

The background image shows the interior of a church. On the left, there is an altar with a green cloth and a cross. The ceiling features exposed wooden beams and skylights. The walls are made of stone and brick. In the center, a large white cross is superimposed over the image, with a smaller cross below it. The text 'WELCOME' is written in yellow, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the cross.

WELCOME

SAINT SAVIOURS
PARISH CHURCH

FAITH

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PARISH BROCHURE



Parish of St. Saviour, Fairweather Green



 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds



Welcome

We have all attended St. Saviour's for many years, and we are hopeful that we can find a leader to take us on the next step of our spiritual journey.

We hope that this Parish Brochure gives you a feel of what our church is about: who we are, what we do, and how we want to develop our faith and our church.



Of course, this document cannot tell the whole story so we very much hope that you will come to visit and meet us. Indeed, we hope and pray that you might even decide St. Saviour's is to be part of your own vocational journey of faith.

The Bishop's Statement

St Chad's Toller Lane & St Saviour's Fairweather Green

Our Diocesan vision is about confident clergy equipping confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ so that churches grow and communities are transformed. For this shared post across two adjacent parishes, we are seeking a priest with a joyful and confident faith which can inspire church growth, both spiritually and numerically. Both parishes have recently had periods of Interim Ministry, each served by a different priest. We are now able to offer a full-time role serving in both parishes, and the two PCCs have both agreed to move their Sunday morning service times by 30 minutes to make this workable. Recognising that St Chad's PCC is one of two parishes in the Bradford Episcopal Area that has passed a resolution under the Bishops and Priest (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure of 2014, we are seeking a Society priest who can also work fruitfully with St Saviour's, which has enjoyed the ministry of women priests for many years. He will be someone who can guide these congregations with love and sensitivity through challenging times, lead a wide range of Anglican worship well, enable both churches to flourish in their respective integrities and manage required changes well.

St Chad's is an inner city parish and in the top 1% most deprived in England (according the Church Urban fund statistics). The population can be characterised as young, Asian and Muslim, but that is not the full story. Of the 6,616 people living in the parish at the 2021 census, 80% were Muslim, 37% were under the age of 20 (and more than half were under 30). However, 10% were of white British heritage and there is also a sizable presence of Eastern European people. St Saviour's is located slightly further out from the city centre, but still in the top 4% most deprived parishes. Around half of its population of 8336 (at 2021 census) is of Muslim background, but c40% are of white British heritage.

The Diocese of Leeds is committed to retaining an engaged presence in such challenging contexts. We are also committed to ensuring that a flourishing, viable and welcoming ecclesial presence in the Catholic tradition of the Anglican church continues in the Bradford Episcopal Area. St Chad's, with its strong traditional Anglican Catholic heritage, is a spiritual home to many people from outside the parish. St Saviour's congregation is also very committed to eucharistic worship, as well as wanting to experiment with breaking new ground by offering worship which will be attractive to children and young families.

St Chad's church building and its adjacent modern church hall are both in good condition, and new infra-red heating has recently been installed in the church. A ministry of some 47 years from a previous vicar ended in 2016, after which the church has had Interim Ministry. The Interim Ministry objectives included assessing whether the future of St Chad's lay more in being a centre of Catholic worship and mission within the Diocese of Leeds, or in focusing on its immediate parish context in outreach and service. Some growth was seen from the former, supported by improvements to the parish website, and nearly 95% of those on the electoral roll now live outside the parish. However, the PCC is clear in its commitment to the latter alongside continuing to offer its distinctive catholic worship and mission to the wider Diocese.

St Saviour's church and integral hall are also in good condition. Interim Ministry was put in place in 2021 to assess whether there was potential for adequate congregational and financial strength to be grown there. Sadly, the Interim Priest-in-Charge's early retirement on health grounds meant that the planned support from a neighbouring parish was not forthcoming. Hence there was limited capacity to try new things in mission, ministry and worship. Nevertheless, an Interim Associate Vicar led the PCC and congregation through a careful facilitated review process, which led (among other things) to the development of a Mission Action Plan (MAP) and a positive atmosphere towards necessary change.

Thanks to a generous five year grant from the Additional Curates Society (ACS), we can make a full time appointment of a priest-in-charge for an initial period of three years. This timescale offers a helpful impetus to continue progressing the main emphases of the previous Interim Ministry at both churches, offering an opportunity to:

- Provide further evidence that each church can flourish, with growth and sustainability;
- Help the parishes to play an appropriately full part in the life of their deanery, wider Episcopal Area and Diocese;
- Develop and agree proposals for any future pastoral organisation which could help the parishes to flourish.

There are also specific objectives for each parish. Those for St Saviour's continue to be:

- Growing a "team" for St Saviour's which can offer sustainable worship, mission and ministry in the parish;
- Exploring the potential of one or more new worshipping communities;
- Establishing whether the parish's finances can be rebuilt to a viable level.

For St Chad's, they are:

- Agreeing and implementing any changes needed to develop and establish St Chad's as a catholic centre of worship and mission within the Diocese;
- Contributing to thinking about the best provision within the city of Bradford for worship and pastoral provision with Extended Episcopal Oversight for Anglicans who are not persuaded by the Church of England's decision to ordain women.

In view of the time-limited funding at St Chad's and continued Interim Ministry at St Saviour's, an appropriate monitoring process will be put in place, with a review point at the end of two years at the latest. Consideration can then be given to what happens when ACS's current generous grant ends (for example the grant could possibly be extended).

The Deaneries of Inner and Outer Bradford are comprised of parishes with similar demographic profiles to St Chad's and St Saviour's. Many of them are experimenting with mixing new approaches to worship and mission alongside inherited patterns. The new priest will therefore find creative and supportive colleagues in the Deanery chapters, all of whom will be deeply familiar with the joys and challenges he faces. He will therefore be expected to work with a spirit of generosity in sharing wisdom and insights about ministry within the Deaneries of Inner and Outer Bradford and across the Episcopal Area.

+Toby Howarth

Area Bishop of Bradford, March 2026



Our Interim Ministry

- Since 2021 we have been in an interim ministry scheme, originally under the auspices of St. John's, Clayton, a resourcing church, alongside St. Peter's and St. Francis's, Allerton.
- For various reasons, the scheme has not been able to deliver the desired regeneration of our churches and following the retirement of the Interim Priest-in-Charge in July 2023 and the departure of the Interim Associate Minister at the end of 2024, the progress we had begun to make in our focus groups has stalled.
- Having looked at various aspects of our church life, we drew up a Mission Action Plan as a blueprint for our future.
- We have worked hard to maintain our worship each week with the help of retired and visiting clergy and have kept all our existing activities in the church and community going. Beyond this, there is not the capacity, at present, to expand further.



Could you be our new Priest-in-Charge?

These are our top three qualities we feel are essential for the ministry in Fairweather Green and more widely with the parishes of Allerton and Thornton and St. Chad's, Toller Lane.

- A dynamic, prayerful, spiritual team leader
- Experience of or sympathy for maintaining the traditional rhythm of worship whilst willing to experiment to 'break new ground' in the parish and so attract children and young families.
- A person who is comfortable in a changing multi-faith, multi-ethnic environment.

These are qualities we think are important:

- A leader who will help us develop a nurturing church where people of all ages and backgrounds can belong.
- A teacher who can engage with and relate the Bible to everyday life to give us a fresh, deeper understanding of scriptures to deepen our faith
- A priest who develops people to learn new skills by helping them to identify their gifts.

This is the main area of mission we would like you to prioritize in your ministry:

Reaching out with God's love to engage, anyone and everyone

Who are we?



- The Electoral Roll at the end of 2025 stands at 33 and we have a regular worshipping congregation of 18, with a wider fringe of 10.
- The congregation is 84% actively retired, with 81-19% female-male ratio.
- The majority is ethnically white British, with some Afro-Caribbean.
- 50% of the congregation live in the parish.
- We are a welcoming, happy church and try to reach out to all areas of our community.
- There is a committed PCC who take much responsibility for the

church and work well with the clergy and congregation.

- Various community groups are run by lay members, and regular members serve, read and lead intercessions at services.
- There is strong leadership in community activities and growing leadership in worship.
- The church has a strong history of well-organised and thriving community and social activities, and a deep commitment to worship, giving good leadership in those areas.
- We do have an administrator working 8 hours per week, shared with St Peter's and St. Francis's, Allerton and St James's, Thornton.

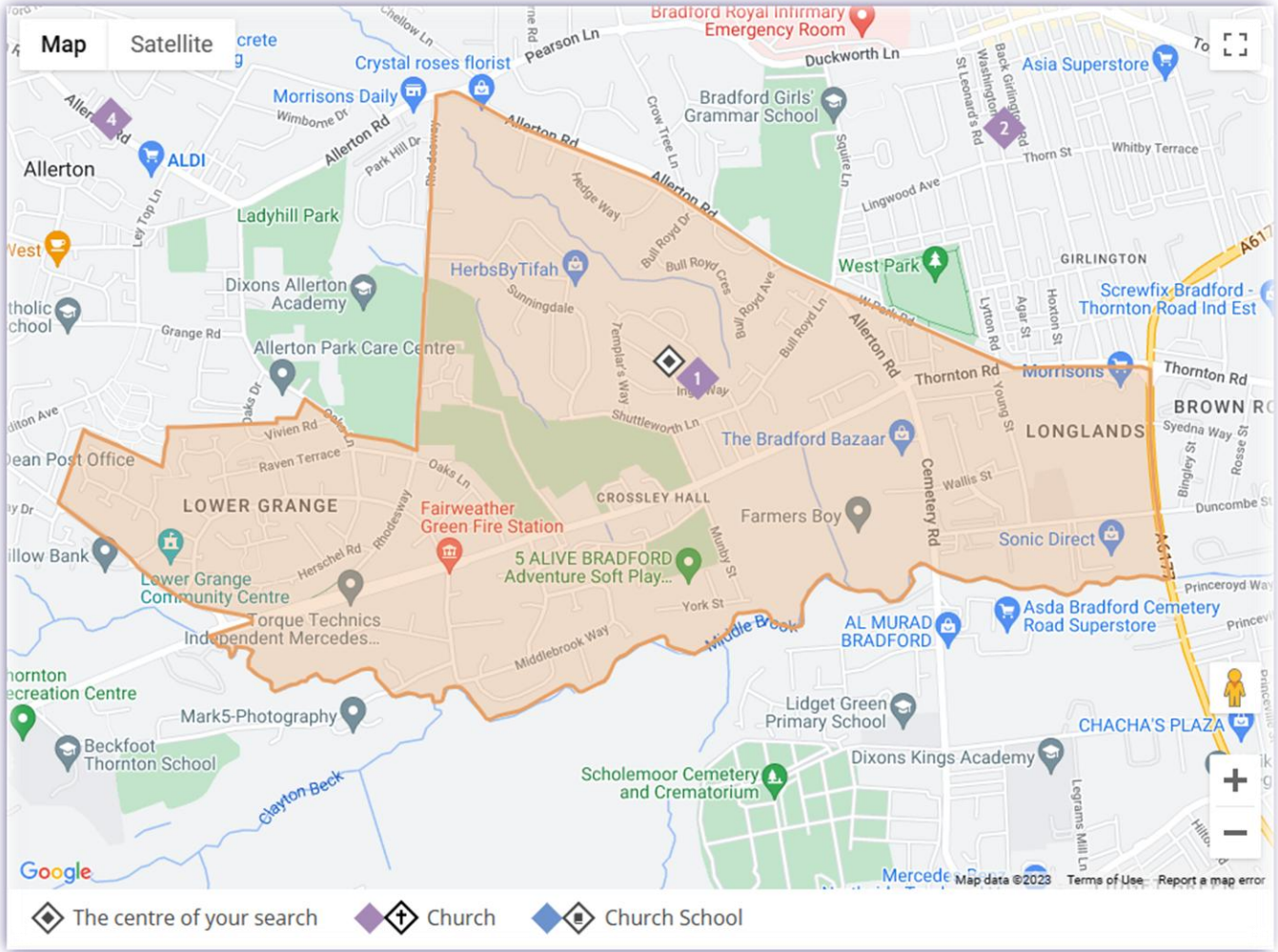
How we Worship



- Currently we worship at 10am on Sundays but expect to move to 9.30 am to make a workable Sunday morning for a priest shared with St Chad's.
- There is also a 9.30am service at St. Saviour's on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The 1st, 3rd and 5th services are currently held at St. Francis, Allerton at 11am.
- All services are Holy Communion Services.
- The tradition is central, cassock alb, chasuble and stole are preferred for services, with Hymns Old and New and organ CDs for worship. We do have a functional pipe organ should there be anyone available to play.
- There is also an informal service of Holy Communion at Crossley House Care Home.
- Whenever possible, we celebrate the special days in the Christian year and our wonderful Scout Group has led us in a celebration of Harvest and Christmas for the past few years.
- We are actively seeking to diversify in our worship to attract younger people and those who have not yet committed to a church.



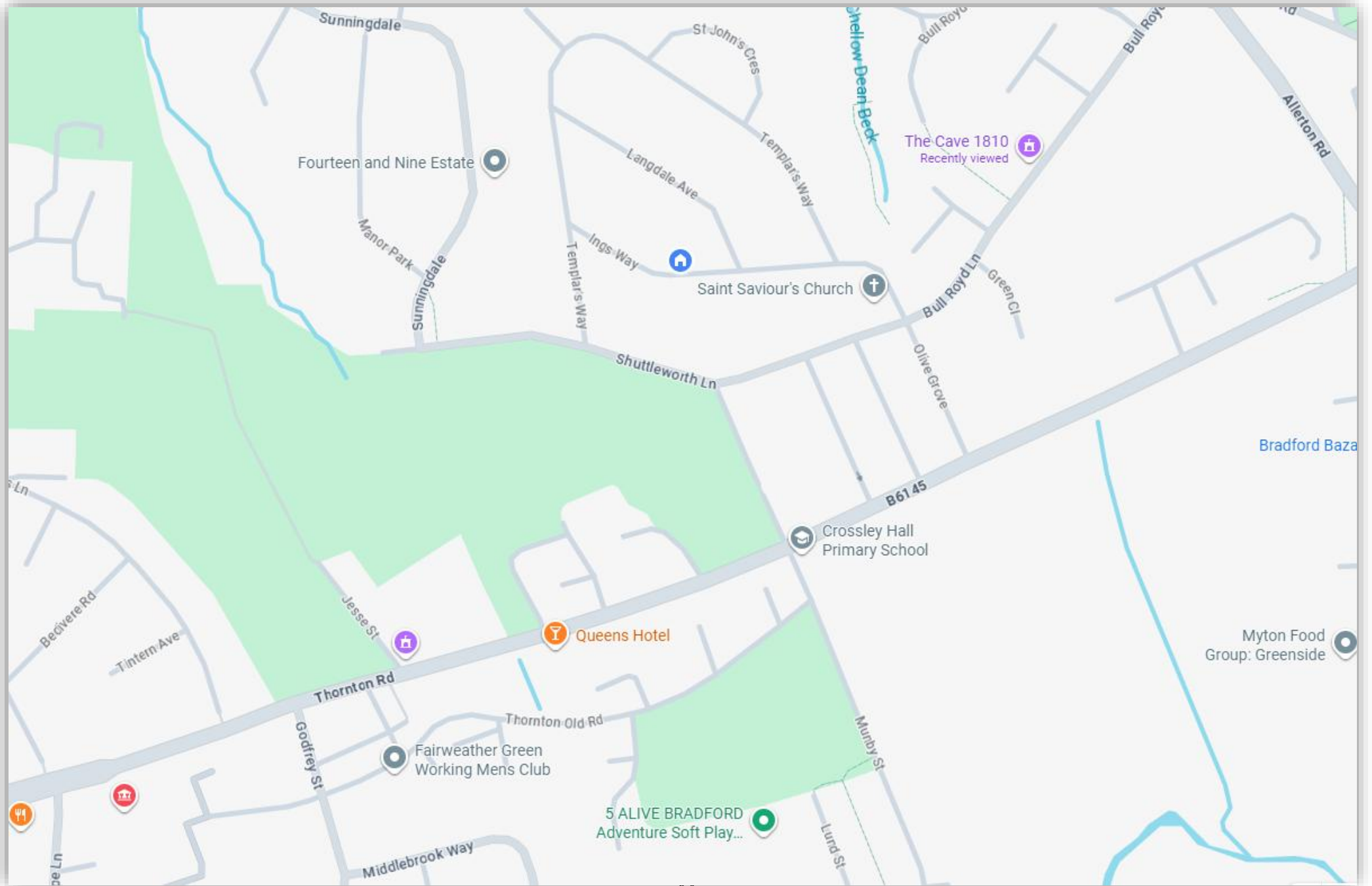
Where are we?



- Fairweather Green is a friendly, quiet residential area known for its community atmosphere and green spaces like Chellow Dene Wetlands (opposite St. Saviour's) which has several footpaths and open areas for picnics and play or exploring nature.
- A large recreation field can be found in the centre of the area used by several clubs for football and cricket.
- 5-Alive indoor sports venue & children's soft play
- Several other open areas border the parish including parks and Chellow Dene reservoirs.
- It features good local amenities including several convenience stores and multiple food takeaways - Chinese restaurant, Fish & Chip shop and Sandwich shop.
- There are also a few beauty salons and hairdressers.
- It is a peaceful area with a strong community spirit and local, friendly venues for socialising including the Queen Public House, Fairweather Green Working Men's Club and Girlington Conservative Club.
- There are a number of small industries along the Thornton Road corridor including workshops, garages and manufacturers.
- Vets for Pets is also in the Parish
- The area is served by Fairweather Green Fire Station which is highly rated by the community. Annually they hold fund raising events and open days.
- There are numerous buses that link the parish to Bradford City Centre, Bingley and Keighley as well as the bordering areas of the parish.







Our Church Buildings

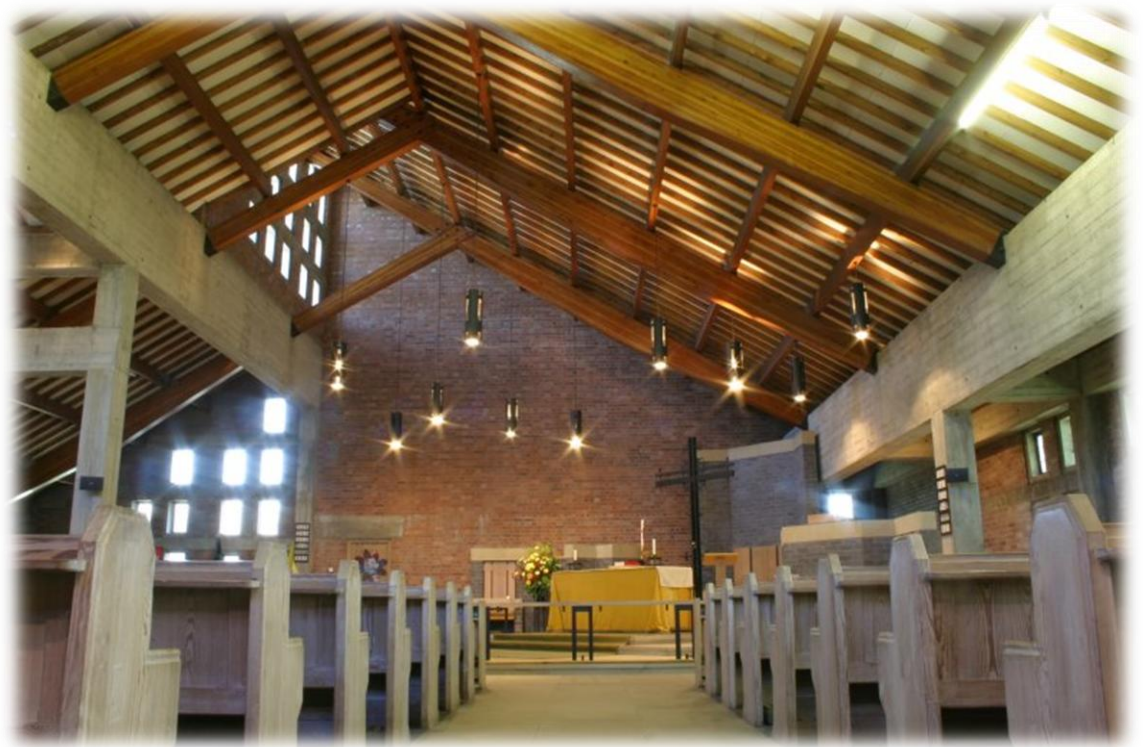


Designed by the well-known architect George Pace, the church was built to an unusual but practical plan in brick and reinforced concrete. From the beginning it had been decided that the new church would be something special, different and modern. It was described as “A church for tomorrow” by the surveyor, Mr. Derek Wardman and opened in 1966 to replace a small chapel nearby which had served the congregation since 1883. In November 2007 it was granted Grade II listed status, being recognised as a complete example of the work of George Pace and notable for its striking design.





The building comprises a central worship space, entrance hall, chapel, small kitchen and decent sized hall. The general state is fairly good but needs refurbishment of doors and windows, repairs to the concrete surrounds of the windows; and a certain amount of refurbishment of the church hall and the exterior of the church, so it looks more open and alive.

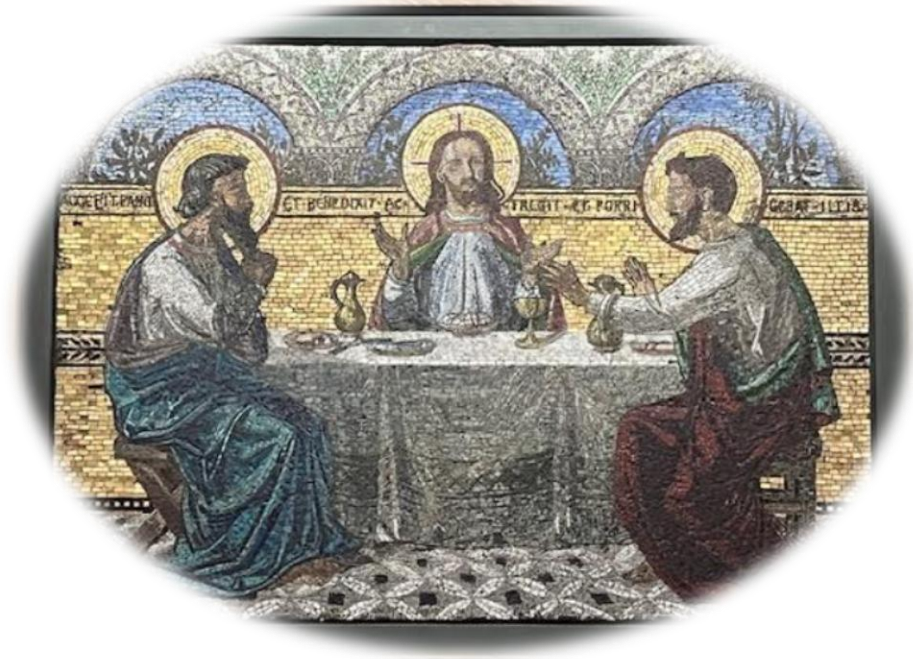


THE CHAPEL



Although only around 60 years old, St. Saviours incorporates early Victorian pews from St. John's in Little Horton.

St. John's also kindly provided a striking Byzantine-style mosaic depicting Jesus' meeting with Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus. This can be found in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd



THE VICARAGE

- Our Vicarage is a 4 bedroomed house located adjacent to the church, set in its own garden.
- It was built in the late 1960s, at the same time as the church, and is centrally heated and double-glazed. It has a lounge, dining room, kitchen, study, downstairs cloakroom and utility room.
- There is a garage and parking space. The building is in a good state of repair having been quite extensively renovated for the last Interim Associate Minister.





Community Outreach

St Saviours engages in the community in several ways:

- Ings Way Community Lunch - every 2nd Wednesday of the month we offer a free lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches and biscuits, plus a drink, in the church hall. We also enjoy a quiz.
- Knit and Natter – a weekly group run by church members to bring your knitting or other craft activity and chat with others, swap ideas or try something new.
- Dabble Days are a chance to ‘have a go’ at a new or known craft such as wreath making, card creations, making sequin baubles and sun catchers.



Crossley House Care Home – monthly service of Holy Communion

Occasional visits from the local school – Crossley Hall Primary, as part of their curriculum.



Various groups use our church, including:

- Local Councillors' for their 'surgeries'.
- Polling station for local and national elections.
- Uniformed groups: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. These are active and well attended groups.
- New Joy International Gospel Church hires the church and hall on Sunday afternoon for their worship. We have good relationships with the Pastors and have shared a joint summer outdoor celebration each year for the last 2 years.



Other things to note:

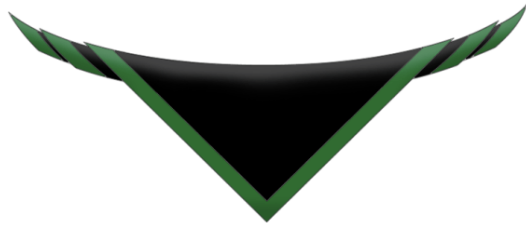
- We hire our church hall out, other than to regular groups, for one-off events such as birthday parties.
- Occasionally we have weddings, funerals and baptisms.
- The churches in Allerton and Fairweather Green take it in turns to lead the Civic Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Ladyhill Park. They also share in a service for the World Day of Prayer.
- Lower Grange Community Centre offer a variety of community services.
- There are three schools in the parish: Crossley Hall Primary School; Bradford Alternative Provision Academy; St. William's RC Primary School.
- Other places of worship: Jehovah's Witnesses, the Al-Hikam Institute.



Wednesday Warm Spaces Lunch & Quiz







Our Scout Group

46th Bradford North Scout Group (St. Saviours)

Tuesday 6pm – 7pm

- Beavers (6-8 years)

Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.45pm

- Cubs for (8-11 years)

Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm

- Scouts (11-14 years)
- Explorers (14-18 years)



The leaders work closely with the church supporting social and community events and encouraging their young people to engage with the My Faith & World Faith Badges. The last four young people to be confirmed at St. Saviours were all members of the Scout Group.



The annual Harvest Festival and Carol Service are organised by the Group Scout Leader in consultation with the PCC & clergy. The young people read extracts from the Nativity and poems and prayers they have prepared themselves. Most join in with the action whilst others prefer to be part of the audience. The church pews are filled with family, friends and regular worshippers too.



Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
Building the Easter Garden



Visiting Lincoln Cathedral



St. George's Day



Remembrance Parade

Our Financial Position

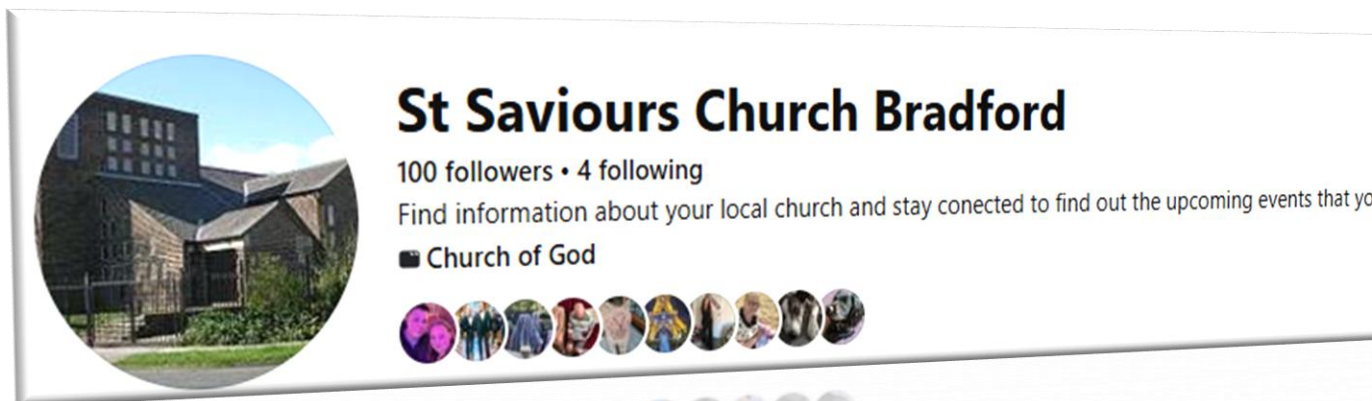


- Finances have been challenging over the last few years. Whilst income and expenditure are often closely aligned, this is because we pay less than 50% of our parish share.
- We have been working to increase hall hire and letting rates, reduce energy costs, and make other changes, and that has had positive results so far in 2025.
- We hire out the church and hall on Sunday afternoons to *New Joy International Gospel Church*, with whom we do shared social events and fairs.
- We pay reasonable clergy expenses in full.

Communication



- We produce a weekly internal news sheet for our congregation
- Our website www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk and [Facebook](#) page are an excellent way for us to reach out to the wider community: Between them they carry details of our services, special events, activity groups, contacts and our policies on weddings, baptisms and funerals and safeguarding and child protection.
- We also maintain an internet page on *A Church Near You* and use several websites which allow free listing of events to publicise our activities.



Barnabas: Encouraging Confidence

The Diocese of Leeds is committed to building **confident Christians** who are part of **growing churches** and helping to **transform communities**.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to **share the Good News**, serve others and make a positive difference in our communities. To help us do this, we need to be **confident** in our faith, in our churches and in the future.

Over the next 10 years, we are focusing on four key areas:

- **Confidence in our Mission** – Helping churches understand their purpose and make the best use of their buildings, time, and resources.
- **Confidence in our Future** – Ensuring the diocese remains sustainable, effective, and well-prepared for the years ahead.
- **Confidence in our Leadership** – Supporting and equipping everyone who serves in our churches.
- **Confidence in our Witness** – Encouraging and empowering people to share the Good News of Jesus, especially with children and young people.

These **four pillars will guide everything we do from Church House**, helping us work together and support the diocese more effectively.

What is Barnabas: Encouraging Confidence?

Barnabas: Encouraging Confidence is a strategy designed to **support churches in their mission**.

Diocesan teams (and we hope Churches across the diocese) are focused on ensuring their work supports increasing confidence in the 4 areas of mission, future, leadership and witness.

It goes even further through seeking and using additional funding from the national church to provide resources and targeted initiatives which can help churches to **grow, adapt, and thrive**. A dedicated **Barnabas Programme** team will oversee this, working with wider diocesan teams to ensure we get alongside parishes, offering guidance and practical support.

The name **Barnabas** is inspired by the early church leader who encouraged and strengthened others in their faith. In the same way, this strategy aims to **build up** and **equip** churches so they can move forward with confidence.

As we step forward, we do so with a shared commitment to seeing our churches and communities flourish.







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