



Emmanuel Church,
Bridlington
&
All Saints,
Barmston.

Parish Profile 2025

Greetings in Christ's name!



Thank you for prayerfully discerning God's calling to Emmanuel Bridlington and All Saints Barmston, and also to the East Riding Archdeaconry in the Diocese of York. We trust this profile will begin to give you an understanding of the churches and parishes, but above all, we welcome you to come and meet us here!

This post has become available at a very significant time in the life of the Diocese. We have committed together in *Living*

Christ's Story to being people who tell the story of Jesus' life death and resurrection and who also tell the continuing story of what Jesus has done through his church, which includes what Jesus has done and continues to do through each of our own lives. These are times that require us to be simple, humble and bold. To make the vision of *Living Christ's Story* a reality, our diocesan goals are:

- Becoming more like Christ
- Reaching people we currently don't
- Growing churches of missionary disciples
- Transforming our finances and structures

You can explore this vision and our commitment to it on our Diocesan website.

The focus of this role is on Emmanuel Church, though care for All Saints by the next Incumbent remains important. Both churches are committed to serving their communities and Emmanuel has a wide range of ministries on both Sundays and midweek to enable this. It is a lively, creative, Spirit-filled church where there is always something going on and God has transformed many lives there. The vacancy comes following the death of their previous Incumbent, Richard Hare. Inevitably, there has been much sadness, but the congregations have cared for each other well and are now looking to their next season with faith and expectancy.

As a Diocese we pray together the prayer of Teresa of Avila, "Lord, what do you want from me?" This is our prayer for *Living Christ's Story*. We pray this prayer particularly for you in this time of discernment. We hope that you will hear Christ's call clearly and we look forward to prayerfully sharing this discernment with you.

Please do contact Archdeacon Andy Broom by phone (01482 881659) or email (ader@yorkdiocese.org) if you have any questions or would like a fuller picture than the Profile offers. We want to support you in any way as you explore and discern this call.

With our prayers,

+Eleanor (Bishop of Hull)



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Emmanuel Church
Bridlington.

All Saints Church,
Barmston.



Introduction from the P.C.Cs.

Thank you for expressing interest in our vacancy for a new incumbent in our benefice.

We are a prayerful, Spirit-filled and servant-hearted fellowship and although it was a tremendous shock and we have been greatly saddened by our loss; we also trust that God is in control, and we strongly hope and believe that our next incumbent will be open to the Holy Spirit to guide us into a new season.

The two churches within our benefice each have their own P.C.C. However, we have jointly agreed and contributed to this profile.

At Emmanuel, Bridlington and All Saints, Barmston, it is our vision to:

- Continue to build a community of Bible believing Christians, who love, worship and serve God; and are inspired to love and serve one another.
- Deliver Biblical teaching, to build one another up and to equip us for mission.
- To be a house of prayer; and to encourage the personal and spiritual growth and development of every member of the fellowship; in order that God will equip us to achieve our full potential and fulfil His purpose for our lives and His Church.
- Reach the people of Bridlington and Barmston with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and to share His message of Love, Repentance, Grace, Redemption and Salvation in ways which are accessible to a diverse community.
- To continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus within our community; by being a real and effective presence; to minister with God's healing in a broken world; and to be and be seen as a place where everyone is welcome.



Location

Parish of Emmanuel, Bridlington



Bridlington is a coastal town, which is situated in the East Riding of Yorkshire, just south of Flamborough Head. A few miles to the North are the coastal towns of Filey (11 miles) and Scarborough (17 miles), which are both North Yorkshire towns. Skipsea (9 miles) and Hornsea (15 miles) are situated further down the East Yorkshire coast to the south of Bridlington.

The parish of Emmanuel has a population of approximately 3571 and is within the 20% most deprived areas of the country. Child poverty ranks high amongst these statistics, with working-age poverty a close second.

The parish also has a fairly large older population – some who are born and bred here; but many who have previously moved here or sought to retire to the coast from other areas.

<https://cuf.org.uk/parish/430248>

The parish has a mixture of owner-occupied properties as well as social and privately rented homes. Since the last Census, new housing has been built in the Bridlington area, thus increasing our population. One new housing estate is within our parish and we have sought to make contact with new residents and introduce ourselves.

The town boasts two beaches – North Beach and South beach, with a harbour separating the two. The harbour is a working harbour for fishing, pleasure boats and small shops.

Emmanuel church is situated on Cardigan Road, which is a few minutes walk from the harbour and South beach; and is also within walking distance of the Spa Theatre.

Tourism plays a significant part in Bridlington's economy; and so many are able to find seasonal work. Other forms of employment are predominantly within the care and hospitality industry. There are two industrial estates on the outskirts of Bridlington, which especially provide factory work.

According to the 2021 census, 97.7% of the population of Bridlington stated that they were white, with the other 2.3% stating that they belonged to other ethnicities.

<https://bridlington.parish.uk/census/>



Emmanuel Church buildings

The current Emmanuel church was built in the late 1990s. The previous old, traditional style church building burned down in 1995. A newer, more modern style church was then built and re-opened in 1998.



The church is built with a wave-shaped roof and a seaside-themed interior décor. Out of the ashes of the old church building, we are now blessed with a multi-purpose church, which, in addition to the main part of the church, includes a large hall and a smaller meeting room; a kitchen and café area, a smaller chapel to the side of the main church, several toilets including two disabled ones, a vestry and a narthex - all on ground floor with level access to all areas. This enables us to deliver and explore a variety of activities/ministries; and also to hire out the spaces to various external parties. We also have an office and employ a part-time administrator. In addition, to help with the maintenance of the building, we employ a part-time cleaning company.

The quinquennial reports have been produced this year for both Emmanuel and Barmston.

Vicarage



The vicarage is a four-bedroomed detached house, which was built in 1986 and is situated next door to Emmanuel Church. On the ground floor there is a lounge, dining room, study, kitchen and utility room and a downstairs W.C.

All four bedrooms are on the first floor, along with a bathroom. The front exterior has a driveway and a garage and to the rear of the house, there is a large garden.

In addition to the diocesan owned vicarage, Emmanuel Church also own a four-bedroomed detached property within walking distance - or a short car ride away from the church. It has a kitchen, lounge, dining room/study and downstairs W.C. All the bedrooms are on the first floor-one is en-suite and there is also a separate bathroom.

This house is used if and when we have a curate training with us, who needs accommodation. Our present curate lives in Bempton and so does not require us to provide housing. We currently have tenants in the house to offset the costs and to generate some income.

Occasional Offices

In the 12-month period from October 2024 to October 2025, there has been 1 wedding, 4 funerals and two interments of ashes.

Previous years have seen a few baptism and confirmation services at Emmanuel and this year, some of our members have been confirmed at a joint service in another local church.

Baptism preparation has been delivered by members of the ministry team, both clergy and lay. However, there have not been any baptisms taking place here over the past 12 months; but it is something that we hope will increase in the future.

Parish of All Saints, Barmston with Fraisthorpe

Although the benefice officially includes nearby Fraisthorpe, the small church in the village is no longer in use. However, we would still seek to welcome any Fraisthorpe residents to Barmston or Emmanuel.

Barmston is a coastal village located approximately 7 miles south of Bridlington and 2 miles north of Skipsea. According to the census in 2021, there were 275 residents living in the village, with over half of households over the age of 65 and living alone.

The census shows 51 children living within the parish, with the rest of the population being fairly evenly divided between working-age and older people; of which 25 residents were over the age of 80.

Also according to the census, 164 people stated that they were Christian, 87 had no religion and the rest declined to answer.

There is also a village hall which holds various events and the vicar is often invited to attend.

The village is surrounded by farmland and the parish's main employment is agriculture.



Barmston Church building.

All Saints church serves the parish of Barmston with Fraisthorpe. It is a grade 1 listed church with parts of the building dating back as early as 1120. Inside, there is a Norman font and various other areas of historical interest. One of the local residents very kindly opens the church daily during the summer months and on

weekends during the winter; to allow visitors to look around.

Outside, the churchyard, which is maintained through various local grants as well as church funds, looks over green fields and is still available for burials.

The church sits half-way up the main street of Sands Lane, at the end of which there is a popular holiday camp. Between the church and the camp, the local pub, the Black Bull, offers food and drink as well as holiday accommodation in the form of lodges with hot tubs. Both of these venues help to increase Barmston's population during the summer. Barmston's congregation has reduced

over the years and both P.C.C.s are keen to explore ways in which to re-engage with both the resident and the holiday community.

Normal monthly schedule of Sunday services for Barmston is as follows:

- 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays 9.30am. Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday 11am. Family Service

Occasional Offices

Four funerals and two interments of ashes have taken place at Barmston Church within the past 12 months.

Again, we are hoping to encourage an increase in weddings and baptisms in the future.



Leadership Team

We are blessed with a servant-hearted leadership team, which supports both Emmanuel and All Saints, Barmston; and consists of:

- 1 incumbent (vacancy)
- 1 Curate - Rev. Heather Grocock (due to complete her curacy in March 2026)
- 1 Assistant Priest – Rev. Lyn Kenny
- 1 Deacon – Rev. Barbara Bancroft (due to be priested in December 2025)
- 3 Licenced Lay Ministers (Readers) – Jackie Moore, Helen Jackson and John Dixon
- 2 Church Wardens – Joyce Carr and Barbara Jenkinson

With the exception of the future incumbent, all the team are self-supporting and part-time; and meet weekly to discuss matters and to pray together. We are a collaborative team who work well together. We also have some retired clergy in our congregation who have PTO and are willing to help when necessary.



Worship and Prayer

Emmanuel

Emmanuel Church is a Bible believing, evangelical church. We have a respect for traditions and use Common Worship for our liturgy, the Lectionary for our readings, and a range of styles of worship.

Our primary aim is to encourage all who attend to come into Jesus' presence in praise and worship.

Our normal monthly schedule of Sunday services is as follows:

- 1st Sunday 11.am. All Age Worship with occasional Baptism.
- 2nd and 4th Sundays 11 am. Holy Communion.
- 3rd Sunday 11 am. Morning Worship.
- 5th Sunday 11am. Café Church.

Worship leaders, preachers and all who are involved in each service, do so on a rota basis.



During the week, Morning Prayer is held at 10am in the smaller chapel next to the main church area (and since Covid, it is also shared on WhatsApp) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We currently use the Morning Prayer liturgy from the Northumbria Community Daily Prayer Book. Morning Prayer is led by various lay people on a rota basis. Most Thursdays, a short service of Holy Communion takes place at 10am in the chapel.

Since 2018, we have organised and implemented a 24/7 prayer space in our chapel at various times within the year. Our talented prayer team create a beautiful and sacred space for people to spend time with God. People are encouraged to book hourly slots within the 24/7 period. It is well supported and receives positive feedback from participants.



Music plays an important role in all of our worship at Emmanuel. We use a broad mix of music styles from traditional hymns through to contemporary worship in an endeavour to engage with people of all ages. Our resources range from 'live' worship to videos. The children particularly enjoy the action songs/videos. Our worship team currently includes a pianist, violinist, percussionist and a group of singers. We are also blessed with an Organist Emeritus, who has faithfully served Emmanuel for many years and still plays, particularly on special occasions and for occasional offices.



The leadership team meet, pray, reflect on scripture and then choose the songs for each month.

Our services are projected via a laptop, onto two large screens; and are also live-streamed. In addition, we operate microphones etc via a sound desk. Each week we have a team of three operating the two laptops and the sound desk on a rota, which includes two young people who have joined the team. We have recently invested in two new laptops for the projection and livestreaming and are currently looking at different software in an endeavour to improve the quality.



Our aim is to make our services as inclusive and accessible as possible to all; and so we also provide large-print copies of the service for those with visual impairments and have been recognised by the Torch Trust as a Sight Loss Friendly Church. We also have a loop system in place for the hard of hearing.



Children & Youth

Godly Play

This is held on Sunday mornings during the main church service (apart from All Age and Café Church) for children of school age. This ministry provides space for learning by using Bible stories, craft, play and reflection in a safe place.

Some of the children gave their thoughts and views about Godly Play:

"In Godly Play not only you hear the story but you can experience it too! After the story the children go off and do crafts about it like colouring sheets of the story. You could play with other things like Playdough, bubbles and colouring books. But the best thing after all of it is when we come together, have a good biscuit and then pray to God." Miriam aged 10

Brothers Andrew and Christian:

"Jesus", says Christian;

and Andrew's mum says that she thinks that,

"Andrew enjoys the free activities

after the story and the biscuits of course!"

"Godly Play is a lovely place there's Playdough (that's my favourite and blocks) I've learned about the Bible and Jesus stories." Esther aged 8

Julia: When Daddy asked her about

Godly Play, Julia had liked that

morning's story about baby

Isaac, called "Laughter".

"Good I like it because you get to learn about God and making new friends."
Phoebe aged 6

"I LOVE it! I like all the things we do. I love the stories. I like the snacks."
Ava



Youth Group

This group meets monthly on a Sunday morning during the main church service. Some of the young people gave us their views:

I like Emmanuel Church because I get to think more about God and how he is important to me and that there's always cake.

Young person aged 15

It's a space where you can feel free plus the food at the end is a 5 star!

Young person aged 10

Once a month we have a service which all of the congregation come together and worship together. It is suitable for all ages.

Young person aged 13.

Toddly Play

A designated space in the narthex at the back of the main church for children under 3. Parents/carers are expected to supervise their children; but can also see and hear the service.

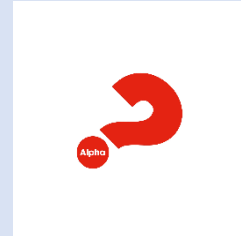


Biblical Teaching/Study

ALPHA

Each year, commencing late January, we deliver an ALPHA course for 11 weeks. We find that the lack of pressure or judgement, along with sharing a meal together, fellowship and the encouragement for open conversation, provides a welcoming, safe and inclusive space for people to share and to ask questions. ALPHA is open to anyone, regardless of whether they are already believers who wish to learn more about Jesus; or if they are just seeking answers.

We have also found that ALPHA has often been a wonderful pathway for anyone who chooses to be confirmed or baptised into the Christian faith, with loving support from the ALPHA participants and the church family



pathway for
Christian faith,
Emmanuel

Bible Society Course

This is an 8 week course, where participants gather to watch videos together from Genesis to Revelation, in a way which shows how it all fits together.

The course acts as a perfect follow-on from the ALPHA course; but is also suitable for anyone, from people new to Christianity to mature Christians.

Growth Groups

These are small groups of people who meet either weekly or fortnightly for Bible study, fellowship and to pray together. We are also considering providing an on-line group in 2026 for those who are unable to attend in person.



Diocesan Mustard Seed Training/'Stepping Up'.

Emmanuel has eleven lay members who have completed the above course and are ministering in a variety of areas of church life and community mission including working with:

- Homeless and food bank.
- Children's groups.
- Older people, either in church, care homes or taking home communion.
- Prayer walking.
- Community cafes.

Currently, there are an additional six people in training, who are scheduled to complete the programme in March and July 2026. www.mseed.org.uk

Other Ministries at Emmanuel

Children, Young people and Families:

ABC (Adults, Babies and Children)

This is a popular weekly group for parents/carers of pre-school children. The group has been in existence for many years and is a place where the children can play and have fun. It is also an opportunity for the adults to connect with each other and make friends.



Family Fun 'n' Food

This after school session combines craft, activities, games and a Bible story. It also includes a free two-course meal for families – many who have been signposted by the local primary school. We have been able to secure funding towards this from the Offshore Windfarm Grant. These sessions have been on hold recently, due to recent unexpected events. However, there are plans to re-launch a slightly altered ministry based around Lego (Brick) Church, Crafty Church and Godly Play.



Link with Local School

During our last interregnum a strong link was formed with the local Hilderthorpe Primary School. After his arrival, the previous incumbent continued to develop this relationship and he, along with members of the team, have led assemblies in school at Harvest, Advent and Easter. In the course of each academic year, every year group has attended a workshop led by Emmanuel, either in school or in church. Topics have included Remembrance, Christingle, Nativity, Eco-workshops etc. At the end of the Spring term, years 3 & 4 combine to give their Easter performance in church for families and friends. The school very kindly donate produce from their Harvest Festival towards our foodbank. The R.E. Co-ordinator has told us:

“The workshops, activities and assemblies we have had through Emmanuel Church have been invaluable to building the community links between church and school. Enabling the children to meet and interact with Christians who are able to share their beliefs and understandings in a suitable way, whilst engaging the children and teaching them in a different environment.”

We have been given permission to use first names and quotes from some of the children about their experiences:

Declan: I enjoyed the Christingle and learning the different things from Christians. It's good to be able to talk to other believers.

Olivia: It's good to go to the church. It allows us to talk to different people about different things. I enjoyed the year 4 environmental workshop and the Christingle workshop. I enjoy it when they tell us the Christian stories and we get to do different things like pulling objects from the bag to link to the story.

Leela: The sessions are always informative. I like the craft activities as they're different each time. I enjoy talking to the different people. The Christingle workshop was my favourite.

Jack: I like it when the vicar comes in to school to do assemblies. I remember the one about advent where he showed us the advent wreath with the candles. Our year 4 performance at the church was my favourite part.

Gabrielle: Each time we go to the workshops includes similar activities –singing, story and the craft – but about different themes. I really enjoyed doing our Easter play at the church because it felt special telling that story there.

In addition to Hilderthorpe, there are 7 other primary schools in Bridlington; and 2 secondary schools, with sixth forms; the nearest to Emmanuel being Bridlington School. East Riding College is also situated in the town

Possibilities for future family ministry:

We are hoping, with God's help, to be equipped to develop a ministry for young adults.

Older people

Forget-Me-Not Café

Due to the growth of people affected by dementia in our community, coupled with the limited resources available to support sufferers of this dreadful disease; it was felt that there was a great need for a social space for them to come and enjoy some music/singing, refreshments and company. In addition, this invitation is extended to carers, as their lives are also affected and support for them limited.

Since this group began, the number of regular members, many from local care homes, whose family contact and social activities has decreased, have risen to approximately 20-25 people.



Nursing Homes

The “Golden Oldies” nursing home communion service began over a year ago. There are 8 volunteers with a heart for older people’s ministry who visit 4 nursing homes within the parish either on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday afternoon each month – rotating them so that everyone receives a visit during the month. The team operate on a rota basis and take it in turn to read Bible passages, lead prayers and assist with the communion. Two talented musicians also attend and play a few hymns and then they have a singalong after the service. Staff and residents have stated that these visits are something that they all look forward to, and we are made to feel very welcome.

Home Communion

We offer to visit and provide Home Communion on a monthly basis for people who are unable to physically come to church, due to illness or disability,



Possibilities for future ministry for older people:

We are currently exploring creating a role for an Anna Chaplain. Two members of our leadership team will be attending some diocesan events in order to obtain more information.



Community

Barnabas Welcome Café

A monthly café open to all; with a designated quiet area for people with special needs and their carers, which includes a light/sensory 'room'/space/gazebo. Refreshments are free with donations gratefully received.

Crafts and games and live music are also provided. Conversation and prayer are also available for those in need. We have named this ministry 'Barnabas', as our aim is to encourage each other to know that we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God and in His image; and to become the best that He has created us to be.

Tuesday Meal and Food Bank

This ministry has been in operation for quite a few years and the number of people who are homeless or on a very low income have greatly increased since it began. We provide a weekly hot meal for our guests, which is cooked by volunteers. Some of our more recent cooks are people who were previously homeless themselves. We have a dedicated team of people who volunteer each week to support this ministry.



We also operate a food bank and provide our guests with a food parcel. The food bank is also there for anyone in need of replenishment, to call in during the week and exists in an endeavour to offset the increase in the cost of living, which has resulted in people being unable to afford to pay their bills and struggle to feed their families. We have been blessed to have been given donations of food and money for this ministry; and more recently, we have been awarded a grant from Two Ridings Wind Farm.

In the Winter months we have been offering a warm space for anyone who is homeless or is struggling to heat their home. They are provided with a hot drink, a snack and fellowship.

Monthly lunch

We are blessed with some talented cooks who provide us with a warm meal once a month. This has proven to be popular and is a welcome opportunity for fellowship as well as sustenance.





Art Group

A weekly opportunity for creative people who enjoy art to meet new and existing friends.



Possibilities for future community ministries:

Through our links with the local day care centres, we hope to be able to launch a separate group for people with learning disabilities. We also hope to be able to make the services more inclusive – e.g. signed worship.

Links with external organisations



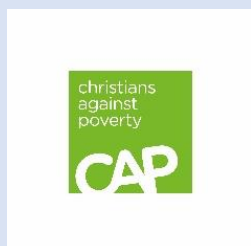
Arocha Eco- Church

Emmanuel gained the Arocha Bronze Eco-Church Award Pre-Covid. We have recently completed the updated survey and are working towards - and hoping to achieve - the Silver Award.



Acts 435

We have a nominated advocate at the church, who posts and processes requests onto this giving website on behalf of those known to us who are in need.



Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

We have delivered the CAP money coaching course several times to people who have been in financial difficulty. The course shows people how to budget and save money.



Finance

The treasurer currently supports both churches within the benefice.

Emmanuel

The general fund normally breaks even during the year. The PCC has a policy of donating 10% of gross unrestricted income to Christian missions/charities. We always honour our Free-Will-Offer to the diocese in full. Unrestricted planned donations generate the order of £12,000 each year from Gift Aid tax refunds. There are currently 21 community groups who hire various rooms within the building. The PCC have 14 restricted funding streams. These were largely grants that were given in order to fund various activities such as our work with the homeless. The PCC also have an enduring endowment fund.

All Saints, Barmston

Generally speaking, both unrestricted and restricted expenditure exceeds income. There is currently sufficient funding to pay for anticipated expenditure, but the reserves will not last forever. Following an open meeting of parishioners in 2021, attended by the Archdeacon of the East Riding and representatives of Bridlington Deanery, it was decided that the church should be kept open for the near future, with a view to encourage greater participation by the local residents. Congregation numbers remain small and finances are vulnerable; but with support from the Sister Church of Emmanuel, Bridlington, the church remains viable for the moment.



Opportunities for fellowship

Food and fellowship tend to go hand-in-hand at Emmanuel. Every few weeks, we hold 'bring and share' lunches after the service.



We also enjoy our biennial weekend Parish Christian retreat, which is usually taken at Scargill Community in Kettlewell in the Yorkshire Dales; where we receive a warm welcome, lots of refreshment, fun and fellowship.

Deanery ministries.

Hope Housing

In 2019, the 21 Anglican churches in Bridlington formed a charity – Hope Housing, Bridlington – in partnership with a national Christian charity – Green Pastures, in an endeavour to tackle homelessness in the area.

Green Pastures purchased a three-bedroomed house, which they lease to Hope Housing. A second three-bedroomed property was then obtained in 2021, again in partnership with Green Pastures; and as a result, there are currently six previously homeless men who are now housed.



This is a non-discriminatory charity, where people are provided with a home regardless of their faith. However, the ethos is overtly Christian, and it is evident that Christ is the motivation for reaching out to those in need of help. Residents are offered prayer, invited to local church services/events and by showing the love and integrity of Jesus at all times.

Hope Housing employs a Housing Support Officer for 30 hours per week, with a part-time administrative assistant to assist with office duties. The office is situated at Emmanuel Church.

Funding for this project is provided by the Supported Living enhanced level of Housing Benefit awarded to each resident and is paid directly to Hope Housing and covers most of the running costs. In addition, residents pay a monthly contribution towards the cost of a TV Licence, internet and heating/lighting in their own rooms.

However, there are some other regular costs, which are not met by these methods; and so we are reliant on gifts from churches, individuals and grants.

Hope Housing charity is currently governed by 8 trustees, who consist of local clergy and lay people. It is anticipated that the new incumbent at Emmanuel Church would be invited to join the board of trustees.

Safeguarding

Our parishes of Emmanuel Bridlington and Barmston are committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). All volunteers are safely recruited and regularly attend the appropriate level of safeguarding training.



Bridlington Deanery



'Living Christ's Story' gave rise to an ambitious Bridlington Deanery Plan. A major part of which has been the reorganisation of parish boundaries and groupings. The result is three groups of parishes ("Mission Units") centred on the town and the southern villages. Eight rural churches to the west make up the fourth Mission Unit, and the fifth, made up of five rural churches called the Headland Benefice to the north.

Churches across our Deanery are known for working together and reaching out sacrificially and generously to people in need, and for cooperating with agencies and with each other in providing food banks, meals, self-help courses and work with people struggling with addictions.

Uniquely, the churches of Bridlington Deanery, in partnership with the national charity Green Pastures, formed a charity, Hope Housing Bridlington, which cares for and supports the homeless in two houses in the town. The Emmanuel and Barmston parishes have supported this initiative from the very beginning. We gather, from time to time as a Deanery for fundraising, including what has become an annual Carol Concert, with contributions from across the parishes.

A brand-new initiative, as part of our Deanery plan, is the formation of a new Christian community, led by a priest, and for young adults, called 'studio 4:16'. The community will share a house in the town, grow in faith, and develop their ministries. A new worshipping community has also been established on one of the town's more deprived estates and another in one of the town centre churches.

As part of our Living Christ's Story Deanery Plan, for the last three years, we have held a six-monthly Deanery 'Community of Practice' meeting, in which people from each group of parishes spend half a day discussing and reflecting together upon an area of our mission and ministry. By learning from an invited speaker and from each other, as churches we shape our individual and collective vision for the future. These gatherings always conclude with a time of praying for each other, which has been very special.

In the coming season, we will be revisiting our Deanery Plan and how we continue Living Christ's Story in Bridlington. We have so far identified the priority of 'Reaching people we currently don't' and especially younger adults and children and thereby 'Growing the church younger'. Our churches across the Deanery already have many activities for younger people. It is our desire to see these growing and becoming missional and discipleship opportunities. Ongoing prayer is an essential part of all that we do and we are looking at ways to encourage and increase opportunities for us to pray together and for each other, across the Deanery.



Ecumenical Good Friday Service
in Bridlington town centre



Fund raiser for Hope
Housing Bridlington

Ecumenically, we have good relationships with other churches and church leaders. Many of the churches of the area come together for special events, including a Good Friday service in the town centre.

We see it as being very important that the new incumbent of Emmanuel and Barmston enthusiastically supports our Deanery goals, collaborating with fellow-ministers in mission across the Deanery and engaging with chapter and Deanery life. It is likely that this person would be invited, after a time of settling in, to join the Deanery Leadership Team, to help lead and encourage the Deanery's mission to share and Live Christ's story in Bridlington.

Reverend Neil Bowler
Rector, Bridlington Priory
Area Dean

Heather Bingley
Bridlington Deanery Lay Dean,

Our next incumbent.

We are seeking someone who will embrace our evangelical tradition. We are looking for someone who constantly seeks guidance from the Holy Spirit and lives out their faith daily. They will preferably be an experienced priest with a sound theological knowledge and will be a prayerful, strong and sensible leader.

We seek someone who values women in ministry equally with men; and who also welcomes and encourages lay ministry. They will value collaborative ministry with both clergy and lay; within the leadership team as well as the wider community e.g. someone who is open to ideas as well as bringing their own. They should be a servant-hearted person, who is not afraid to take their share of the workload; whilst also having the ability and trust to delegate to others.

This person will need to be patient and approachable; with good listening and effective conflict management skills; and the confidence and sensitivity to challenge when necessary. They will possess qualities such as gentleness, humility and strength to lead a diverse and often broken church and community into our next season.

They will have a heart for mission, being able to embrace our current ministries; whilst also encouraging and inspiring us to explore new ones. It is desirable that they have a heart for youth and young adult ministry as this is an area which we are keen to develop.

We seek someone who believes in encouraging others to maximise their potential and to become the people that God created them to be. This person will have compassion and a desire to share the love of Jesus with everyone.

It is essential that this person ensures that they maintain a good work/life/rest balance and above all they will need a sense of humour!

So, here we are! This is us! You've seen where we are and what we do; and the type of person that we are praying for to be our new incumbent. So, could this be you? What would you bring to Emmanuel and Barmston? What are you looking for? Is God prompting you? If this is a post that sparks an interest, please get in touch. We look forward to meeting you.

