

# The Benefice of Walkingham Hill

The Parishes of  
Arkendale  
Copgrove  
Farnham  
Scotton  
Staveley

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## Letter from the Bishop of Ripon, Rev. Anna Eltringham

Thank you for your interest in the Benefice of Walkingham Hill. These five parishes are situated in a beautiful area of North Yorkshire, close to the cathedral city of Ripon and the busy towns of Harrogate and Knaresborough. Each village has its distinctive history and community life, and those living in the benefice experience both the closeness of a village community and easy access to wider facilities and educational, cultural and commercial opportunities.

This is an exciting time to be in the Diocese of Leeds. In 2024 the Diocese will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, marking its creation from the former dioceses of Ripon and Leeds, Bradford and Wakefield. There is a growing appreciation of the ways in which the breadth of vision and depth of resources of a large diocese can support the ministry of parishes in our various contexts. We are also embarking on the Barnabas programme, largely supported by central funding, to encourage and enable clergy and parishes to be confident in our mission, in our future, in our leadership and our witness. There is much more to be found on the diocesan website at [Barnabas](#).

I arrived in the Diocese last year and personally I have found an incredibly warm welcome, supportive colleagues and an enabling culture. There is a sense of 'youthfulness' in the structures which encourages creativity and innovation and is not hampered by deep seated tradition which can limit openness to change. Further, the unsettling journey of establishing a new organisation is now behind us. In the Ripon Episcopal Area, as is the case across the Diocese, clergy and ministers are deeply committed to mission and ministry and appreciate the collegiality they enjoy with one another, working together to overcome challenges, develop vision and implement plans. In my opinion, and based on my experience, this is a very positive and hopeful time for someone to consider joining the Diocese of Leeds (or moving within it).

There is considerable energy within the benefice of Walkingham Hill, and a wide spread of ages among those committed to the mission and ministry of the Church in this place at this time. There is a shared prayerfulness and deep spirituality amongst the congregations and a desire to work together to discern where God is leading them next. Although there are five parishes in a single benefice they are open about how to take this forward. They are looking for a new Rector who can pray and reflect with them and help them discover a renewed vision for God's mission in their local communities and in the life and worship of their churches. Your experience in ministry and elsewhere will inform how you lead all towards the Kingdom of God.

There are of course challenges, similar to those found among parish churches across the country. Each parish has a small population and there are many calls on the time and energies of regular attenders and there is a need to ensure the necessary efforts to look after the churches also really do enable them to live and grow, to worship and to serve. However, time during the vacancy has also been fruitful with some of the churches attracting new energy from local people who are beginning to find their home in their local church and the beginning of faith in God. There is great opportunity for nurturing new disciples and lay ministries.

The new incumbent will find a warm welcome, not only in the benefice but in the area deanery of Harrogate, where they will find friendly and encouraging fellowship. They will also have the support of the area team of archdeacon and area bishop and diocesan staff at Church House, who are all deeply committed to the care and development of clergy as well as the support of parishes more generally.

I hope that you will find in this brochure and other papers prepared by the benefice a sense of the opportunities for growth in your ministry and your own discipleship, and that you will be able to perceive whether you are being called to take further this process of discernment. If you wish to have an informal conversation with myself or the Archdeacon, we would be glad to hear from you.

With all good wishes and prayers,

*J Anne Ripon*

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# What we are hoping for from a new Rector

We hope in the following pages we will show that we are an enthusiastic benefice in a beautiful part of the country.

For most of the people in each community their parish church is a special feature of their village, whether they attend church or not, and a great deal of effort is put into maintaining the buildings in good order. However, we want to make the church a force for good in the wider community.

We have shown that we are resilient, having sustained ourselves through a number of interregnums but the church has hardly grown significantly in recent years. To accomplish growth, we need the inspiration and leadership of a rector to harness the latent energy, goodwill and support amongst us.

We hope you will be a familiar figure around the benefice, who will engage with other organisations and individuals of all ages. We are eager to welcome you and work with a new rector.

We would welcome someone who, above all, is able to lead and inspire with confidence, in the pulpit, in PCC meetings and within the villages in the benefice. We would like someone who will enjoy being a visible and approachable Christian presence in the villages.

We envisage that an inspirational leader will have the following attributes:

- Ability to spearhead the growth of the church community
- Be forward thinking - particularly to work with the PCC's to create a joint vision and plan to address "What we want our Benefice and churches to look like in 5 years' time"
- Confidence
- A good communicator
- Ability to bring to life the relevance of the Church to the wider community.
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Optimism
- Personable - able to relate to all
- A person of prayer
- Have a track record of seeing people come to and grow in the faith

With the skills to:

- Provide effective leadership, support and guidance to encourage spiritual growth
- Provide pastoral care with the help of a pastoral team
- Deliver reflective teachings which relate meaningfully to the everyday lives of all age groups
- Strengthen existing links with young families and maintain a rapport with children and young people
- Manage their time effectively across the benefice, balancing individual loyalties with practical coordination
- Utilise good IT and social media skills.

## Welcome

Welcome to our benefice brochure and thank you for taking the time to read it and more especially for thinking about applying to be our new rector.

We feel truly blessed to live in this part of Yorkshire. We are looking forward to welcoming a new incumbent to support, lead and equip us in the development of our mission, and walk with us on our Christian journey.

As a benefice family, we are proud of our fellowship, our churches, and our communities. We are really looking forward to welcoming the person God is calling here. Our hearts are open, and we are ready to try new things.

We have a warm and welcoming team of volunteers in each village who have been, and still are, engaging in God's work, with a common goal, during the interregnum. We are looking forward to having someone to support and guide us. We want to grow in our own faith, as well as find ways to share faith with our communities.

The challenge of managing five churches will be offset by the loving and enthusiastic communities who will work hard to support you.

The benefice of Walkingham Hill incorporates the best of both rural and provincial communities, enjoying a picturesque rural location but situated within convenient distance of established towns. We believe this is a special place to worship, work and live.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.



*Members of Benefice PCCs at Section 12 Meeting - photo courtesy of Bishop Anna*

## Information on the Diocese of Ripon

The Diocese of Leeds comprises five Episcopal Areas, each coterminous with an Archdeaconry. This is now one of the largest dioceses in the country and its creation is unprecedented in the history of the Church of England. It covers an area of around 2,425 square miles, and a population of around 2,642,400 people.

The three former dioceses were created in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to cater for massive population changes brought about by industrialisation and, later, mass immigration. The diocese comprises major cities (Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield), large industrial and post-industrial towns (Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury), a spa town (Harrogate), market towns (Skipton, Ripon, Richmond and Wetherby), and deeply rural areas (the Dales). The whole of life is here, along with all the richness, diversity and complexities of a changing world.

The Diocesan Bishop (The Rt Rev'd Nick Baines) is assisted by five Area Bishops (Bradford, Huddersfield, Kirkstall, Wakefield and Ripon) and five archdeacons (Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, Pontefract, Richmond & Craven). The Bishop of Ripon is the Rt Rev'd Anna Eltringham.

Our vision as the Diocese is about confident clergy equipping confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. For all of our appointments we are seeking clergy who have a joyful and confident faith which has inspired a track record of church growth, both numerically and spiritually.

# The Benefice of Walkingham Hill

The benefice of Walkingham Hill consists of five parish churches, St Bartholomew's Arkendale; St Michael and All Angels, Copgrove; St Oswald's, Farnham; St Thomas', Scotton and All Saints, Staveley. Some of them stand on land which has had a religious building on it for a thousand years and some are mentioned in the Domesday Book. In the past two centuries there have been various permutations of churches being grouped subsidiary to one another but now all are independent parishes. The hamlets of Ferrensby, Lingerfield and Clareton are part of the benefice too, although they do not have their own church buildings.

The benefice is located in North Yorkshire, approximately equidistant between Boroughbridge and Knaresborough (5 miles); between York and Leeds (25 miles) and with Ripon approximately 10 miles away. The A1M is about 5 miles away and the national railway network is easily accessed from Knaresborough or Harrogate. Leeds-Bradford airport is 25 miles away. The Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors are within easy driving distance.

Two primary schools are located within the benefice and secondary schools are in Boroughbridge, Knaresborough and Harrogate.

## People

The population of the benefice is estimated at about 1700 (2021 census) made up of long-established farming families; families with children attracted by good schools and easy commuting distances; and retired people coming for the village lifestyle. Although the benefice is in a rural setting and there is still a strong farming presence, most residents are no longer involved in agriculture but work in office-based roles in the larger towns.



*World famous Bettys Café Tea Rooms, Harrogate*

New demographics are emerging in the benefice of early retirees, moving here to be closer to elderly parents and young professionals working from home. These are groups available for the Christian community to embrace.

Data from the 2021 census has been compiled on a benefice-wide basis and is set out in detail at Appendix 4. A summary of the position is provided below, and comparisons are with the average for England.

It shows an age profile of young people being less than the England average and for older people higher than the average. Only 4.7% of the benefice were born outside the UK and 97.8% have white ethnicity. Across the benefice almost 60% identify as Christian, which is higher than the average for England at 46%.

Unemployment across the benefice is low at 1.3%, compared to the average for England at 3.5%. Economically inactive (retired) people account for 42% of those living in the benefice. Household deprivation is shown as being below the average for England when looking at two or more dimensions of deprivation but higher than average when looking at just one measure.

### **Benefice Shared Resources**

The churches share the services of two readers and four organists.

On every fifth Sunday that occurs in a month a benefice service is held which is an opportunity to bring together all congregations.

A single safeguarding officer services the whole benefice, though this is recognised as being too large a job for a single person. Steps are being taken to engage dispersed responsibilities for safeguarding in the parishes. Good progress in safeguarding compliance has been made in some areas with work continuing in others.

### **100 Club**

Residents of all parishes participate in a '100 Club', established specifically to raise funds to assist in paying parish shares. In 2022, the 100 Club had income of £6,890 and paid out prizes of £2,100. £4,770 was shared among the parishes in relation to the number of entrants from each village. This has been an important source of income for many years and it is something that we would like to be able to expand in the future.

### **Benefice Treasurer and Clergy Account**

The role of the benefice treasurer is to look after the Clergy Account. In 2022 the net income was £2,728, derived from sales of the benefice magazine (see below) and associated advertising income. The account is used to pay clergy expenses, costs of services and gifts to the organists. Recently those costs have totaled between £2,400 and £2,100 per annum. The benefice bank account had a balance of £4,778 at the end of 2022. This is entirely separate from each church's bank accounts.

### **Shared Outreach and Mission**

'Little Fishes', a benefice-wide group for toddlers and carers, runs every Friday in Scotton and a youth group for high-school-age children, run in conjunction with Knaresborough and Great Ouseburn neighbouring parishes, operates on Wednesday evenings in term time. Progress made in these areas of outreach a decade ago has largely not been maintained, partly due to demographic evolution. The embryos are still around, ripe for revival, however.



*RHS Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate*

A weekly Christian discussion group and bible groups also meet throughout the year with special gatherings, for example daily worship for Lent. A confidential prayer network operates in the benefice and beneficiaries are grateful for the prayers offered. A successful monthly film group has been run, learning about Jesus and his teachings through film and discussion.

Communication among the churches and with the wider community is maintained through a benefice magazine *The Link* (10 issues per year, circulation 300), edited by a group of cross-benefice volunteers. During the interregnum the pastoral letter, customarily written by the rector, is being written by members of the congregations and contributions are lined up as far ahead as 2024. Efforts are underway to expand the magazine's circulation. Social media platforms are used within parishes. The benefice is keen to extend its use of technology in its ministry, but at a pace which does not leave behind those who do not have access to it.

Each parish has a strong sense of its distinct character and its community loyalty, as will be seen in the coming pages, but all are keen to work together to grow the church in the benefice. During covid all parishes supported their own communities, reinforcing a sense of security within them, but some residents are still reluctant to venture to larger events outside their home village.

## Financial Data

Data for the combined benefice is set out at Appendix 6 but below is a summary of key points.

The benefice has paid in full its allocated parish share and has done so for many years. In 2022 this was £40,103.



*The Yorkshire Dales*

The financial position shows that across the five churches a general fund reserve balance of some £68,000 is held and that restricted funds (fabric funds) have reserves totalling £175,000 available for major repairs.

Regular giving across the benefice was £35,000 and general fundraising some £28,000, reflecting the very significant effort which goes into fundraising events. Like many rural benefices, and with five ancient buildings to maintain, finances are an issue, so

fundraising has to be a priority. However, the events involve the wider community as both helpers and participants and create community spirit in the villages.

Across the benefice all churches had a surplus, except one which had a small deficit.

# Arkendale

## Village

Arkendale parish has a population of 463 and is surrounded by farmland and countryside. The village consists of the church, local pub and approximately 110 houses. A modern community hall hosts many events including community coffee mornings, zumba, pilates and yoga, WI, parish council meetings, cinema evenings, farm women's club and a wine club. Ferrensby has a pub/restaurant and Clareton is a small hamlet. Young children go to the local schools either in Staveley or Marton-cum-Grafton (C of E affiliated) or further afield in Harrogate.

The farming community of the benefice is centred on Arkendale with four farms in its remit. There are excellent commuting opportunities for other residents to work in Harrogate, York, Leeds, or further afield but many now work partly from home. A good proportion of residents are retired. There is a local bus service linking Arkendale to Boroughbridge and Knaresborough with a less frequent service via Ferrensby.

Recently there has been a boom in younger families coming to the village bringing requests to be baptised in the Church. Four have taken place in the last year.

## St Bartholomew's Church

The church stands at the centre of Arkendale village, but the parish also incorporates the villages of Clareton and Ferrensby.

The Church as you see it now was built in 1836 and sits on the site of a previous chapel dating back to 1393. Records from the archives show St Bartholomew's existed in 1547. The exterior with its pitched slate roof and white brick walls with a square tower remain today. Interestingly, it was the first church to be consecrated in the then new Diocese of Ripon, in January 1837.

The building is in good condition. There are no toilet or kitchen facilities but we use the community hall for events. Refreshments are provided for many services.

The church can hold up to 110 people. Today it has a small but loyal congregation who can attend two regular services a month. There are several special services throughout the year. The numbers swell almost to fill the church for more popular services such as crib service, harvest festival or carol service.

We have tried to become more welcoming to children with family services, an activity area and family friendly community events. We support the Harrogate homeless project with a



*St Bartholomew's  
Coronation decorations*

collection point in the church. Church members and the community take care of each other when in need of help providing support for hospital visits or for parishioners in care homes.



*Arkendale Cemetery hedge planting*

Hedge planting in the churchyard and the creation of two coronation kneelers (using craft materials which might have ended up in landfill) are among recently completed church-led community projects, as well as the platinum jubilee clock restoration project, one of our proudest achievements in recent years, which saw us receive national news coverage on the BBC.

Social activities such as our big quiz night, summer celebration garden party, harvest lunch and Christmas wreath making bring

together the wider community and are a good means of fundraising. During covid the church offered a food take-away service at events so that those unable to attend in person felt included. This brought positive feedback.

## **PCC**

The current PCC consists of one churchwarden, a treasurer and five PCC members, also two ex-officio lay readers. The PCC has the support of many volunteers in the village; the grass and hedge cutters, flower arrangers and cleaners, plus many who help at events.

The church is at the heart of the villages it serves and it is hoped we can grow that involvement in years to come.



*St Bartholomew's clock restoration*

# Copgrove

## Village

Copgrove is a quiet, attractive hamlet. Its Domesday entry lists it as having seven householders and seven villagers. It is somewhat larger today with a population 137, of all age groups, including children.

## St Michael and All Angels' Church

Copgrove church is a small, intimate and peaceful building dating back to the 1700s. Visitors often come to see the Sheela-na-gig stone which depicts the Celtic goddess of creation and destruction. It benefits from excellent sound and lighting systems. Both building and churchyard are well maintained, and the graveyard is open. Unfortunately, facilities such as water, kitchen and toilet are not available.



*St Michael and All Angels' Church, Copgrove*

There are two services per month which is appropriate for the size of the community. Congregations are small but bolstered by worshippers from other parishes. Visitors to services and the church building are always made very welcome, with refreshments after services.

## PCC

The PCC is made up of two churchwardens, a treasurer, secretary and three other members. Both churchwardens are very experienced and trained to lead services. St Michael's and All Angels has paid its full share for many years.

For the future, Copgrove would like to see more integration with the benefice, larger congregations and more people engaged in running the church.



*Copgrove church window*

# Farnham

## Village

Farnham is a small and attractive village in a designated conservation area. It is set in farmland and has Farnham Mires, an area of Special Scientific Interest.

With a population of about 210, mostly over the age of 40, children go to school in Scotton & Lingerfield primary school and to secondary school in Harrogate, Ripon or Boroughbridge. Nearby amenities include a sailing club, and a ski club.

The village has no pub or other communal venue, so the church functions as the only hub for the community. It has been adapted for such events with kitchen and toilet facilities.

## St Oswald's Church

The church is a Grade 1 listed building with a Norman chancel. An earlier church was recorded in The Domesday Book. The congregation size has remained remarkably constant over the last two decades. It hosts a thriving bible study group which meets weekly and attracts members from the rest of the benefice.

## PCC

In the past eighteen months an innovative way to share out churchwarden and administrative roles has been developed, with a treasurer, a church administrator, a group for social events and fundraising, a group responsible for maintenance and buildings and a group of service volunteers. The leads for all these groups report to the PCC. This structure seems to have the potential to be more sustainable and inclusive than the traditional team of church officers.



*St Oswald's Church, Farnham*



*Farnham green*

Although it is early days, there have been notable successes: a large group of villagers, many of whom have previously not had links with the church, are now involved together in supporting it; there have been far more social events; the new treasurer has computerised the accounts, making it much easier to produce end of year accounts. Events organised by the social events and fundraising group have included coffee and cake afternoons, an annual quiz night, children's Christmas tree decoration and wreath making, and a Burns' night supper, which have raised money for the church (£4,713 in 2022). As a result, the church has had no difficulty in paying its Diocesan share and plans to raise some funds in the future for charities.

As events have been well received by the village, Farnham parish plans to continue with an exciting event and fundraising programme which brings residents together at key moments through the year, providing wider benefits to the community, cementing the place of the church within the village, offering continued opportunities to build relationships and thus, it is hoped, attracting people into the life of the church.



*Farnham coffee morning*

# Scotton

## Village

The village of Scotton is located just over a mile from Knaresborough and is approximately 1 mile long and ½ a mile wide, surrounded by lovely countryside and the beautiful Nidd Gorge on the west side of the village.

Scotton was first mentioned (as 'Scotone') in the Domesday Book and was a farming community for several centuries. Guy Fawkes lived in the village with his mother and stepfather around 1592 and his sisters were married in Farnham church. Traditionally, the Guy is not burned at the annual bonfire night celebrations.

Housing is mainly detached, owner-occupied, including some bungalows, with a small proportion of low-cost housing. Including the hamlet of Lingerfield, there now number around 325 dwellings. People work in local towns, further afield or from home and the population is a mix of professional, managerial, tradespeople and retired residents.



*St Thomas' Church, Scotton*

We have a number of amenities in the village. The village hall was built by the village in the early 1970s and has recently been refurbished. It is very well used hosting a variety of activities. There is a village green opposite the hall with a children's play area. Grass football pitches and amenities are at Percy Fields near the primary school, and there is a well-supported cricket club. Scotton-Lingerfield Primary School and a children's nursery are at one end of the village. There are two popular holiday caravan parks in the village, and a thriving public house, with a good restaurant.

The village hosts a popular family event, the Scotton Feast, each July and a bonfire night celebration in November. The village hall is the venue for other entertainments throughout the year.

The school children are included in church events and fundraising activities, and use the church for some of their special services.

## St Thomas' Church

The church was built by villagers at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and consecrated in 1889, as a chapel of ease for Farnham. It is not listed. The beautiful East window was donated in 1995 in memory of the Thackery family. The graveyard is closed, but a peaceful 'Garden of Rest' is in use within the churchyard for cremated remains.

St Thomas' is a warm and welcoming parish church, with a small but caring congregation. Refreshments are served after services. Children are especially welcomed at the village

service with activities arranged for them. The ambition is to build the numbers of regular attendees as life gets back to normal following the covid pandemic.

## **PCC**

The PCC is made up of 2 Church wardens, treasurer, secretary (currently covered by Staveley secretary), and four other members. One PCC member currently leads the monthly village service. St Thomas' has struggled in some years to pay its full share, but this has been paid in full for these last two years and we aim to continue to do this in the future.

## **Churches together in Scotton**

There has been a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with Methodist friends from the local chapel over many decades, including a monthly service which alternated between the church and the chapel. In the last few years, exacerbated by the pandemic, this close working has declined, and both congregations are eager to support each other again.

There is a joint coffee morning held on the first Saturday of the month in the community hall, which is very successful with villagers. The Remembrance service each year is joint and where possible both organisations support each other's fundraising events.

The benefice baby and toddler group, 'Little Fishes', has been taking place during term time within the church for a few years. This well supported activity currently has families attending from Scotton, but will move to the much more suitable location of the community hall later in the year. It is hoped that these improved facilities will encourage other families from within the benefice to join.

Gifts of produce from the harvest service are donated to local charities, and donations are collected for the Knaresborough food bank. A door-to-door collection has taken place annually for the Royal British Legion, and for many years Christian Aid week in May has been supported with a 'Soup Lunch'.

The church is currently open at the weekends for villagers and visitors to sit quietly, pray or just find a space for deeper thought. Churchwardens who will open the church at other times for anyone wishing to enter the building. Volunteers keep the church and its surroundings looking welcoming, provide flowers and refreshments following services.



*St Thomas' Church window*



*St Thomas' Church interior*

# Staveley

## Village

Staveley is a picturesque village, much of it designated a conservation area. According to visitors and new arrivals it is a friendly and sociable village where you are sure to meet with locals running or dog walking. It is surrounded by working farms but the majority of residents commute to larger towns nearby.

In addition to the church, there is a village hall, well used by clubs, for meetings and parties; two village greens and a sports field. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust manages a nature reserve at the east end of the village. The highly rated primary school attracts families with children to the village and provides an informal place for socialising at its gates. The pub is a 'proper' country pub serving meals.

Staveley Ladies was formed about 40 years ago as a social group for women and, long before social networks began, created an informal communications system for information dissemination and getting things done. Today they can be relied upon to support church fundraising activities enthusiastically.

## All Saints' Church

All Saints' church has stood at the western end of Staveley village since the 13th century. The present building dates from 1862 and its spire is a prominent feature of its skyline. It is Grade II listed and boasts two Capronnier windows. The church is well maintained by rotas of helpers keeping the graveyard neat and tidy, brasses polished and flower arrangements fresh. An impressive set of hassocks was worked entirely by village residents. The arrival of covid put a temporary hold on plans to install a toilet and kitchen and to rearrange some fixtures to provide more flexible space.



*Staveley village*

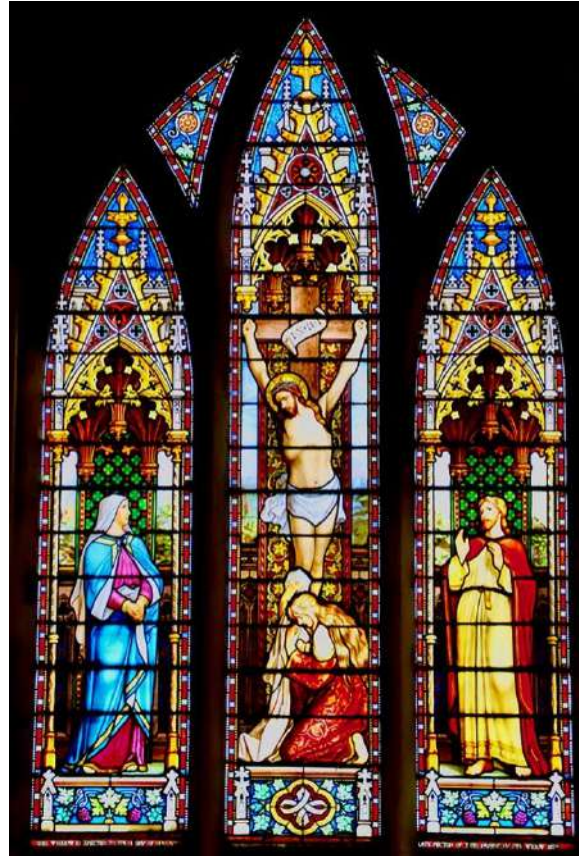
Congregations are small and predominantly of retirement age, but swell for the customary festive services, a highlight amongst which is the beautiful Christingle service shortly before Christmas.

## PCC

The PCC consists of one churchwarden, a treasurer, a secretary and two other members. Fundraising is well supported by village residents, both in attendance and in staffing stalls and putting up gazebos. More events took place before covid and so far the Christmas fair, Easter fair, summer garden party and harvest supper have been reinstated. Full Share has been paid for many years.

Staveley parish lead an initiative across the benefice called 'Open the Book', enacting bible stories in the two schools in the benefice and one outside the benefice. This ceased during covid but the schools have already enquired about the team returning.

The church is integral to village life in Staveley.



*All Saints' Church, Capronnier window*

# APPENDIX 1

## The Rectory

The Rectory is located in Staveley opposite All Saints' Church. A four bedroomed family house, built in the former grounds of a Georgian Rectory. The gardens on three sides, with southerly aspects, are largely set to lawn and fruit trees.

Rooms have lovely views over open countryside.



It comprises:

- Entrance hall, study, dining room, large lounge
- cloakroom/toilet
- kitchen + utility
- 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- family bathroom
- double garage and patio
- parking areas
- gas central heating



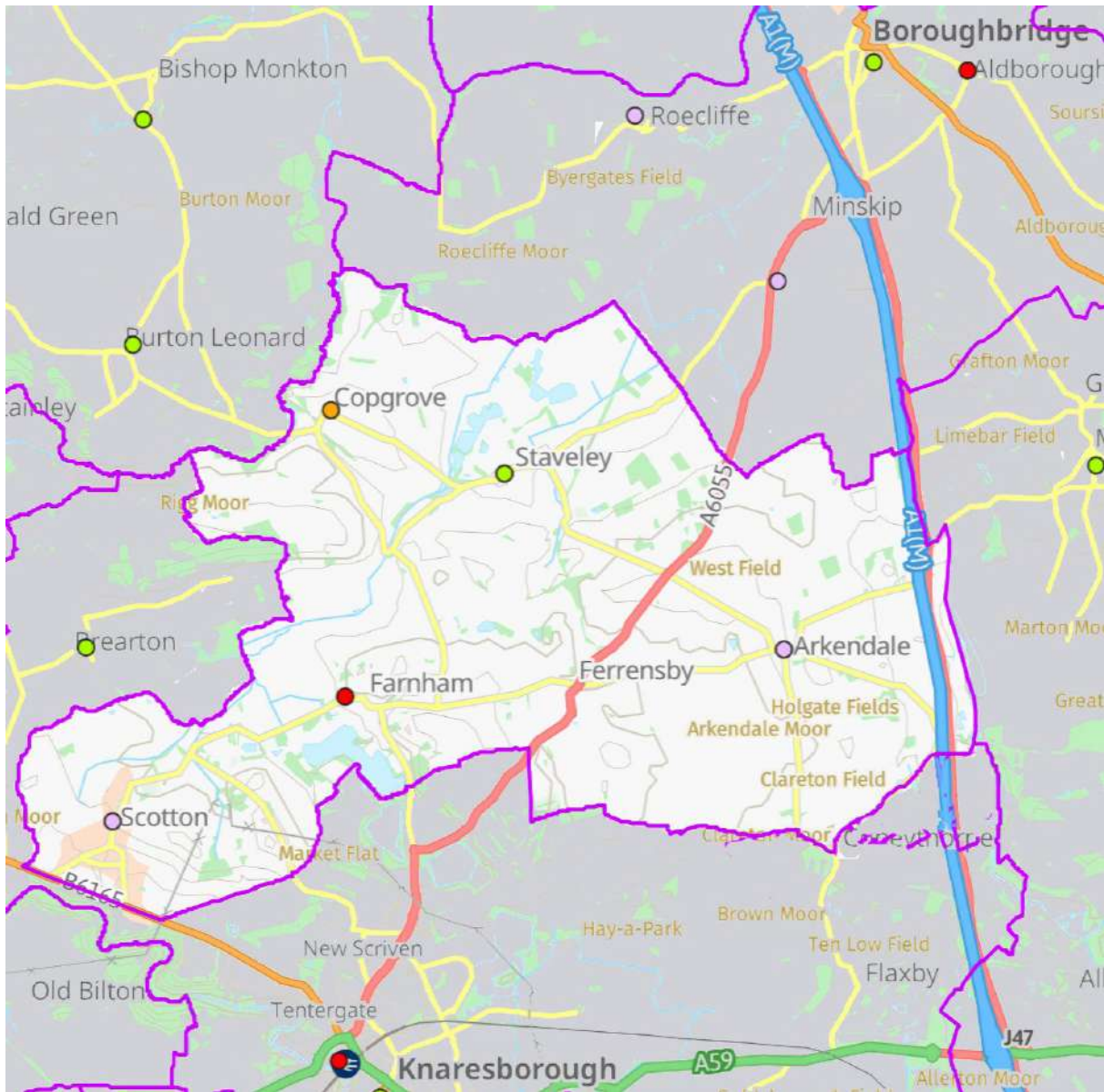
## APPENDIX 2

### Sample Service Rota: Sunday Services March 2023

DATE & DAY	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	MINISTER	BANNS
5 <sup>th</sup> March <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Scotton	Holy Communion	CR	
	9.30am	Arkendale	Village Service	SS/BS	
	11.00am	Copgrove	Holy Communion	CR	
12 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lent 3</i>	9.30am	Staveley	Holy Communion	CR	
	11.00am	Farnham	Village Service	CR	
19 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Arkendale	Holy Communion	CR	
	9.30am	Scotton	Village Service	Stephen Brierley	
	11.00am	Copgrove	Village praise	Charlie Francis	
26 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lent 5</i>	9.30am	Staveley	Village Service	CR	
	11.00am	Farnham	Holy Communion	CR	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am	Arkendale	Village Service	SS/BS	
	9.30am	Scotton	Holy Communion	CR	
	11.00am	Copgrove	Holy Communion	CR	

# APPENDIX 3

## Map of the Benefice



*Benefice of Walkingham Hill*

# Walkingham Hill Benefice in numbers

## APPENDIX 4

### Census Data

Office for National Statistics **census 2021**

#### Walkingham Hill



#### Population

**1,700**  
people

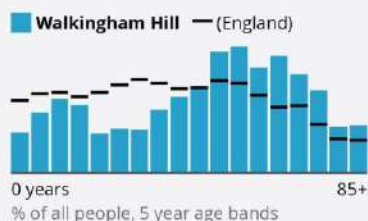
**56,490,000** people in England  
Rounded to the nearest 100 people

#### Number of households

**750**  
households

**23,436,100** households in England  
Rounded to the nearest 10 households  
(nearest 100 for England)

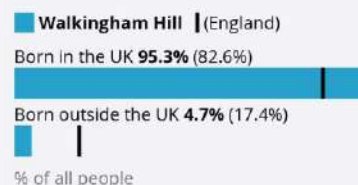
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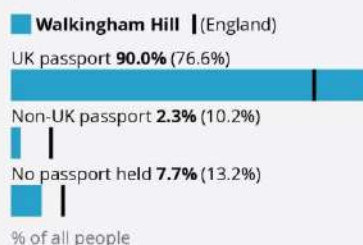
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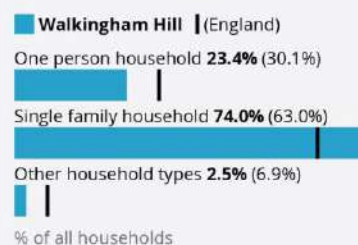
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#### Household size

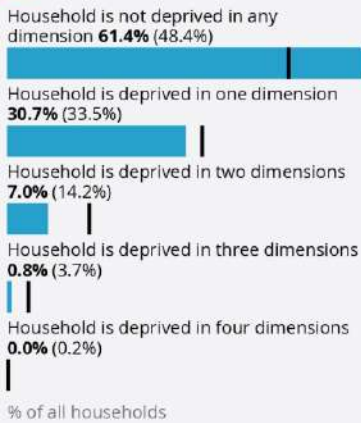


#### Household composition



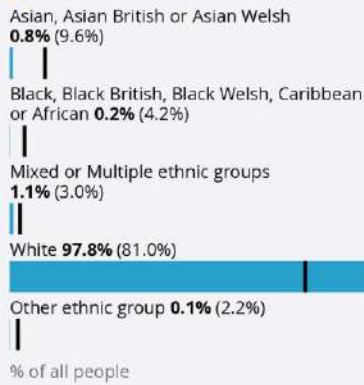
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Walkingham Hill (England)



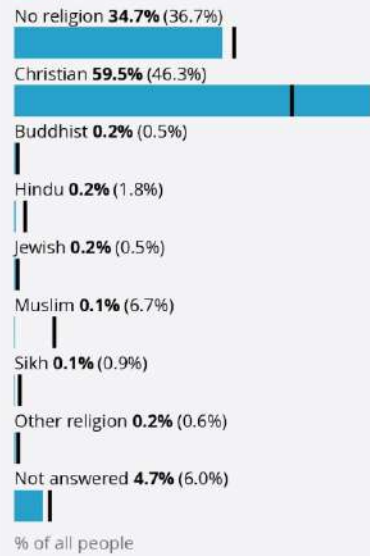
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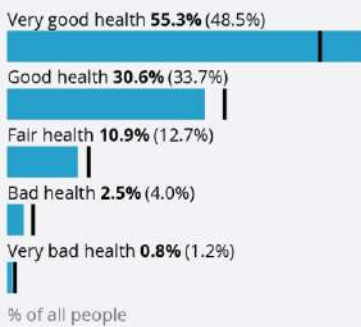
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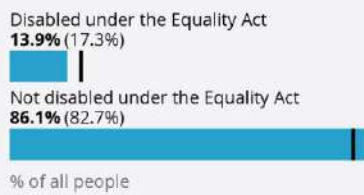
## General health

Walkingham Hill (England)



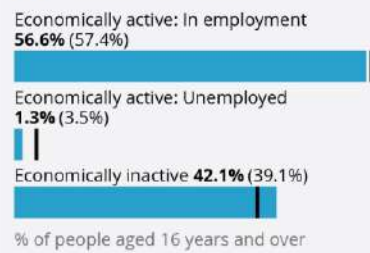
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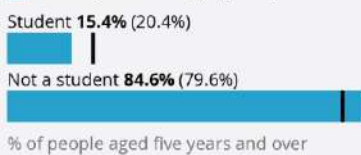
## Economic activity status

Walkingham Hill (England)



## Schoolchildren and full-time students

Walkingham Hill (England)



# APPENDIX 5

## Christian Community Statistics

Church	Arkendale	Copgrove	Farnham	Scotton	Staveley	Total
<b>No. on Electoral Role 2022</b>	33	6	29	23	32	123
<i>Average congregation</i>				9		
<b>Village services - 2022</b>	14	10		9	15	
<b>Village services - last 12 Months</b>	14	9.5	15	9	17	
<b>Holy Communion - 2022</b>	13	10		9	14	
<b>Holy Communion - last 12 Months</b>	13	11	12	9	10	
<b>Christmas Services 2022, Carols, Christingle, Christmas Day</b>	108	68	82	61	138	
<i>Occasional Offices</i>						
<b>Baptisms - 2022</b>	1	0	Tbc	1	1	
<b>Baptisms - last 12 Months</b>	4	0	0	1	1	
<b>Weddings - 2022</b>	0	0	Tbc	0	0	
<b>Weddings - last 12 Months</b>	1	0	3	0	0	
<b>Funerals - 2022</b>	2	1	Tbc	1	3	
<b>Funerals - last 12 Months</b>	0	2	2	1	2	

# APPENDIX 6

## Benefice Financial Data

Church	Arkendale	Copgrove	Farnham	Scotton	Staveley	Benefice Total
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>26,885</b>	<b>9,653</b>	<b>24,991</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>18,276</b>	<b>91,041</b>
General fund	19,885	9,313	23,619	11,135	17,034	80,986
Restricted funds	7,000	340	1,372	101	1,242	10,055
<b>Annual Expenditure</b>	<b>23,277</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>16,073</b>	<b>9,121</b>	<b>17,412</b>	<b>72,312</b>
General Fund	16,277	6,429	16,073	9,121	17,412	65,312
Restricted Fund	7,000	0	0	0	0	7,000
<b>General Fund surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>3,608</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>7,545</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>-378</b>	<b>15,673</b>
<b>Restricted Fund surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>2,715</b>
<b>Sources of Income</b>						
Regular Giving and church plate	5,377	6,500	13,290	6,462	4,070	35,699
Tax Recovered from Gift Aid	1,973	0	770	1,642	1,541	5,926
Income from Investments- general fund	0	0	0	0	78	78
Income from Investments - restricted fund	0	340	1,372	101	449	2,262
Fee Income	1,268	450	3,998	342	2,285	8,343
General Fund raising	13,267	1,070	4,713	2,688	7,142	28,880
Other voluntary receipts	5,000		847		1,918	7,765
Parish Share	8,876	4,000	8,734	5,940	12,553	40,103
Paid	8,876	4,000	8,734	5,940	12,553	40,103
Historic Unpaid share	0	0	0	9,616	0	9,616
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>10,225</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>20,952</b>	<b>12,382</b>	<b>19,535</b>	<b>69,679</b>
<b>Restricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,177</b>	<b>83,134</b>	<b>7,810</b>	<b>44,426</b>	<b>175,547</b>
Parish Share as % of Unrestricted Income	44%	43%	36%	53%	73%	
Parish Share as % of Expenditure	54%	62%	54%	65%	72%	
Parish Share as % of Regular Giving	165%	61%	65%	92%	308%	