

**Is God calling you to be the Rector for  
The Benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley  
(Brompton, Deighton, Welbury, East & West  
Rounton, Osmotherley, East Harlsey and  
Ingleby Arncliffe)?  
Part of Mowbray Deanery — Northern Team**



*“God’s church is called to be a body of people who live  
Christ’s story, active in the world, offering care, and  
working for justice and truth”.*

**Archbishop of York**

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# Welcome from the Bishop of Whitby

## An introduction from Barry, the Bishop of Whitby



I am delighted you are exploring applying to be the first Rector of the Benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley. Be assured of my prayers and those of Archdeacon Amanda and our colleagues as you do.

The congregations of Mowbray Deanery have come together over the last few years to explore what the right scaffolding is to support mission, ministry, flourishing and wellbeing. What they have proposed (it is proper grass roots up) and has now been agreed, is far more than a pastoral reorganisation, it is a creative set of partnerships which are already bearing missional fruit. This role is a key part of that.

Working with colleagues, the Rector will serve across the nine beautiful rural communities of Ingleby Arncliffe, East Harlsey, West Rounton, East Rounton, Welbury, Osmotherley, Deighton and Brompton. Collaborative and partnership working is key to flourishing and there is a great network of support, including with the highly capable lay leaders and PTO clergy, with the excellent existing House for Duty Associate Priest, Revd Bill Dewing, who holds day to day responsibility for three of the eight parishes (see p22 for more details), and within the supportive family of the wider Deanery.

This is a post for a priest who enjoys working with others and is passionate about reaching beyond the walls of the church, inviting all in our communities to join in the story and know the hope and life of Jesus Christ. We seek a priest marinated in prayer, able to inspire and encourage the saints, and who can help connect faith with our communities Monday through Sunday.

The benefice joins with the parishes of the Diocese in seeking to invite the 1.5 million parishioners we serve to know the joy of Living Christ's Story. This means each church focusing on what it means to:

- Become more like Christ — knowing we are God's beloved children, that Jesus came to seek, serve and save;
- Reach people we currently don't - living and telling the story of God with cultural humility and faith-filled confidence, inviting our classmates and colleagues, neighbours and friends to know the love, purpose and hope which has blessed us;
- Grow as churches of missionary disciples which are younger and more diverse — knowing we are sent to every place and person to which we go, but being a 'community of the sent' is most effective and best reflects the Kingdom of God when everyone is known and needed, honoured and participating.

May you know the surrounding and upholding of the Spirit of God as you discern,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Hill', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

For an informal conversation about this post, contact the Bishop of Whitby, Barry Hill ([bishopofwhitby@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:bishopofwhitby@yorkdiocese.org) or 01642 593273) or the Archdeacon of Cleveland, Amanda Bloor ([adcl@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:adcl@yorkdiocese.org) or 01642 706095).

This post is open to Anglican priests who are eligible to work in the UK, subject to satisfactory episcopal reference and enhanced DBS.

Applications to the Bishop of Whitby's office: [Jacqui.Gunter@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:Jacqui.Gunter@yorkdiocese.org)

# Welcome from the Area Dean

Mowbray Deanery is one of 6 deaneries in the archdeaconry of Cleveland, Diocese of York. We are set in God's glorious Yorkshire creation, with beautiful rural villages and vibrant market towns, located in easy reach of a wide range of attractions.

We are a forward thinking deanery, having just undertaken an ambitious, grass roots, pastoral reorganisation to establish two Ministry Enabling Teams. These are building fruitful relationships, identifying creative opportunities for lay and ordained people to be working together to enable all God's people to Live Christ's Story across our diverse parishes. We are already working collaboratively through a Lay Mission + Ministry Network; Children, Family + Youth Network + Deanery Green Team to gather people of passion in these areas, aiming to catalyse Holy Spirit inspired ministry, resourcing us all. It is an exciting time to be joining the deanery!

We hope and pray that the opportunity to minister in an inspiring and supportive team will be an attractive aspect of this post. We are a 'happy Chapter', and looking forward to welcoming, worshipping and working with our new Rector of Brompton and Osmotherley.

With prayers and blessings in Jesus,

Mary Rolls, Area Dean for Mowbray.



# About Us

Welcome to a newly formed rural benefice in the heart of North Yorkshire, bringing together eight distinctive parishes into one shared ministry. Set within beautiful countryside and vibrant villages near Northallerton, the Benefice reflects both deep historic roots and a growing desire to see God's Church flourish for the future.

This new benefice has been created as part of the Mowbray Deanery's pastoral reorganisation, designed to establish sustainable, collaborative ministry across our rural communities. While each parish retains its own character, traditions and local identity, we are now united in shared leadership, shared vision and shared responsibility for mission.

Our churches range from larger village congregations with broad community engagement to smaller rural churches with faithful, committed worshipping communities. Together we represent a breadth of Anglican tradition — rooted, sacramental, prayerful — with a desire to remain welcoming, accessible and outward-looking.

Across the benefice, we are committed to:

- Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully and creatively
- Nurturing discipleship across all ages
- Strengthening pastoral care within our communities
- Growing links with schools, families and local organisations
- Developing confident lay leadership
- Building financially sustainable patterns of ministry

We recognise both the opportunities and challenges of rural ministry today. Our villages are marked by strong community spirit, rich heritage, and significant goodwill towards the church. At the same time, we are aware of demographic change, financial pressures and the need to adapt wisely for the future.

We are seeking a Rector who will embrace the diversity of this benefice, honour the individuality of each parish, and help us grow together as one worshipping community. We hope for someone prayerful and pastorally attentive, confident in preaching and leadership, able to work collaboratively with clergy and lay colleagues, and willing to guide us into the next chapter of shared mission.

This is a benefice with deep roots, generous people and real potential. We believe God is at work among us, and we look forward with hope to the next stage of our journey together.



Christingle at Brompton

# Parishes in Detail

## St Thomas' Brompton with All Saints Deighton

Brompton is a large and growing village immediately north of Northallerton, combining long-established families with newer housing developments and commuter households. The village benefits from a strong community identity, local businesses, a Methodist Church, and an Extra Care facility (The Orchards), alongside active voluntary organisations and school connections. St Thomas' serves as a visible and historic presence at the heart of the village, with regular engagement in community events and pastoral life. The daughter church of All Saints, Deighton, serves a smaller rural village community nearby and shares in the life of the benefice.

St Thomas' is a Grade I listed church with origins stretching back nearly a millennium and houses significant early medieval sculpture, including Anglo-Danish hogback stones. The PCC has secured faculty permission for a major reordering project to introduce a kitchen, toilet and flexible space, improving accessibility and community use while showcasing the church's heritage. All Saints, Deighton, is a Grade II listed rural church with a supportive local congregation and strong commitment to maintaining both the building and its churchyard.

Worship at St Thomas' reflects a broad Anglican tradition, rooted in Common Worship and normally including vestments and hymns. The Sunday pattern includes regular Holy Communion services, alongside Morning Worship and a monthly informal evening service (Connect 2), which encourages discussion and relaxed engagement. The church choir contributes significantly to worship, particularly at festivals and major seasons, and lay participation is well established in reading, intercessions and practical ministry.

The parish maintains good pastoral links with The Orchards Extra Care facility and values its ecumenical relationship with the Methodist Church. There is a growing desire to develop ministry among younger families, deepen discipleship, and use the forthcoming reordering to enhance hospitality and community engagement.



Pancake Party at Welbury

At All Saints, Deighton, the church is exploring becoming a festival church. There is a supportive village community focused on the fabric. They take pride in maintaining both the building and its surrounding churchyard. The congregation is committed and keen to remain fully integrated within the wider benefice.

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

Church Wardens-Carole Martin and Rita Laverick, Deputy Church Warden (Church Buildings & Maintenance)-Andrew Cunningham, PCC Secretary-Heidi Bradley, PCC Treasurer-Rita Laverick

Parish Population: 3132

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 43; Worshiping Community: 65; Usual Sunday Attendance: 34;

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 13; Wedding: 2; Funerals: 11

## St Peter's Osmotherly

Osmotherley is a thriving and attractive village on the edge of the North York Moors. It has a strong village identity, three public houses, an active village hall, a primary school and pre-school, and a range of local groups and societies. The community includes long-established residents, young families, retirees and holiday accommodation, giving it both stability and movement.

St Peter's stands prominently opposite the school and has long played a central role in village life. The church building has Norman and medieval origins and has been sympathetically restored over the centuries. In recent years, the interior has been reordered to include kitchen and toilet facilities, enhancing flexibility and hospitality.



The churchmanship is middle-of-the-road catholic, with vestments normally worn and Common Worship forming the basis of services. The Sunday pattern includes regular Holy Communion and Morning Worship, and lay participation is well established through reading and intercessions. Links with the primary school and pre-school are valued and provide important opportunities for engagement.

There is openness within the parish to developing prayer, discipleship and outreach, particularly among families and newer residents of the village.

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

Churchwardens - David Owst, Tim Swales; PCC Secretary - Vicki Farby;

Treasurer - Lucy Sillars; Musical Director - Eleanor Gill; Benefice

Safeguarding Officer - Rachel Ross-Russell

Parish Population: 661

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 55; Worshipping Community: 45; Usual Sunday Attendance: 30;

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 1; Wedding: 0; Funerals: 8



Sea Sunday Service  
at Osmotherly

## St Oswald's East Harlsey

East Harlsey is a rural village centred around its village hall and cricket club, with a strong sense of local identity and community cohesion.

St Oswald's is a Grade II\* listed church with medieval origins, restored in the nineteenth century. The open churchyard remains an important point of contact with village families. St Oswald's serves both East and West Harlsey.

Holy Communion is celebrated twice monthly, and worship follows a traditional Anglican pattern. Lay members contribute to reading and practical support. Occasional offices form a valued part of the church's ministry and maintain connection with the wider community.

The parish values its place within the benefice and would welcome leadership that sustains regular worship and strengthens pastoral presence within village life.

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

No Churchwarden; Secretary - Kate Alderson; Treasurer - Nick Barnard

Parish Population: East Harlsey 266; West Harlsey - 32

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 9; Worshiping Community: 8; Usual Sunday Attendance: 5

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 0; Wedding: 0; Funerals: 3 + 2 Burial of Ashes



Service at Welbury

## All Saints' Ingleby Arncliffe

The villages of Ingleby Arncliffe and Ingleby Cross form a rural community with a mix of long-term residents and newer households. There is an active village hall and a range of social groups, with some recent housing development underway.

All Saints' is a Grade II\* listed Regency church with distinctive interior features. The roof and interior have benefited from significant repairs in recent years, though some work remains to be undertaken.

Sunday worship includes rotations between Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer. The congregation has shown resilience and commitment, particularly during periods of vacancy. Social and fundraising events, including coffee mornings and summer lunches, contribute both to financial sustainability and to community engagement.

There is opportunity to build relationships with newer residents, strengthen discipleship, and continue to deepen integration within the wider benefice.

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

Churchwarden, Secretary and Deanery Synod Rep — Barbara Poole;

Treasurer — Brian Wilde

Parish Population: 303

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 25; Worshiping Community: 10; Usual Sunday Attendance: 6

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 1; Wedding: 1; Funerals: 4



Coffee Morning at Ingleby Arncliffe

## St Leonard's Welbury

Welbury is a rural village with a strong community ethos and longstanding loyalty to its church. St Leonard's stands centrally within the village and has been at the heart of local life for centuries. Medieval in origin and largely rebuilt in 1887, it remains a well-loved and well-maintained building, cared for diligently by the churchwardens, PCC members and volunteers. The churchyard and its records — documenting burials from 1682 onwards — are valued by villagers and visitors alike.

A weekly Sunday service forms the centre of worshipping life. Communion and sung Evensong are shared across the month, including a shorter Family Communion service which attracts younger worshippers and brings energy to the congregation. Worship is traditional in character, rooted in the Anglican pattern, with strong congregational participation in readings and intercessions. The church is blessed with a faithful organist who has played for over 65 years. Refreshments following Communion services encourage fellowship and strengthen community ties.

The church is open midweek for private prayer and continues to serve as a peaceful sanctuary within the village. Being the only church in Welbury, it welcomes regular worshippers, occasional visitors and families alike. Church members are active in wider village life, maintaining strong links with the village hall, Women's Institute and other local groups. Together with the Rountons, Welbury produces a monthly Gazette delivered to every household, keeping the church visible and connected to the whole community.



The parish is proud of what has been sustained and values its established rhythm of worship. There is hope to strengthen links with the local primary school in a neighbouring village and to encourage greater involvement from younger residents, while continuing to play a full part in the shared life of the benefice.

We are a fairly self-sufficient team with regards to maintenance, financially well positioned but in need of spiritual input!

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

Churchwardens - Joanne Hughes & Peter Walker; Treasurer - Ian Boyce;  
Secretary - Kate Lindo

Parish Population: 263

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 41; Worshipping Community: 18 Usual Sunday Attendance: 11

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 2; Wedding: 1; Funerals: 3



Christingle at East Rounton

## St Lawrence's East Rounton

East Rounton is a small rural village with a strong sense of history and identity, and close links with neighbouring Brompton and Welbury.

St Lawrence's has medieval origins and contains notable stained glass, including windows by Douglas Strachan and Morris & Co. Though modest in scale, it remains a cherished presence within the village and an important place of worship.

Services are held regularly in coordination with the wider benefice. Occasional offices remain an important aspect of the church's ministry. The parish values continuity while seeking thoughtful integration within the benefice and opportunities to deepen engagement in village life.

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

Churchwarden - Michael Dale; Treasurer — Tanya Nightingale

Parish Population: 92

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 13; Worshiping Community: 15 Usual Sunday Attendance: 9

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 0; Wedding: 0; Funerals: 2 (Burial of Ashes)



Carols round the tree at Brompton

## St Oswald's Church, West Rounton

West Rounton is a rural village a few miles from Brompton, with a close-knit community.

St Oswald's dates in part from the twelfth century and was largely rebuilt in the nineteenth century. It retains Norman features and remains a peaceful and well-loved worship space at the heart of the village.

Regular services and seasonal celebrations gather villagers and visitors, with worship following a traditional Anglican pattern and lay participation in readings and intercessions. The parish continues to serve as an important focus for village identity.

There is scope to encourage wider village engagement and to strengthen collaboration across the benefice, while sustaining the steady rhythm of worship already established.

Churchwarden and PCC Officers:

Churchwarden - Michael Nightingale; Treasurer — Tanya Nightingale

Parish Population: 215

Numbers (2025): Electoral Roll: 13; Worshiping Community: 13; Usual Sunday Attendance: 9

Occasional Offices (2025): Baptism: 1; Wedding: 0; Funerals: 1 (Burial of Ashes)



North Mowbray WI Carols at Welbury

# Vision - Diocese & Deanery

We share the heart and goals of our Diocesan vision, Living Christ's Story, to:

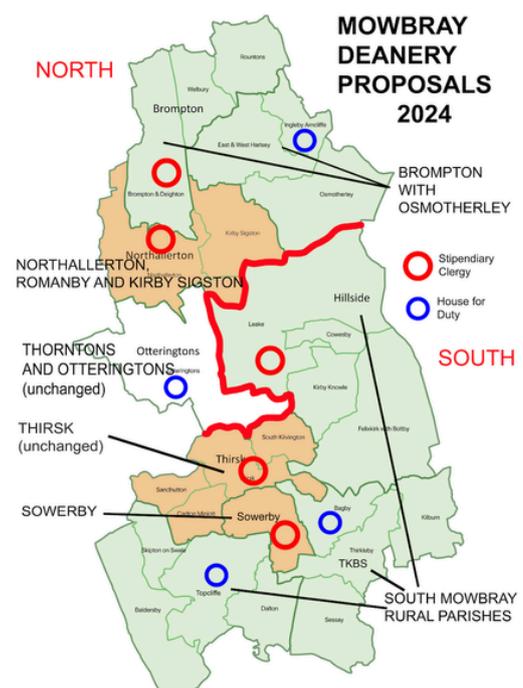
- Become more like Christ
- Reach people we currently don't
- Grow churches of missionary disciples
- Transform our finances and structures

Locally, our Deanery plan outlines how we are working together to achieve these goals. By collaborating more efficiently and effectively, we aim to help all churches flourish and remain sustainable.

To support this, we are implementing a pastoral reorganisation to transform our structures:

- Mission and ministry will be overseen by the North and South Ministry Enabling Teams.
- These teams are focused on sharing resources and workload across parish boundaries. For example, coordinating marriage preparation, sharing Advent and Lent courses, and gathering and equipping small group leaders across the area rather than by parish.
- We are also building ecumenical and community partnerships wherever possible.
- Both teams consist of stipendiary clergy and a diverse range of ordained and lay individuals, in both formal and informal positions.
- We are working towards the financial sustainability of all mission units in the Deanery and, as an area of relative affluence, aim to contribute financially to the Diocese.

The proposed reorganisation was approved in February 2026 and will come into affect over the next couple of months.



# Forming Vision for a new Benefice

The creation of this new benefice marks a significant moment in our common life. Having brought our parishes together under shared leadership, we now seek to grow into a clearer and more confident identity as one benefice serving many communities.

We are grateful for the faithfulness that has sustained church life in each parish. There is commitment, generosity and goodwill across our churches. Yet we are conscious that the next chapter will require intentional leadership if we are to flourish.

Under God, we long to see:

- Deeper spiritual formation across all ages
- Greater confidence in Scripture and prayer
- Stronger links with schools, families and new residents
- Lay leadership encouraged and released
- Collaboration across parish boundaries becoming normal practice
- Sustainable stewardship of buildings and finances

We recognise that many within our villages have little connection with church life. We do not seek novelty for its own sake, but faithful presence, thoughtful preaching, genuine hospitality and clear witness to the hope of Christ.

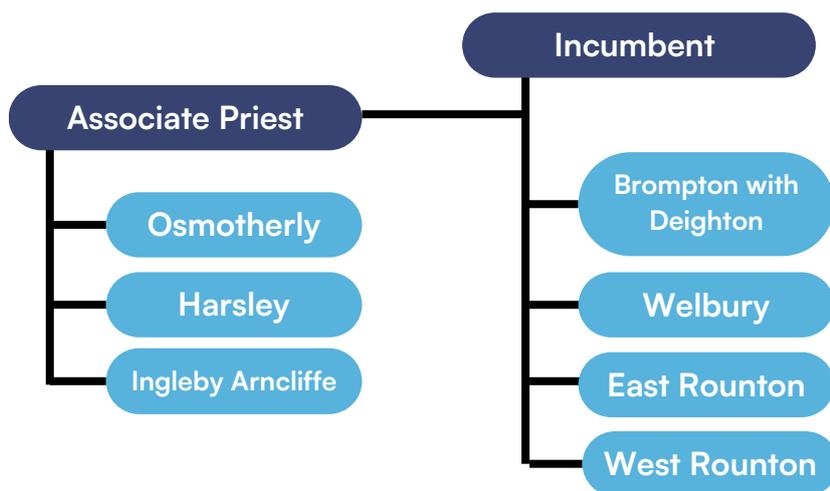
This is not simply a maintaining role, but an opportunity to help shape culture, nurture leadership and guide a newly formed benefice as it settles into this next chapter. We believe this is a moment of opportunity: the foundations are strong, there is goodwill across our parishes, and we are ready for leadership that is rooted in prayer, confident in the gospel, and committed to helping our churches flourish together.

# Governance

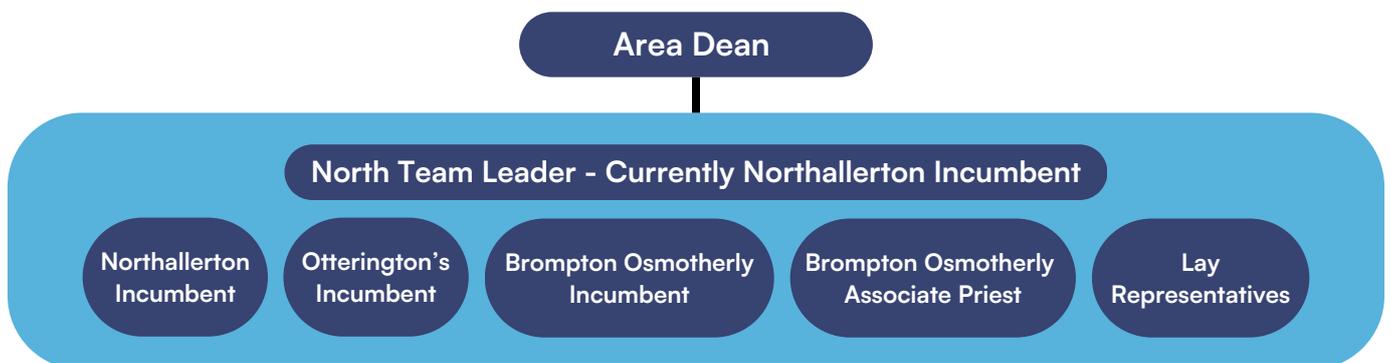
We believe that clear and accountable leadership is vitally important for the Church. This diagram below lays out how we envisage leadership responsibility will be divided out. While the Incumbent and Associate Priests will share in the day-to-day responsibilities of the parishes, each focusing on the churches in their area, the Incumbent will hold the legal responsibilities, and overall oversight for the parishes.

## Existing Day to Day Relationships

The existing relationships are mapped out below, we expect relationships and day to day responsibility to shift and develop as the new team is established.



## North Team Structure



# Northern Team

The Northern Ministry Enabling Team is an informal team ministry arrangement covering this half of the deanery. We work collaboratively, aiming to support and resource each other. Rather than duplicating work across our parishes, our aim with the deanery ministry teams is to enable each other to contribute from our strengths, trusting God's provision for the flourishing of ministry across the whole area from the contribution of the parts. This is in both ordained and lay ministry. We are praying for a colleague appointed to this post who will enthusiastically contribute to this team, and be supported and resourced by it.



Brompton Churches Easter Egg Hunt

# Naming a New Benefice

This appointment will be to a newly constituted Benefice, as part of the deanery reorganisation which has been approved by Church Commissioners this February. As part of the approval process for the pastoral scheme, a consultation is going to be happening with the PCCs of these parishes on their preferred name. This may change the name of the benefice from what is being advertised in this profile, but the consultation and any pastoral measure to change the name legally will be complete prior to licensing. We will be able to update at interview.



# Person Specification

We are seeking a Rector who will help us grow into our shared identity as a newly formed benefice and guide us with steady, prayerful leadership.

## Faith and Spiritual Life

- Rooted in prayer, Scripture and the sacramental life of the Church
- A thoughtful and engaging preacher
- Able to nurture deeper confidence in faith and understanding of the Bible
- Committed to spiritual growth across all ages

## Pastoral Ministry

- Approachable and visible within village life
- Values occasional offices as important moments of connection and mission
- Strengthens pastoral care across generations
- Encourages and supports lay pastoral ministry

## Leadership and Collaboration

- Builds unity while respecting the individuality of each parish
- Works well with the House for Duty Priest and clergy colleagues
- Chairs PCCs clearly and constructively
- Encourages trust, shared responsibility and healthy governance
- Contributes positively to the Northern Ministry Enabling Team

## Mission and Discipleship

- Encourages outward-facing ministry and relational evangelism
- Strengthens links with schools, families and newer residents
- Develops pathways for discipleship and spiritual formation
- Recognises and releases the gifts of lay people

## Stewardship and Sustainability

- Engages confidently with financial realities
- Encourages generous and faithful giving
- Works with PCCs to plan sustainably for ministry and buildings
- Holds together tradition and thoughtful development

# Housing

Housing provision for this post is based in the picturesque village of Brompton, North Yorkshire. Just a short walk from the church and village green. Set within a well-established residential area, it enjoys a peaceful setting with open countryside close by, while also benefiting from easy access to the market town of Northallerton. The Vicarage is presently the subject of renovation works to ensure it provides a comfortable and well-maintained home.

## Brompton Vicarage

