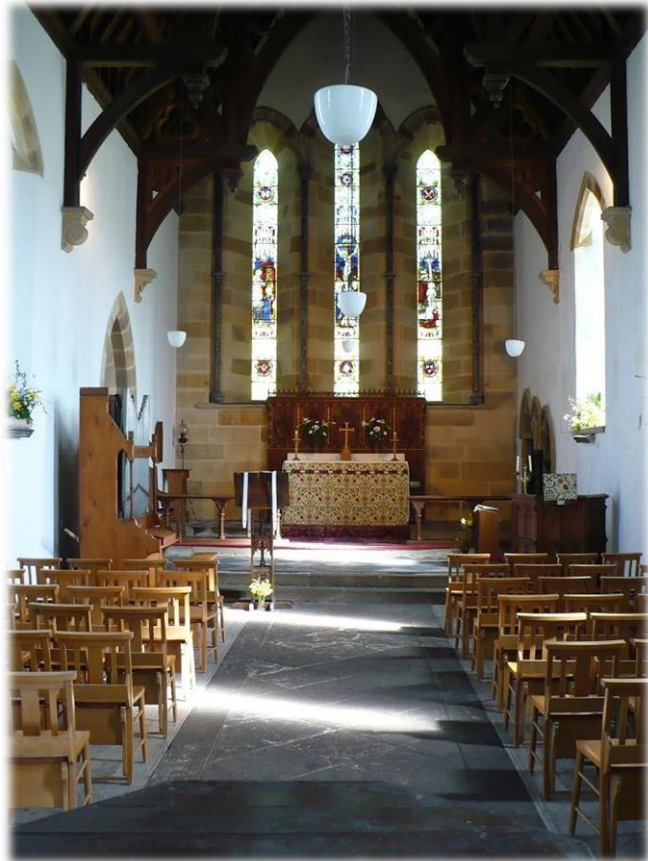
There is a "Friends of St. John's", which has been very successful, as we have many visitors from far and wide (e.g., Australia and Canada) looking for relatives buried in the churchyard.

Recently, with almost no congregation and essential repairs needed, it was difficult to find funds for the Parish Share, however with an improvement in prospects a slowly increasing amount is now being paid each year. Funds are being raised to repair the leaking porch and to develop the Vestry to provide, kitchen, toilet and shower facilities. Designs have been prepared and a local architect appointed and so far about one third of the total funds have been raised.

There is an educational fund, the Garrigill Old School Trust, which the vicar chairs and of which the churchwardens are trustees.

## Kirkhaugh, Holy Paraclete

This is a small church which seats 52 in a stunning and peaceful location. Rebuilt in 1869 on the site of a previous Church that dated back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, it was commissioned by the then Patron and the Rector Octavius James in a unique style similar to churches in the Black Forest, Germany, with a deeply sloped roof and pencil thin spire, there are no pews and the church's dedication to the Holy Paraclete is unique in England. It is a Grade II Listed Building. The Saxon Cross in the churchyard is Grade II\* Listed.



There is no church hall or other ancillary buildings. A half-acre glebe field part of which is cut regularly for car parking for services and larger events.

Parts of the churchyard are cut on a regular basis and part left wild to encourage wildlife, which is then cut and cleared in early autumn as part of the "churchyard tidy". Current graves are supposed to be maintained by the families however in practice they are maintained by parishioners.



Cutting the Glebe

Population 60  
 Average Sunday communicants 5  
 Baptisms per annum 0  
 Weddings per annum 0  
 House communion for sick or housebound 0

The electoral roll stands at 9.  
 Average Sunday attendance 9  
 Confirmations per annum 0  
 Funerals per annum 1



Easter Garden



Wedding Day

This is a traditional church using the Book of Common Prayer and King James Bible and is a member of the Prayer Book Society. Services are held twice monthly and at festivals. Morning services are usually Communion; Evensong services may be Choral or Taizé style often led by one of the Churchwardens. Many of the church community and its supporters live outside Kirkhaugh but within Alston Moor. Kirkhaugh is noted for its floral displays at festival times.

The Friends of Kirkhaugh Church raise money for the upkeep of the church fabric, through concerts (which need an organizer) and other events for the wider community bringing non-churchgoers into Church. The church supports West Northumberland Food Bank, the Bible Society, The British Legion and Farm Africa, through its collections. An educational charity is run by the Incumbent and 2 trustees, independently of the church.

There is a well-established and supported gift aid scheme, allowing full payment of the Parish Share. Fundraising events, e.g., coffee mornings and cake stalls are occasionally held in Alston, raising the profile of the church in the wider community.



Visiting Choir

The church is popular for weddings and is available for funerals. The churchyard is open for burials of congregants and residents of any denomination.

## Knaresdale, St. Jude

St. Jude's stands in its own churchyard and is a rare 1833 William IV replacement of an earlier building. A porch and Vestry were added in 1906. Originally simply known as Knaresdale Parish Church, it was dedicated to St. Jude in 1967. The list of Rectors goes back at least 890 years, with only a gap in the Cromwellian era. The east window, dedicated to George Frederick Hope-Wallace (1839 - 1900) of Featherstone Castle, was commissioned by his son James in 1904. The small wheatsheaf at the bottom corner of the window is the signature of designer Charles Kempe. The churchyard contains a group of 4 Grade II Listed Gravestones and is still open; its maintenance is managed by parish volunteers, grass-cutting being contracted out. A resident of Eals has produced a book of all the gravestones. The War Memorial is in the churchyard and includes the name of James Hope-Wallace killed in 1917 aged 45. During the last incumbency, church services were reduced to once a month, not always on a Sunday. Services are usually themed, e.g., Blessing of the Lambs, Furry Friends, Harvest, Remembrance. These services have brought in families and younger people, adding to the elderly regulars, thereby raising congregations to around 40. Most collections go to related charities.



Population: 300

Average Sunday Communicants: 5

Baptisms per annum: 1

Weddings per annum: 0

House communions for the sick or housebound: 0

The electoral roll stands at: 13

Average Sunday attendance: 10

Confirmations per annum: 0

Funerals per annum: 2

It is a very welcoming church as you enter, with its red carpets and flower arrangements making it appear warm and friendly. Unfortunately the heating system has completely failed. One of our priorities is to repair the heating system and some roof and other repairs are also required. Designs were done to provide Kitchen and Toilet facilities in the church to allow musical evenings and other events, but this project requires further fundraising before anything could be done.

As the 'parish' is small, there are no Bible study or youth groups but the community is very strong and parishioners assist and support each other and always willing to lend a hand to those in need. Baptisms, usually held on a Sunday, are now great family and friends events with numerous children helping.

St. Jude's is always open in order to welcome passing visitors and to sign the visitors' book.

A few years ago, the two Churchwardens started the monthly 'Coffee Stop' in the Community Hall, both to bring people together and to benefit the church. This has proved to be a great success on both counts. In fact it is the biggest fund-raiser in the area. All our helpers and bakers live in Slaggyford, as does the church Treasurer, who is about to move away, having not only kept the finances in order, but also been a fantastic help with all we have achieved in the last ten years. The proceeds of the Coffee Stop help considerably towards our Parish Share.

We pay our parish share in full and we have funds to help with routine repairs and maintenance and a Gift Aid scheme is in place.

(The Civil Parish seems to be spelt 'Knarsdale', whereas the Ecclesiastical one is 'Knaresdale', but both are pronounced the same way!)



## Lambley, St. Mary & St. Patrick

St. Mary & St. Patrick, Lambley, is the northernmost part of the Parish of Alston Moor and is situated about 9 miles from Alston on the A689. It is a Grade II Listed Building, and an 18<sup>th</sup> century Gravestone is also Grade II Listed.



On the banks of the River Tyne stood a small Benedictine Nunnery, founded in Norman times. Raided by the Scots, it survived until the Dissolution, but most of its remains were washed away by the Great Flood of 1771. The present church was built in 1885 in 13<sup>th</sup> century style on the site of a smaller church which was demolished because it was in such a state of disrepair that daylight "streamed through the gaps between stones". In the turret above the junction between the Nave and the Chancel hangs a bell that came from the Nunnery.

Today the church is in a reasonable state of repair, except for an unexplained leak in the roof above the east window, but it suffers from lack of use, as does the pipe organ. After resurgence in congregation numbers in recent years with young families joining, sadly, it has lost most of them as they moved out of the area. It has no Churchwardens of its own but has just appointed a new Treasurer.

Population 381	The electoral roll stands at: 0.
Average Sunday communicants 4	Average Sunday attendance 5
Baptisms per annum 0	Confirmations per annum 0
Weddings per annum 0	Funerals 0
House communion for sick or housebound 0	



Historically, Lambley had an Anglo Catholic tradition. In more recent times, a variety of different styles of services, for example, Taizé, and Service of Light in Advent have drawn a reasonable congregation from around the area. Remembrance Day services have generally been well attended. A monthly afternoon service of Communion or Evening Prayer is held (between Easter and Advent) mostly attended by people from other parts of the parish, but local families still use it for Baptisms and Weddings and Funerals.

The churchyard is still open for burials, and has graves of a significant number of people from Midgeholme, which is just outside the parish. It is maintained by one of the villagers.

Closure of the Herdley Bank Church of England First School in Coanwood in 2016, meant that services for the school also ceased. The artwork hanging on the north wall of the Nave was made by the children, and the electronic organ/piano was inherited by the church.

## Nenthead, St. John the Evangelist



St. John the Evangelist church was founded in 1845 on land gifted by The (Quaker) London Lead Company, whose arrival meant a surge in settlement, from scattered farm dwelling to a mining company and model village of some 2000 residents of UK, Belgian and Italian origin within the 'model village' of Nenthead, when church attendance became a compulsory condition of mining employment. With the decline and end to mining activity, the population of Nenthead reduced to approximately 400 residents largely comprised of incomers from both distant and near attracted by the 'sense of community' and an alternative pace of life.

In 2022 a sense of inner enterprise and renewal brought a program of deep cleansing and refreshment of the inner church and its furnishings was undertaken which attracted a present day volunteer team of six who now maintain its fresh, sometimes described as 'gleaming', appearance. And complimentary words: *"It feels different."* – *"It's now cosy and welcoming."* The church feels cherished – is cherished. The visitors' book offers agreement and encouragement (2025 examples):

*'Lovely church, thank you for the effort you all obviously put in'* Essex; *'Thank you a place of peace and reflection.'* Hamilton, Victoria, Australia.

Population 400	The electoral roll stands at 9.
Average Sunday communicants 7	Average Sunday attendance 8
Baptisms per annum 0	Confirmations per annum 0
Weddings per annum 0	Funerals per annum 1
House communion for sick or housebound 0	

The emerging philosophy is one of inclusivity, accessibility and warmth as it occupies its satisfying stand point, looking over the community it serves. There are three Sunday, 9:30 a.m., services each month: Churchwarden led Morning Prayer on the second and third Sundays and Incumbent led Eucharist on the fourth Sunday. Evening Prayer is held each Friday at 6:00 p.m. Each Morning Prayer service is Gospel led and takes its title from the Gospel theme e.g., 'Transfiguration Sunday' Lent 2 and 'Adoption Sunday' more usually described as 'Mothering Sunday' Lent 4.

The Gospel theme is given to the altar table lectern and entrance table display which stays till the following Sunday. The Gospel itself is from an NIV audio recording with a provided script, or a voice from the congregation. Transfiguration Sunday uses 4 voices: the Narrator, Jesus, The voice of God *"This is my son, whom I love"*, and the impulsive Peter, *"If you will I will put up three shelters. . "* This is a format which hopes



for full and beneficial participation. The Mothering Sunday, Gospel became as it were a **'Certificate of Adoption'**. John 19, 25b-27: *"When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman here is your son", and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. This is the Gospel of the Lord.* (Image from By His Grace Christian Ministries)

Our 'Peace Window', begun when Russia declared war against Ukraine, invites quiet thoughtfulness. The pleasing frequency of visits and sense of value indicated by the number of tea lights used. Visitors recorded, *'So valued the lightness of being, the Easter Art, the precious candles of peace; thank you for keeping the church open.'* Hexham and Edgbaston 05/05/2025. As well as a place of welcome we hope our building communicates even more.

The War Memorial "Roll of Honour" is currently being conserved and restored. It remains to say it is an unsurpassed privilege to be a custodian of Saint John the Evangelist Church on the beguiling Alston Moor.



## Financial Summary

Alston Moor PCC has a general account, which is financed almost exclusively by the individual churches. It is used to pay parish wide liabilities, such as the Incumbent's expenses, parsonage house costs, insurance and parish magazine production. Each of the six churches maintains its own accounts, and pays a contribution into the PCC account, on an equitable basis. The PCC also manages Statutory Fees for Occasional Offices, and payments are made as appropriate to the individual churches and to the Diocesan Board of Finance. A Fees account was closed and all transactions now go through the Current Account.

Parish of Alston Moor								
Current Account Financial Summary 2025								
Income	PCC	Alston	Garrigill	Kirkhaugh	Knaredale	Lambley	Nenthead	TOTALS
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2025	
Planned Giving		9,883.00	994.73	4,197.00	1,550.65	136.00	4,793.37	21,554.75
Collections		4,204.63	515.40	757.79	420.80	43.48	1,299.63	7,241.73
Wall Boxes & other Donations		3,228.56	56.59	208.49		137.20	331.70	3,962.54
Reclaimed Tax			579.92	1,083.21		-	-	1,663.13
Fees	4,819.00	1,085.00	-	175.00	1,127.00	300.00		2,687.00
Grants			-	-	500.00			500.00
Investment Income			-	-				-
Trading Income	1,423.54		-	40.85				40.85
Sundry Income	5,819.93	120.00	154.51	108.00	5,879.96	770.00	378.09	7,410.56
Restricted Income	29,759.86	4,512.55	1,638.00	131.21	836.96			7,118.72
Transfers	46,350.20		1,100.00	-		3,500.00		4,600.00
Interest		317.39		11.84			306.39	635.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88,172.53</b>	<b>23,351.13</b>	<b>5,039.15</b>	<b>6,713.39</b>	<b>10,315.37</b>	<b>4,886.68</b>	<b>7,109.18</b>	<b>57,414.90</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>								
Parish Share		6,170.00	300.00	3,000.00	2,612.00	675.00	1,166.00	13,923.00
Insurance		2,148.16	789.62	789.62	775.00	775.00	789.62	6,067.02
Clergy Expenses	4,263.84	2,760.00	360.00	696.00	600.00	360.00	696.00	5,472.00
Charitable Giving		2,399.95	209.40	276.21	994.77		-	3,880.33
Utills - Heat, Light, Water, Comms		5,263.88	1,350.05	289.64	241.10	38.96	4,622.46	11,806.09
Repairs & Maintenance		-	1,178.49	28.26	813.23	329.60	2,294.88	4,644.46
Sundries	26,377.25	228.88		57.00	3,274.17	80.63		3,640.68
Fees	4,819.00	880.00		485.00	250.00	200.00		1,815.00
Transfers	53,463.59	500.00	1,428.60	115.98				2,044.58
Bank Charges			40.00	50.37		-	42.00	132.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88,923.68</b>	<b>20,350.87</b>	<b>5,656.16</b>	<b>5,788.08</b>	<b>9,560.27</b>	<b>2,459.19</b>	<b>9,610.96</b>	<b>53,425.53</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-751.15</b>	<b>3,000.26</b>	<b>-617.01</b>	<b>925.31</b>	<b>755.10</b>	<b>2,427.49</b>	<b>-2,501.78</b>	<b>3,989.37</b>
<b>End of Year Assets</b>								
Unrestricted	300.67	23,898.74	2,335.75	5,695.30	14,848.19	7,938.87	7,515.81	62,232.66
Restricted	278,867.15	26,846.55	6,280.47	4,097.60	4,298.40	-		320,390.17
Investment Value				-		28,046.45	8,879.32	36,925.77

Note that the PCC account derives its income from individual churches, fees, online donations, etc. and expends on parish wide costs and fees. Knaredale and Lambley figures for 2025 are not yet available, so 2024 quoted.

## Parish Share

Though Alston Moor is a single parish, the Deanery allocates the proportions of the whole to each individual church. Payment rates can vary from year to year depending on how pressures vary on an individual church's finances.

### 2024 – 2026

	Alston	Garrigill	Kirkhaugh	Knaresdale	Lambley	Nenthead	Total
(2024) reqd./pd.	5320/5320	250/250	2927/2927	2612/2612	675/675	1080/0	12,864/11,784
(2025) reqd./pd.	6170/6170	300/300	3000/3000	2700/2700	690/0	1166/1166	14,026/13,336
(2026) reqd./	6787/	350/	3075/	2754/	705/	800/	14,471/



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