

Welcome to the East Trent Churches



The East Trent Benefice Statement

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Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham**

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Welcome to our Diocese



The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham incorporates the City of Nottingham, the whole County of Nottinghamshire and five parishes in South Yorkshire. The population is 1.15 million – 51% live in the greater Nottingham conurbation, 31% in ex-mining areas and 18% in rural. There are 305 churches (252 parishes), served by 142 stipendiary clergy and licensed lay workers.

In 2024 we launched our refreshed vision of Living Hope for the city, towns and villages in Nottinghamshire and beyond. We believe the presence of thriving, growing churches across the diocese is vital for people to discover Living Hope and make the best decision anyone could ever make for their lives – to become a disciple of

Jesus Christ. To enable this vision we are committed to our mission of Growing disciples of Christ with compassion, confidence and courage. To support both parishes and the diocese in this we have identified 7 areas of focus: inspiring worship, reaching younger, enhancing diversity, growing leaders, enabling commitment, encouraging generosity and nurturing prayer. This vision is set out in more detail on our website.

It is my hope that each worshipping community in the diocese will develop a compelling picture of its own future in God's purposes with an expectation of growing numerically and in the scope of its mission. It is my prayer that the new Priest-in-Charge of the East Trent Benefice will have the creative leadership and imagination to develop discipleship, plan for growth and reach out to the unchurched of all ages in its locality.

As you consider the role of Priest-in-Charge of the East Trent Benefice, may I encourage you to take time to look over and reflect on our diocesan vision as part of your discernment as to whether God is calling you to be part of this diocese at this exciting time.

I look forward to welcoming the new Priest-in-Charge to join us on this faith-filled journey.

Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham

'We find ourselves at a crucial moment for the church in relation to a changing culture. The good news of Jesus Christ is as important and life-giving as it has ever been. There are many opportunities to serve the people of the East Trent communities with the gospel of hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is a transformational change appointment (TCA) (designated as interim incumbency post offered under section 29 (1) (j) and (7D) of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of service) Regulations 2009 as amended) reflecting the missional opportunities that are present. Initially this post is therefore for three years with the possibility and intention of extending for a further three years, following which time, the post could be made permanent.



The benefice is looking to grow the churches and make the most of the many opportunities there are to welcome more of the community into the worshipping life of the churches. The new Priest-in-Charge will have an important role in growing and developing leaders as well as encouraging generosity.

*I look forward to supporting the congregations in their mission and welcoming a new Priest-in-Charge to lead and implement the vision for the parishes. **The Venerable Tors Ramsey, Archdeacon of Newark'***

What we are looking for

What we are looking for in our priest:

- A person with a deep personal faith who will bring fresh energy, enthusiasm, and engagement to our parishes.
- We want to work with our new priest to develop a sustainable pattern of services that focus on growing disciples which can be delivered by ordained and lay people.
- Someone who has experience and aptitude for strategic leadership – especially for vision and implementing plans for growth.
- A priest who is willing to lead in creative approaches to ministry in the rural context and continue support for the Anglican/Methodist Covenant in Collingham.
- Someone who will help us to extend our outreach activities, especially for children, young people and young adults.
- Someone with a deep understanding of the importance of Safeguarding in our community.
- Someone who is comfortable with the concept of lay leadership and a delegated structure and has the capacity to encourage and enable our lay ministry to develop to a deeper level.
- A person who is part of our community and visible in our villages – who takes part in local activities, events, and celebrations.
- Someone who is confident, enthusiastic and joyous – who engages with all ages and all backgrounds across our parishes.
- Someone who can work with creativity, imagination, passion and adaptability.
- Someone who will care for us and allow us to care for them.

What we can offer:

- A strong group of parishes that work well together to provide Christian ministry and are supported by enthusiastic and engaged lay teams, with experienced churchwardens and excellent Safeguarding officers.
- Life at the heart of a beautiful group of villages, history and thriving communities, with good schools, activities and facilities.
- A brilliant opportunity to help shape the future of our parishes and engage with the full cross-section of our community.
- Welcome and support from very hospitable and welcoming congregations.
- Stunning and historic church buildings, in beautiful settings.
- The support of retired clergy and a paid administrator.

This post is an interim Priest-in-charge post offered under Regulation 29(1)(j)& (7D) of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 as amended. As a result, before the end of the first three years there would be a review involving the postholder, PCC and diocese to assess progress against the priorities outlined in the person specification section of the profile. This review could lead to a further extension of up to three years. The post could be made permanent after the maximum six-year period.

Vision, Priorities & Actions

The Vision for the Benefice

Our vision is to live out our Christian faith across the Benefice, to grow in numbers and depth. To become a more cohesive Benefice with sensitivity to the distinctive character of each church

Priorities

- Assessing all our services with a view to attracting new worshippers through the offering of inspiring worship.
- Establish a new contemporary worshipping community in the Benefice where families and children can be disciplined.
- Grow leaders by attracting 'new generation' support in our PCCs, churchwardens and the ministry team who assist in services.
- Grow in generosity to resource the benefice's mission and ministry including parish share in line with the trajectory.
- Upholding our safeguarding strategy to the highest standards.
- Continuing our work of ensuring our presence in our Benefice.

Actions

- Create more variety in our services, led by both clergy and lay people.
- Increase services for special occasions and festivals both inside and outside our buildings and focus on Benefice wide occasions.
- Increase services with a focus for young people and children.
- Invite people 'on the fringes' to encourage them to join our PCCs, become churchwardens or participate in services.
- Make use of the 'spiritual' opportunities which occur with the occasional offices.
- Continue the excellent Safeguarding training record for all our PCCs.
- Improve our online presence.



**Refuge from the floods,
Girton**

**Armistice Day,
Winthorpe**



Worship

There is a range of traditions in the Benefice. In general, most of the Benefice congregations are open to change and experiment but also appreciate their traditional forms of worship. Some people move around the Benefice to worship. It is felt more important to maintain presence in each community than to limit services to a central Eucharist.

Both old and new forms of service are used - both Common Worship and BCP are used for Holy Communion and Morning & Evening Worship. New English Hymnal, Hymns Ancient & Modern and Hymns Old and New are used across the Benefice.

Sunday Services

The service rota is prepared on a three monthly basis by the Prayer and Worship Group for agreement with the clergy.

Average attendance in Collingham is 20-30, other churches 5-20 depending on the number of people travelling from other churches. Group services can have an attendance of 50+.

Weekday Services

Holy Communion services are held in various parts of the Benefice during the week.

Online and Zoom

A Zoom Evening Prayer service has been running for a number of years and during the Covid lockdown, worship was maintained to a high level with Holy Communion services filmed in each of our churches, when permitted, and broadcast to everyone. More Zoom services and meetings from the Rectory also kept everyone connected and cared for.

We may look to increase our online presence and Zoom services, to provide Church for people in our communities who may have mobility issues.



Barton Chapel, Holme



Wedding at Collingham



Clifton Reredos



Children's Easter Gardens, Besthorpe



Covid Service, Holme



Advent Carols, Thorney

Home services

We want to maintain the gift of home delivered Holy Communion services which is much appreciated by those unable to visit our churches.

Family Services

A variety of family friendly services and activities take place across the Benefice to celebrate Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest, Christmas Carol services, Christmas Nativities and Christingles plus a monthly Joyful Noise service. Individual churches are trying a number of approaches to attract more young families to enjoy worship and feel a part of the church community.

Taize

We have had Taize services and use Taize chants in a number of our churches.

Music

We have two regular organists who are able to play across the Benefice. Collingham has a paid part time organist who co-ordinates musical activity across the Benefice. For special services a choir is formed from volunteers from across the Benefice. The Music Group plays for Joyful Noise and for Christmas Carol Services across the Benefice. Five churches have ringable bells. There are bell ringers who regularly ring and train other ringers.

Ecumenical Relationships

The major opportunities for formal ecumenical relationships are in Collingham. However, people of various denominations attend the Anglican churches in the Benefice and serve on committees. Since January 2011 Collingham Parish is in Covenant with the Methodist Church. The Rector and three Collingham PCC members serve on Churches Together in Collingham. Joint ecumenical services are held for Christian Aid, Christian Unity, Remembrance Sunday and Bible Sunday. In Lent there are a series of joint study groups.

The Rector and two Collingham PCC members are on the committee of the Fleet magazine which covers Collingham and the United Parish of S. Scarle, Girton and Besthorpe. It has both church and secular content. There are other community magazines throughout the Benefice, all with Church content. There is a Roman Catholic position on the Churches Together committee which is currently vacant. Collingham Methodists and those in the South of the Benefice are part of the Newark Circuit, while Methodists in the North of the Benefice are part of Lincoln circuit. There is a history of informal working together.

We want to work with our new priest to develop a sustainable pattern of services that will focus on growing disciples and which can be delivered by the ordained and lay people of the group.

Work of Church across the Benefice

The work of Church across the East Trent is not confined to our buildings and work in our communities is seen as central to our mission.

The engagement of the communities around our churches is achieved in many varied and innovative ways – the blessing of tractors for a Tractor Run, Hymns and Pimms in a beautiful garden, various outdoor services - with and without animals! Carols under the Stars and on the Green, as well as a wide range of Lent Lunches, Strawberry Teas, May Fair, Fetes, Film Nights, Concerts, Plant Sales, Raffles and Tombolas etc.

Many of our churches provide children focused services and activities for Christingle, Harvest, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

We have enjoyed “Beating the Bounds” - the combination of prayer, discussion, companionship and refreshments, including faith lunches, while walking with people from around our Benefice over several days and praying in every church.

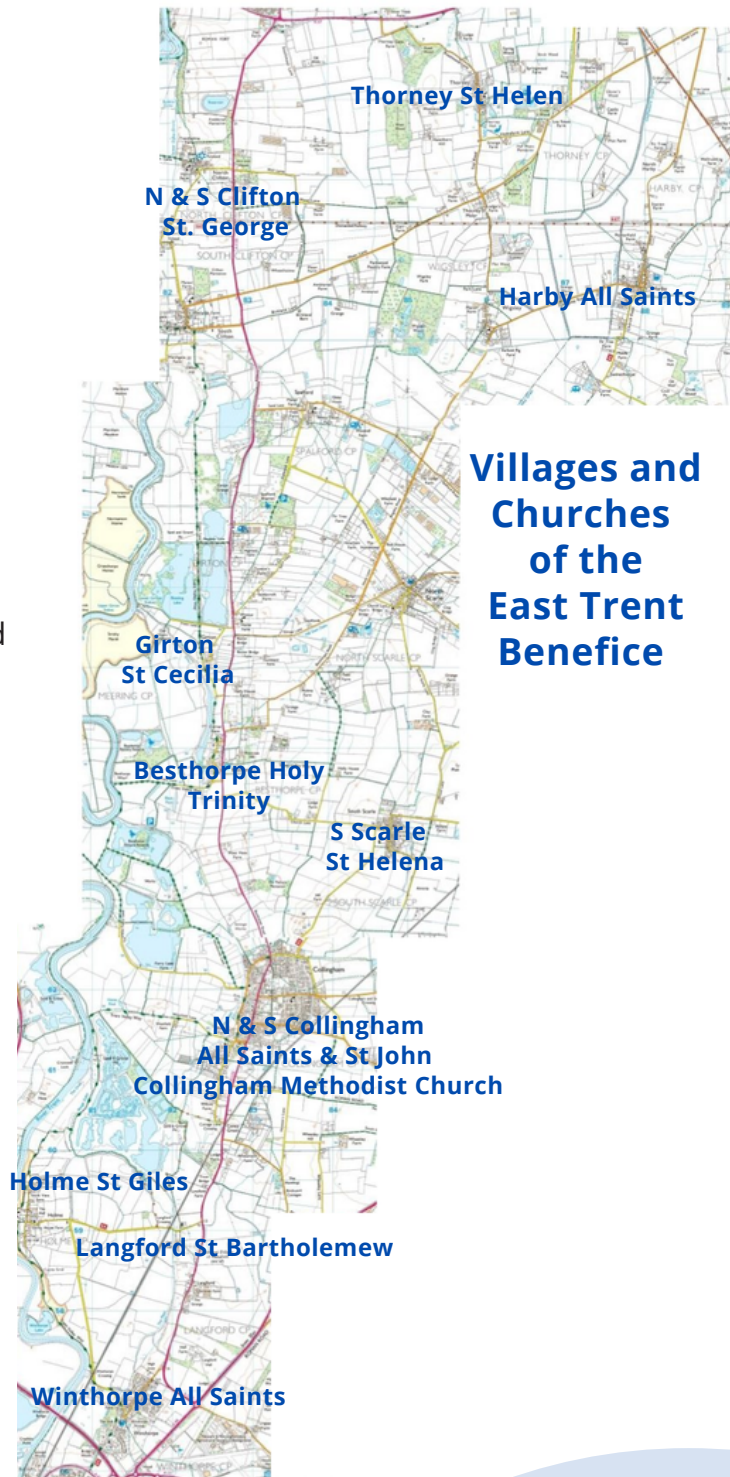
There are monthly Worship Leaders’ Meetings to discuss readings and ideas for reflections for the following month.

Churches Together in Collingham have regular house groups to share fellowship, prayers and discussion.

We do not have any C of E schools in the group – but our primary schools are welcomed into our churches and the schools welcome visits from the church community.

It is our practice to open our churches whenever possible and at least 3 of our churches are open on any day.

Two churches have undergone extensive reordering to become village community centres, and one is in the process. They also provide excellent places for our group meetings or activities.



Villages and Churches of the East Trent Benefice

We are looking for someone with energy, enthusiasm, and fresh ideas. A leader who can work with us to enhance our community outreach and support us in being a cohesive Benefice, whilst also embracing the distinctive character of each church

How we manage the life of the Benefice

Our current management model is based around three main groups –

- **Prayer & Worship:** Meets regularly to manage the service rotas & discuss services and support activities.
- **Education and Mission/Worship Leaders:** This group has focused on support for all the people leading lay services, with monthly meetings to read and discuss the relevant readings and discuss ideas for worship and how to prepare our reflections and intercessions. Some work would be welcome to extend its work into more outreach support.
- **Fabric & Finance:** This group meets as required but focuses on finance. Fabric issues are delegated to the individual PCCs.

We are actively discussing the possibility of a reorganisation of this model, looking at the options for combining one or more parishes, and creating a lead for children; but we would want to discuss this with our new incumbent before making any decisions.

We recognise that both the leadership and the day to day management of eleven churches needs to be carefully planned to ensure that our full potential as a Benefice is achieved and that our priest is both fully supported by the laity whilst being able to encourage, guide and teach us to build up and further develop the word of God across the Benefice.

We do not have any Readers but a large team of lay helpers and experienced Churchwardens who lead non-eucharistic worship, reflections, intercessions, assist with the chalice and a wide range of secular activities.

Communication

Website

<http://easttrentchurches.org.uk>

The web site has information about all the churches, the services and events across the Benefice.

Each of the communities has some form of village magazine with varied amount of church content. and most villages also have websites and Facebook Pages.

The Administrator collates a weekly pew sheet, the “Grapevine”, which is distributed to all the churches in the Benefice, otherwise communication is by email whenever possible.

Administration

The Benefice has a paid part time self employed administrator who collates and publishes routine Benefice information and administers the occasional offices. There is a job description in Appendix 1

Office Accommodation

Collingham Parish is in Covenant with the Collingham Methodists and the Benefice Administrator is allowed to use the vestry/office in the Methodist Church, which lies at the centre of the village on the High Street, as a base for the Benefice printer/copier and storage of stationery. In general the Incumbent uses the Rectory study as an office and the Administrator works from home .

Safeguarding

There is a strong and supportive team of Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) in the East Trent Benefice. Whilst responsible as named PSO for individual parishes, they also work together to provide PSO cover across the Benefice.

They meet regularly for peer support and to review Benefice training needs. One of the PSOs is an approved Parish Trainer for both Basic and Foundation Level, and also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Sessional Trainers Team. She is also the Lead Recruiter for the Group.

PCC members and other identified officers have been supported to engage with the Diocesan Safeguarding Training Programme, either by e-learning or face to face. There has been a forward movement in the relationship and engagement of PCCs with safeguarding awareness in recent years, and this is continuing, with PSO support. All the parishes are on the Safeguarding Dashboard at Level 2 or above, and all parishes have agreed to the use of the Safeguarding Hub.

The PSOs have regular contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, attending briefings and training events. Ongoing cases are managed with close cooperation between the Diocese and local team.



**Big Breakfast,
S. Scarle**



DJ at Girton



**Strawberries
& Pimms, Winthorpe**

**Village Photo,
Thorney**



**Carols on the Green,
Inside! Besthorpe**



Harvest at Harby

About the Area

The East Trent Benefice lies between Nottingham and Lincoln, near to the bustling market town of Newark. Bounded on the west by the River Trent and the east by the Lincolnshire boundary, the A1133 Newark to Gainsborough road runs through the Benefice. Newark is at the junction of the A1, the A46 (the historic "Fosse Way") and the A17.

It is on the East Coast Main Line Railway at the junction with the Nottingham - Lincoln line with excellent communications to London and the North. The cities of both Lincoln and Nottingham are easily accessible by public transport.

This is a beautiful and varied group of villages in which to live and minister. There are numerous societies and clubs, access to both the RSPB Reserve at Langford Lowfields and the Notts Wildlife Reserve at Besthorpe and many walks to enjoy.

Education

Collingham and District Pre-School takes children from 2yrs to 5 years. There are Ofsted rated 'Good' state primary schools at Winthorpe, Collingham, Harby and Clifton School is in process to achieve a 'Good' rating. They all have some contact with church through assemblies and other visits.

Tuxford Academy is an Ofsted graded 'Outstanding' school and is the catchment school for part of the Benefice, while other schools are in Newark, North Hykeham, Grantham, Sleaford, Lincoln, Southwell and Nottingham. Newark has a Further Education College, Lincoln and Nottingham have Universities and Further Education Colleges.

Organisations

There are Scouts, Beavers and Cubs in Collingham that are not affiliated to any church, but they attend some civic services, particularly the Remembrance Day Service. Other villages have a variety of youth clubs and other children's activities.

There are a wide range of community and village groups including thriving U3A groups and Local History Society. There are excellent sports' facilities - bowls, tennis, cricket and football and a range of keep fit classes.

The Rectory

The rectory is a 4-bedroomed detached house situated at the corner of the High Street and Vicarage Close a few minutes' walk from All Saints, Collingham.

Built in the early seventies as a private house, it was bought by the Diocese and extended in 1985, when the previous Parsonage house was sold. It has an alarm, is UPVC double-glazed and has gas central heating.



Health

Collingham has a Medical Centre, Pharmacy and Dentist. The nearest hospital to Collingham is Newark (6.5 miles) and the area is also served by hospitals in Lincoln (16.5 miles), Nottingham (30 miles) and Mansfield (27 miles).

Our Churches and Villages

Details about the history and architecture of each of our churches can be found on a number of websites – the Southwell History Project

<http://southwellchurches.history.nottingham.ac.uk>

and A Church Near You <http://www.achurchnearyou.com>

as well as some of the local village websites

Besthorpe lies along the A1133 north of Collingham. It has a public house with restaurant and a nature reserve formed from a disused quarry. It is a small but thriving community of approximately 90 houses and 190 inhabitants.

The centre is a conservation area and a number of recent developments include the planting of a community orchard and wildflower meadow.

Holy Trinity Church is a Grade II listed building built in 1844 with an apse at the south end. There is one chiming bell.

In 2013/14 the church and adjoining village hall were completely renovated and joined together with a glazed link. The pews were removed and underfloor heating installed. This now provides a community space at the heart of the village with full amenities including broadband, hearing loop, disabled parking, toilets and access. The two rooms provide space for business meetings, exercise classes, concerts, parties etc. while retaining the integrity of the building for church services and activities. The church is open as a quiet space every Saturday & Sunday or by arrangement.

Holme is a small village located on the East side of the River Trent. Other than houses and a couple of working farms, the Church is the only building that is accessible and used by the community of some 80 inhabitants. With the river to the West, there is just one road leading to the village and terminating just beyond the Church.

St Giles Church is a Grade 1 listed building with the North wall of the nave being 12th century. It is noted for the chancel chapel, south aisle and porch which were built circa 1485 for a wealthy wool merchant whose tomb is in the East end.

Being largely untouched since early Tudor times, this building attracts many visitors, as it is open every day. It appears in a number of publications including: England's 1000 Best Churches by Simon Jenkins.

Besthorpe

besthorpe.org.uk



Holme

holmevillage.co.uk



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S.Scarle is a compact rural village which has a mixture of old and new housing clustered around its medieval church. The village is surrounded by arable farming with many different crops being grown. There is a part time Post Office.

St Helena's Church is a grade 1 listed, well cared for church, which has undergone a complete renovation/reordering. There is full accessibility to all areas. The Chancel remains an exclusive place of worship. Broadband and a PA system are available.

The Nave is now a community space used for many activities - quiz nights, pub nights, curry nights, dancing classes and yoga/gong sessions. The Big Breakfast and Pancake Party are held annually.

We have monthly Coffee mornings when the Local Access Point Library is open along with a Food Bank Collection. There is a 'GEM' (greet eat & meet) twice a month to help people with different needs.

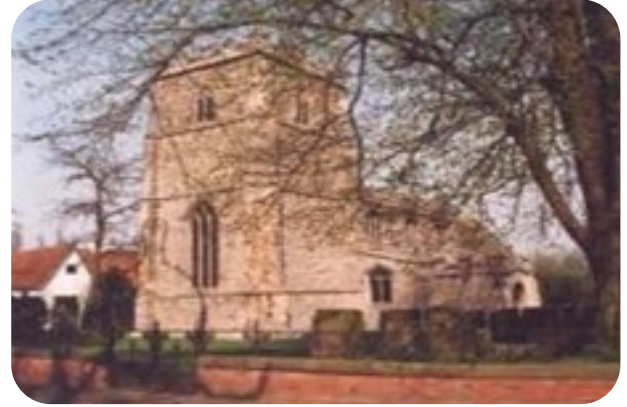
There are 5 bells and practice nights are every Thursday.

Harby is an attractive rural village on the border with Lincolnshire, surrounded by farmland. It has a primary school, shop, pub/restaurant, village green, bowling green and playing fields. There is a good community spirit within the parish - various fund-raising events are well supported and bring in much needed funds for the village groups, including All Saints Church.

All Saints Church is a Grade 11 listed Victorian church built in Early English style and was dedicated in 1877. The spire houses six bells which are in regular use for weddings and church services. Notable features include the Queen Eleanor Memorial window, which was installed in 2008, and the late medieval octagonal font from the old church.

South Scarle

southscarlecommunitycentre.com



Harby

harby-notts.org.uk



Our Churches and Villages

Girton old village is centred on the Church, as there are no shops or school. As part of the village is liable to flooding when the River Trent overflows, there is no new housing. To this day, the Church, being on the highest ground in the village, is where people gather. There are some newer houses along New Lane and the A1133.

On the edge of the village there is a flourishing sailing club, a fishing lake and the Freedom Field for dog walking. Girton is a thriving community with a variety of small businesses, including a Christian retreat.

St Cecilia's Church was built in Victorian times, but there is some 15th Century stonework to some of the windows and a Saxon grave cross in the porch - reputed to be the oldest ecclesiastical item in Nottinghamshire. The Church is in good decorative order and has one chiming bell.

There is no Church Hall, but a recently refurbished modern feeling Village Hall is used for many community events, such as Harvest suppers, film nights and the annual Plant Fair. Fundraising is shared between the Churchwardens and the Village Hall Committee. Girton villagers have a strong affection for their Church and village.

Thorney with Wigsley This is the Northern most village in the Benefice with Wigsley lying just to the South. Traditionally the area has been very much a farming community, but this has now changed - only one agricultural farm remains. There are lakes open for fishing, two major turf growers and an increasing number of poultry farms.

There is a wide socio-economic range and recently a wide range of ages with 20 children under the age of 10. There is a good community spirit with many activities across the year both secular and religious.

St Helen's Church is a beautiful and historically significant Grade 11* listed church in the Italianate style, consecrated in 1850, to replace a 12th century church. It has undergone many repairs and conservation work to the stonework, roof, bells and West rose window. We are now undertaking extensive interior re-ordering, providing an underfloor heating system and radiators, a toilet and refreshment unit.

Major festivals and services have a strong community element and are often held outdoors, weather permitting. Routine services have seen an increase in attendance in recent years. The church is open every Sunday for prayer and quiet contemplation and visitors are welcome at any time, by arrangement.

Girton



Thorney with Wigsley



Our Churches and Villages

Winthorpe is the second largest and southernmost village in the East Trent Group lying just off the A1133 and within two miles of Newark. There are approximately 350 houses in the village being made up of a mixture of modern and large Regency and Victorian homes, the older houses forming a conservation area. The population is about 1000, able to use the facilities of a Primary School, Community Centre, Village Hall and the Lord Nelson Inn at the centre of the village, which has a restaurant. The Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground and adjacent Air Museum are within Winthorpe Parish boundary although lying across the A46.

Winthorpe

winthorpe.org.uk



All Saints Church The Grade 11 listed Victorian Church was built in 1888 to a design by Gambier-Parry replacing an ancient church which had served as a Cromwellian gun battery during the Civil War, which in turn had been built on a Saxon site. It was re-roofed in 1982 and is generally in good condition having a new boiler and heating system replaced in 2018. The appearance of the church and churchyard is a "selling point" to visitors and villagers alike. Regular concerts take full advantage of the excellent acoustics for small music ensembles. Plans to provide a toilet and small kitchen are underway.

N & S Clifton villages are surrounded by mainly arable farmland but most of the working population commute to neighbouring towns and cities. Although there are now no shops there is easy access to Collingham, Newark and Lincoln.

There is a thriving community spirit in the villages, and this is reflected in the regular events at both The Coronation Hall and Sports Pavilion, both in South Clifton. The church is supported by both venues, and they regularly host our summer fayres, harvest thanksgiving dinners as well as a biannual open gardens' event to raise funds for the church.

St George the Martyr Church dates from the 13th century, although there are records which suggest that there was an earlier church prior to the Norman Conquest. The church stands on a spur of higher land overlooking the flood plain of the River Trent. It serves the villages of North & South Clifton as well as Spalford.

St George's has a close working relationship with our local primary school and has hosted many community events. Visitors are amazed at the beauty of our church and its surroundings and people are always welcomed into church for formal services or just a good look round. Its social history is stunning, and it is as relevant to our rural way of life today as it has been over the centuries.

N & S Clifton

South-clifton.co.uk



Our Churches and Villages

Langford

Langford is a small community, we hesitate to call it a village as there is nothing to bind it together, there are no shops, no village hall and no pub, the only public building is the church which is itself a mile away from Langford Hall.

The old village of Langford was located next to the church and in the past it stood at the most northern fording point of the River Trent hence the name La(o)ngford. In those days the Trent flowed along the bank next to the church, however, after a major flood over 400 years ago the river re-established itself on the other side of Holme village. The parish of Holme was in due course incorporated into the parish.



St. Bartholomew Church is Grade 1 listed. The present Langford church was built when the village was larger around 1200AD. After the parish of Holme was incorporated into Langford a vicarage was built in 1860 next to the church to serve both Langford and Holme. Twenty years ago, a major restoration was undertaken to make the church watertight and sound. After several roof lead thefts, the lead has been replaced by polymer guaranteed for twenty years before being replaced by steel.

The churchyard is kept tidy by a working group from the village. Effort is put into celebrating Christian Festivals and a recent innovation was the celebration of Lammas as the beginning of the Harvest season across the Benefice.



**Egg Rolling,
Collingham**



**Harvest in the Park,
Thorney**



**Tree Festival,
S.Scarle**



**Children's activities,
Besthorpe**

Our Churches and Villages

Collingham is the largest village on the East bank of the River Trent. It has a variety of housing, a nursing and residential home. Growth in recent years has not taken away the noticeable village atmosphere. It has a range of amenities with a variety of shops, pharmacy, doctors' surgery, library, fire station, a community pub, and cricket, tennis, bowls and football clubs with excellent facilities.

Collingham
collingham-notts.org.uk



St John the Baptist Church S. Collingham, is a Grade 1 listed medieval church with some fine Norman arcading and many notable stained glass windows. It has been re-wired, and has a modern condensing boiler gas heating and utilises efficient fan-assisted radiators. The clock, which chimes, is electrified. The north side of the chancel has been re-roofed, the nave has been re-leaded, the bell tower re-roofed and paths re-laid. At the back of the church is a very useful kitchen area, ideal for drinks and refreshments, plus a toilet. It also has a charming vestry, all in oak with spacious cupboards for storage and vestments.

There is an excellent two manual organ which was comprehensively overhauled in 2013 including the addition of Dulciana bass pipes. In 2013 the interior of the church was redecorated. Overall, the church is in first class order.

This church is set in a beautiful part of the village with an old world charm about it where many of the houses are also listed. In many ways it is a very fine example of the quintessential village church, overlooking the fields towards the River Trent, with its tall, imposing bell tower which houses five bells.

All Saint's Church, N. Collingham, is Grade 1 listed, and is a good example of Medieval architecture with Norman underpinnings. It is ideally centrally located on the second principal road which runs through the village where there is plenty of parking. It boasts the largest organ in the area, with two manuals and extensive pedal section. There are six bells which also work with the electrified clock to strike the hours and quarters. It also has toilet facilities and a very versatile office/storage area in the south porch. Perhaps its greatest asset is the large open space under the chancel arch where fortunately there is no screen. This provides a high degree of flexibility for all kinds of secular events; for concerts and other social occasions. The church is frequently open during the day allowing residents and visitors open access for private prayer or to enjoy and explore this ancient space.



Both Collingham churches have induction loops and sound reinforcement systems and roof alarms following lead thefts. In addition, both churches have sizeable churchyards which are well maintained by a local contractor. These are much visited by the public as many residents have deceased relatives remains buried there, commemorated with stone memorials.

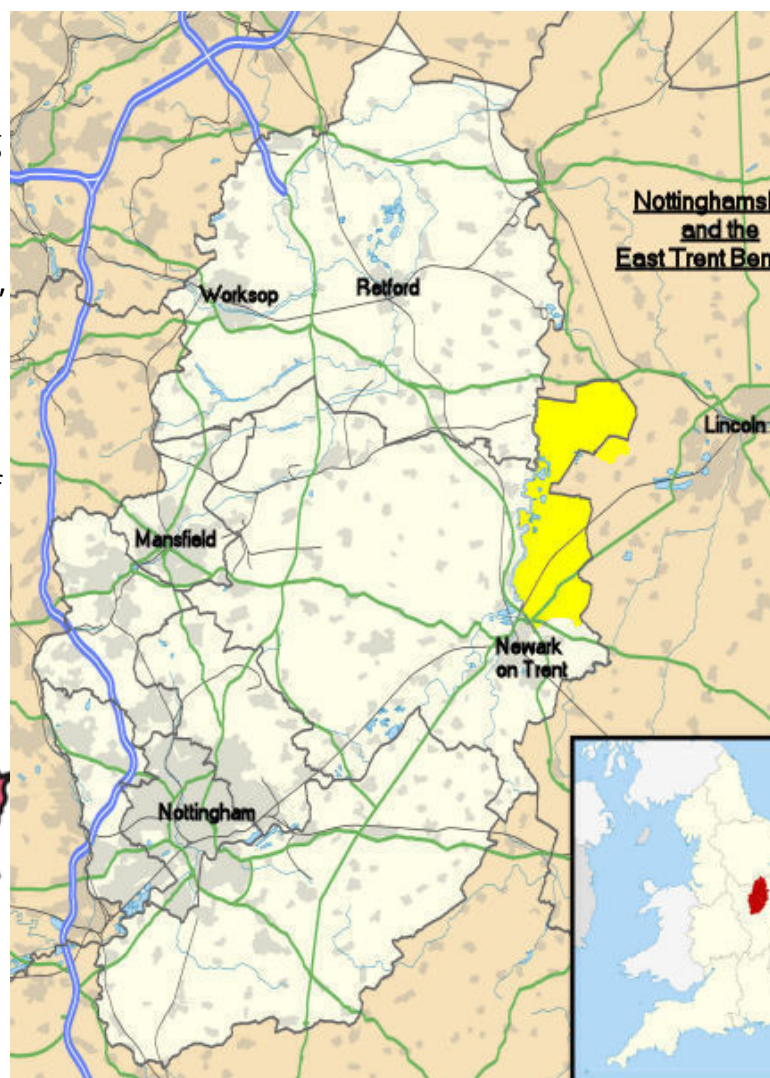
The Deanery

The Newark & Southwell Deanery is rich with both rural and town locations. It covers an area from Tuxford in the North across to Kilvington in the south. The East Trent Benefice lies in the east of the diocese along the east bank of the River Trent. The local government district is Newark & Sherwood District Council.

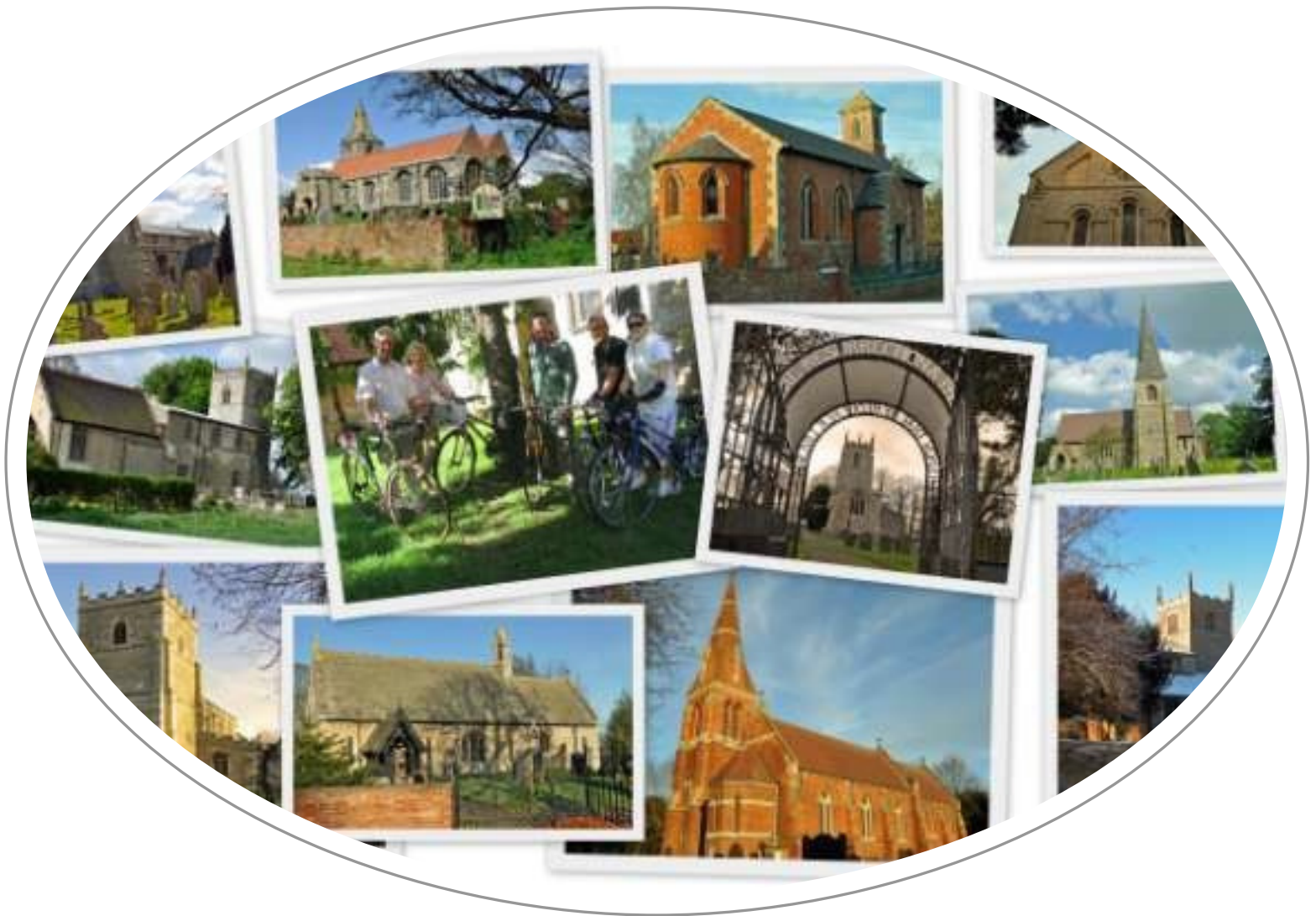
Our Deanery serves a population of approximately 120,000 people with a variety of backgrounds, including farming and industry. Connected by the A1, the East Coast Mainline and Lincoln/Sheffield Lines, the Deanery has access to London in just 90 minutes.

The Deanery has a variety of Churches in size and context from vibrant market town churches, estate ministries, with many commuters working in the surrounding cities and rural contexts. All, though, are well connected to their local communities through schools, occasional offices, community projects and a growing number of New Worshipping Communities, as well as many iconic church buildings.

The Deanery is delighted that an appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge is to be made in the East Trent Benefice, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the new Priest-in-Charge to the Deanery and seeking to support and encourage her/him in this role.



Thank you for Reading



We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our statement with you.

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APPENDIX



Appendix 1 : Administrator's Job Description

Summary of Role: To work alongside the incumbent, carrying out much of the benefice-wide administration, specifically in the following areas:

Point of Contact: To be the first point of contact for enquiries relating to the Occasional Offices (external) and of a general nature (internal).

Publications: To prepare, print & distribute weekly pew sheets (Grapevine), monthly service posters and leaflets. On an annual basis, to prepare the customised East Trent version of the Parochial Fees list, and to distribute it to the rector, church wardens, treasurers and funeral directors.

Website: To maintain and keep the website up to date, particularly with service information and contact details. To publicise events and special services. To develop the website following guidance and approval from the incumbent and church wardens.

Service Rotas: To prepare the monthly service rotas for review before dissemination to the group.

Occasional offices: To make sure that the rector, church wardens, bell ringers, organist and vergers have the information they need in order to ensure a smoothly run service, and to liaise with them as necessary. To provide invoices as appropriate and to liaise accordingly with PCC treasurers.

For Weddings:

- To arrange and hold wedding booking meetings and wedding preparation meetings.
- To maintain and administer wedding bookings on iKnowChurch and to contact the wedding couples at appropriate times.
- To notify church wardens when banns need to be called.
- To notify the Registration Office about upcoming weddings, to prepare the marriage document and to send it to the Registrar.

For Funerals:

- To liaise with the funeral directors.
- To maintain a record of funerals held during the year, and to invite the relatives to the All Souls service.

For Baptisms:

- To take baptism bookings.
- To supply a baptism candle and card for each candidate.



Appendix 2: Finance 1

"Each PCC of the Benefice is committed to working with the new Priest-in-Charge to raise its Parish Share over the coming years and have passed the following resolution:

PCC Resolution

The PCCs of the Benefice are pleased that the diocesan vision of 'living hope' affirms the desire to grow disciples of Christ in the rural areas of the diocese alongside mission in the city, towns and suburban areas.

The PCC recognise the financial challenge that each parish in the East Trent Group faces in accepting a new Priest-in-Charge to lead and work alongside the benefice in this vision for growth. They understand that the appointment will be a Transformation Change appointment for 3 years, renewable for a further 3 years, after which the appointment will either be made permanent, or an alternative provision will need to be sought. As a result, the PCC are committed to the journey of generosity towards Direct Ministry and Direct Ministry Support costs by 2035 by increasing its contribution to parish share each year.

With the support of the diocesan financial team, the PCC are committed to producing a rolling 5-year financial sustainability plan, to grow in numbers, to regular biblical teaching on sacrificial giving for those who attend regularly and to increase the amount of average giving per person per week, supplemented by ongoing fund raising in the community and continuing to use any historic resources wisely.

The PCC expect the new Priest-in-Charge to work with the PCCs in the benefice and the relevant diocesan personnel on the journey of generosity for the benefice."



Appendix 2: Finance 2

East Trent Churches, Combined Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments a/c

Receipts	Unrestricted General Account	Payments	Unrestricted General Account
Freewill offerings	3,129	Parish Share	29,194
Planned Gift Aid	34,439	Church Insurance	21,762
Collections at Services	13,390	Church upkeep	20,788
Tax rebate HMRC	9,385	Church maintenance	14,417
Donations & Legacies	12,764	Utilities, including oil	13,390
Grants	2,547	Churchyard upkeep	7,969
Fund-raising activities	15,219	Parish Expenses	8,598
Weddings, funerals & memorials	12,866	Organ, bells & choir	3,681
Dividends & Interest	13,181	Missionary & Charity giving	2,677
Hire fees	1,544	DBF fees	3,495
VAT reclaim	2,200	Capital Projects	19,447
Sundry income	4,714	Sundry Expense	5,885
Total 2024	125,379	Total 2024	151,270

During our first year of vacancy, 2024, the total Parish Share requested was £55,506, the total paid by the parishes was £29,194 - 52%. It is projected that 50% will be paid of the requested Parish share of £57,272 in 2025.