

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SOUTH BANK



IN THE COMMUNITY,
FOR THE COMMUNITY
PARISH PROFILE
2025

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An introduction from Barry, the Bishop of Whitby



I am delighted you are exploring applying for to be Priest in Charge of St John the Evangelist in South Bank, serving a community on the north east of Middlesbrough. Be assured of my prayers and those of Archdeacon Amanda and our colleagues as you do.

South Bank is storied place with a long history of steelmaking then shipbuilding. Echoing the wider Teesside area, as big industries have left the community has tried

to adjust. On the edge of the largest brownfield site in Europe, which is seeing rapid redevelopment and new jobs in new industries, South Bank is both full of hope and pride mingled with hardship (the 21st most financially deprived parish out of 12,500 nationally). The opportunities and needs in South Bank are many and the Church Council are seeking a Priest who will help discern how the Spirit is leading into the future, facing outwards to the community and showing and telling of the transforming love of Christ for all.

The church community is very well served by a dedicated, creative and capable team of lay leaders. It is a welcoming community, where people are known, loved and nurtured by deep roots in prayer and the sacraments, which are at the heart of community life. Some clergy who have taken services in recent years are members of the Society and strong relationships exist with neighbouring parishes of a variety of traditions. The parish has chosen not to pass any resolutions and applications are encouraged from both women and men.

Following a long vacancy, the last six months have seen a time of discernment for what the right shape of ordained ministry will look like for the future. One option was to merge with another parish to create a full-time role but that felt to undermine the identity and opportunities specific to South Bank. Instead we have discerned it right to seek a priest who is dedicated specifically to serving and leading the Parish of St John the Evangelist. This is a four day a week role (half-stipend, plus the vicarage), albeit there is flexibility for the Priest-in-Charge to spread hours across the week or work on specific days. We hope this might appeal to someone who would like to find a different rhythm of life whilst focusing on a single community.

Across Middlesbrough this vacancy comes at an exciting time, as we are in the middle of discerning how the Spirit of God is calling us over the coming years. We seek a new Priest-in-Charge who will be a key part of this. As a diocese, and with the encouragement of the national church, we intend later in 2026 to seek significant new investment from the national church to support these plans.

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

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

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



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

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

Applications to Jacqui Gunter, Jacqui.Gunter@yorkdiocese.org

Welcome from the Area Dean

Middlesbrough Deanery is the northern most of the six deaneries in the archdeaconry of Cleveland. Just minutes away from the North Yorkshire Moors and the beautiful sandy beaches of the northeast coast.

Due to several retirements in the same 6-month period we will have 5 vacancies in Middlesbrough Deanery in the autumn of this year. We are making the most of this opportunity and will rethink what ministry should look like across the deanery in the 21st century. We will need to have 'porous boundaries' in the parishes and a generous spirit as we navigate the changes ahead. We are looking forward to working with people who will bring and embrace change and work with the plan to fill all the vacancies quickly. So join us in that discernment.

We are a deanery of many church traditions. From Society through liberal catholic and evangelical. As chapter we are looking forward to welcoming colleagues who will be as committed to working together with us when we can. To share our resources and our experience to build up all our churches as we encourage our congregations to 'live Christ's story'. Our unity can be seen in the way we are each helping to cover these vacancies and others in the recent past.

Churches across Teesside have been working together for many years, culminating in Festival Teesside in 2024. We meet for a church leaders lunch each half term, and prayer weekly during term time.

The Holy Spirit is moving on Teesside; are you being called to join us in spreading the gospel in Middlesbrough?



Rev Graham Potter
Rector Christ Church Eston, with St. George Normanby
Area Dean of Middlesbrough

Welcome

Welcome to St John the Evangelist Church South Bank and thank you for showing an interest in our parish. We sincerely hope you find this document helpful. St John's Parish resides in the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland; it is a suburban community and is part of the Deanery of Middlesbrough.

We are an Anglican Parish Church of the mainstream tradition. The Traditional Eucharistic services are extremely important to our parishioners. Our Parish life is based on prayer and tradition. We have good support from the local community; we offer regular social activities.

Our beautiful Grade II Church, Built 1893/95 by J.M. Bottomley (Middlesbrough); and Allison Brothers (Middlesbrough), builders. Built in red brick, is widely used by the community especially for weddings and christenings, as we have a large established garden which is ideal for photos.

We are frequently commended for the strength and warmth of our welcome.

We have built up very good links with our local schools, and care homes, along with other local religious groups.

Our local community, after many years of decline is undergoing a period of change, with new homes being built.

A recent Middlesbrough Parish Attendance per capita, placed St John the Evangelist in third place with 2.1%.



As we have been in interregnum for over 18 months, we have decided to include endorsements from the Priests who have kindly supported us spiritually through these difficult times, hopefully they will help you to develop a greater understanding of the parish and its people.

Endorsements

The Revd Dr Robert Opala, Priest in Charge St Cuthbert's Parish Church in Ormesby
The Revd Lisa Opala, Associate Priest in St Mary's, Nunthorpe, Chaplain at JCUH

We remember your warm hospitality, but especially the beautiful liturgy that you observed. It was a great experience for us as not many Anglo-Catholic Parishes have such a good understanding of the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist. Another thing was that I was very impressed that your church was very clean and well organised.

Fr. Malcolm Lockey SSC

Walking in through the main doors of St John's the first things that are noticed are the wonderful crucifix - a plaque too a former parish priest and well-polished brass door handles into the church itself. Always a sign that a church is loved and cared for. St John the Evangelist in South Bank is just such a place - well loved and cared for by its people - and they look after their priests and visiting clergy in precisely the same way. I have known and loved this parish for about 40 years. It was linked or informally 'twinned' with the parish in Yarm where I was curate. The people of South Bank were the same then - faithful, caring, supportive, loving, a strong supportive welcoming community - and they haven't changed a bit.

Their faith is important. Their church and church community is important to them and there is a strong sense of community. Folks who have moved away, come back and still worship in the parish. There is a strong sense of togetherness - everyone 'mucks in' whether it be to reach out and serve the community of South Bank - which it does - or work toward buying a new roof - which it's doing - organising a fabulous pie and pea supper/Bingo night [I wish I lived nearer I'd be there every time] - running the parish office - caring for the sick - being part of the cleaning rota or working in the kitchen, polishing brasses, arranging flowers, reading, interceding, singing in the choir, assisting round the altar - being a PCC member or Church Warden - the St John's folk are involved and what a gift to any incoming parish priest. If I were younger - I would count it a privilege to be the parish priest of this community: even as an old man - I would count it a privilege to be their priest, and I wouldn't have to be asked twice - I'd be there like a shot! The folk of South Bank and this parish church are among the finest, the warmest, the kindest and most generous, loving and faithful people it has ever been my privilege to serve. All they need is a priest to love them. Mind you - they are not to be pushed around or bullied. These people come from steel making stock and they know their own mind. They will hold out for what they believe and have done since their last parish priest left. They grieved his going but they got on with it and have organised and run their parish magnificently for almost two years. They are not in a rush: they know what they want, and they'll stick out for it.

The Church fabric is generally in fine order - because of the way the folk look after it. Vestments are of the highest order. They look after and care for their priests - rota's are in place - liturgy is valued. Pilgrimage to Walsingham [often in partnership with other parishes] is highly cherished by many.

This is a gem of a parish in a deprived community that had its heart torn out when the steel works and the heavy industry of Teesside shut down. It deserves its own priest who has a generous, loving pastoral heart with a love of liturgy and worship and whose ministry is founded on a deep faith, a life of prayer and a love of God.

If you are the right person - these people will give you their all. And that is to be respected and cherished by whomsoever is fortunate to be selected as their parish priest.

John Ford, Canon Emeritus York Diocese, Honorary Canon of the Diocese of False Bay Diocesan MU Chaplain

The congregation at St John's Church South Bank are warm and welcoming and have worked together to maintain the Church as part of the Community throughout the vacancy. Meeting to worship together has cemented a strong "family" atmosphere where all are welcome. The worship is traditional catholic in nature, and everyone engages with the service in a reverent and respectful manner, which forms the basis of their strong relationships. Those who take an active part in the service provide a thoughtful, reflective and prayerful foundation for the congregation allowing them to be free to join in the worship.

During the vacancy they have faced some difficult financial challenges related to the roof of the church hall. The congregation led by the churchwardens responded wonderfully to raise the necessary funds to carry out the repair and maintain the hall which is used for community events and is an important focal point.

I have been privileged to be part of the worshipping community during the vacancy as it goes about the task welcoming everyone in the community underpinned by their uplifting worship together.

Fr. Edward Mathias Jones St. Hildas of Whitby, Grangetown

St. John the Evangelist, South Bank is set in an area of deprivation with a diverse community surrounding it. The worship is centred on the celebration of the Eucharist, which at present is celebrated at 9.30am on Sundays & Wednesdays and is ordered according to Common Worship. Vestments are worn and incense is used on Sundays, and the various seasons and saints' days in the church's calendar are valued and celebrated. There is a robed choir and Sunday School.

St. John's is well attended with a mixture of regular parishioners who either live locally or are eclectic worshippers. The congregation are enthusiastic and value the richness of varied Anglican traditions and spirituality. There are a number who go on pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham annually.

The congregation also value a shared social life, and are good at fundraising etc. There are regular social evenings including Pie & Peas with Bingo. The sizeable hall is used by the local community, with whom the church seeks to engage. There is an Eco Shop, and the church makes use of external organisations to help with its outreach such as Big Kids. St. John's plays its part in the life of the Deanery of Middlesbrough and Diocese of York and has a good relationship with other churches in the deanery and ecumenically.

St. John's has an active funeral ministry, and has been able to respond pastorally to modern needs with the use of screens for visual tributes etc.

It is hoped that an enthusiastic priest may soon be found to engage with our friendly and enthusiastic congregation and local community.

Fr Emmanuel, Priest in Charge, Church of Ascension, Middlesbrough,

It has been a joy to support St John's South Bank during the current vacancy by celebrating Mass on the first two Wednesdays of each month. I have been deeply impressed by the warmth, dedication and sense of responsibility shown by this wonderful community. Despite the challenges of an interregnum, the people of St. John's continue to serve and worship with faith and unity. Their commitment is both encouraging and admirable.

David Goodhew, vicar of St Barnabas, Middlesbrough

As someone who occasionally takes services at St John's, I am always impressed with the friendliness and good organisation of the church and the range of ages and stages of people present. The church does great work in an area with many needs. For the right person, this will be a highly stimulating and rewarding place in which to serve

Rev Peter Bristow

St. John's is a warm and welcoming church community; it is always lovely to see people at prayer as one arrives which speaks of an active spirituality.

Prayer for Guidance

Heavenly Father, we seek your guidance in finding a priest who can minister to our needs and help us grow in faith.

Please lead us to the right person and grant us the grace to recognise and appreciate the gift of their ministry.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Aims

In the Community for the Community; to provide a focal point for the community to establish a comprehensive support system for families facing challenges.

Mission Statement

To embrace people from all walks of life, helping them discover God's purpose, and to guide them toward a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ through worship and supportive fellowship, to Live Christ's Story.

Our new Priest

It has been agreed that the post will be 2/3rds (four days a week, which must include Sundays and Wednesdays) the post also includes the Vicarage and a half stipend.

While our local area is expanding with a large new housing estate, our community is diverse, and we have areas of financial deprivation, we are looking for a Priest who can help us renew our energy and focus.

We can offer you:

- A well-appointed Vicarage, close to our church
- A welcoming and friendly congregation
- A hard-working PCC with Strong links to the local community

We want to:

- Maintain our traditions, while introducing new initiatives that appeal to younger members
- Develop our mission, to build on what already exists in our church
- Look outwards into our community, especially the new housing estate.
- Establish activities for young families and teenagers.
- Look beyond our existing congregation, without alienating them, to the new neighbouring housing estate
- Continue to care for the elderly

We want to develop:

- Develop noisy / messy church services for children
- Re-establish our mother and toddler group
- Build our family faith sessions
- Re-establish links with the local school and care homes
- Develop a live streaming service for:
 - Our housebound worshipers
 - Weddings and funeral services

Along with our list of 'wants' we are mindful that the successful applicant will have ideas that they would like to explore and develop, which we would be open to.

We are praying for a faithful priest who will:

- Prayerfully and innovatively guide us through the changes that lie ahead
- Nurture and grow the existing church communities, encouraging meaningful worship, through Sacrament and Word
- Be a teacher and preacher of God's word and someone who encourages the development of people's spirituality, gifts and service
- Help us to reach out to the new housing developments to widen our congregation
- Continue to make our church part of the community, reaching all parts of the Parish
- Inspire children, young people and families to deepen their faith and become part of the worshipping community
- Enable us to overcome the financial challenges in the parish

Our Church Life = our services

Sunday Service 9.30 Holy Communion, followed by tea / coffee in the hall

Wednesday 9.30 Holy Communion, followed by tea/coffee in the hall

Remembrance Sunday service begins with Eucharist service followed by a traditional community service at the Cenotaph

Our Christmas worship begins with nine lessons and carols, when we are joined by The South Bank Brass Band

We enjoy a hugely popular crib service on Christmas Eve; this is a firm favourite of the children in the community. In the past, we have told the story of the Nativity with a puppet show! Our service on Christmas day is well attended, this is one of the days we use the High Altar.

As Lent guides us towards Holy week, we have the Stations of the Cross every Friday, and a weekly Lent course is provided by the Mothers' Union. Our worship during Holy Week consists of traditional, spiritual services, starting on Wednesday morning, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, following the service everyone receives a small Easter egg.

Weddings, Baptisms and funeral services are arranged when required. Baptisms are separate to our Sunday Worship.

Some members of our congregation on Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday



Nine Lessons and Carols with South Bank Brass Band



Easter Sunday



Our Church Life = our community and it's people

2nd Friday of the month, Family Faith Club, with a hot meal

2nd Monday of the month, Mothers' Union

Every Tuesday, Breakfast Club (formerly warm room)

Every Tuesday and Thursday, we host the Eco Shop

Breakfast Club



Every Tuesday we have a warm room where anyone can come and enjoy some company. We provide a bacon bun, cereal, toast, even porridge oats, along with tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a good chat, developing friendships while keeping warm. We welcome parents with children during the school holiday. Ladies and gentlemen of our congregation take turns in providing this service, it remains popular with the wider community.

Eco Shop (and Multi shop)



Tuesday at 9.30 to 11.00am (to coincide with the breakfast club) and Thursday 11.00am to 1.30pm we host the Eco shop on behalf of South Bank Community Land Trust. This is £3 for 10 items of quality supermarket food products including fresh and frozen foods. (Ros Heimer, Christine Stubbs, Sue Jeffries).

The multi shop is a new church initiative, providing a diverse selection of good quality second hand clothing, and household goods including bedding, curtains, children toys, we do not have electric items or knives for safety reasons, items are offered for £2 or less an item. The money we make, goes to the church fund.

Family Faith Club



We continue to offer the Families of South Bank a chance to come together in a warm, friendly and safe environment. The sessions run on the 2nd Friday of each month between 4.30pm – 6pm.

We have been fortunate to have Big Kids (Sam & Debbie) lead the group, whilst the volunteers from St John's support them. Sam and Debbie brilliantly tell a story from the bible in a fun way where the children can engage and interact. The story is also aimed at the parents in a subtle way, as some parents that come to the sessions are not regular church goers. The children also join in a craft based on the bible teaching and quite often play games, again based on the bible teaching. We have a regular Christian song we sing each session, and it's great to see when not only the children join in but parents as well.

After prayers (which we use the same prayer every time, so the families know it off by heart). We join together for a 2-course hot meal.

We have been fortunate enough to secure £2,300 in funding from The Benefact Trust. As each session can cost £100/110 to put on, this includes the fee for Big Kids youth workers.



Mothers' Union



The **Mothers' Union** is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide. It is fast approaching its 150 anniversary 2026. In addition to mothers, its membership includes men, widows, singles and grandparents. We demonstrate our faith in action. This happens as we work towards ending poverty, ending inequality ending injustice. Our members work at grassroots level around the world. They bring hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes

Its main aim is to support marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, and to campaign for improving women's lives. We are pleased to say we have an active Mothers' Union group, which meets monthly, to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding. Mothers' Union provide the annual Lent course, this year it was based on West Side Story,

previous years the courses were based on such diverse programs as Mary Poppins and I, Daniel Blake. We were blessed with a visit of Barbara Ford, Diocesan President, along with Fr John, Diocesan Chaplain, recently for the new members service.



Fundraising

At St John's we are blessed with an amazing fundraising team, throughout the year we hold many varied social and fundraising events, which are generously supported by the wider community.

The Christmas Fayre: Our Christmas Fayre is very successful; we have many varied stalls, including a children's tombola stall, hot drinks and cakes. During this event we incorporate the Grand Christmas Draw, and we have our fantastic Father Christmas, who is extremely popular. All the money made from Father Christmas is donated to Zoe's Place, our local children's hospice.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance

This was another new initiative last year, which was well supported by the community, we offered tags and little angels for Christmas messages to departed loved ones.

The Summer Fayre: This is run along the same lines as the Christmas Fayre, both events are well supported by the local community.



Pie and Pea Supper incorporating Bingo nights: These nights are legendary! They are usually a sellout, and lots of fun. People come from neighboring parishes to support these events.

We also help support the local community with their fundraising events, mainly the South Bank Carnival, and their Christmas Fayre by providing the cake stalls.

We offer various other fundraising events, including the 49ers club, Easter, Halloween and Christmas raffles. We have also had some extra fundraising events for the repair of the Hall Roof; these included a sponsored walk from Saltburn to Whitby.

PCC

We are blessed with a full and active PCC, along with our two Churchwardens, we have a Deputy Warden, a Treasurer, a Safeguarding Officer along with an Assistant Safeguarding Officer, Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer, and a full committee making 12 people.

The PCC recognise the importance to involve as many people as possible in the worship and life of the church.

We uphold and would wish to continue with an open policy in response to requests for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.



Back row: Victoria Redmond Churchwarden, Ann Hornby Treasurer, Stephen Myrddin-Baker Deanery Synod Rep, Tony McGee Deputy Churchwarden, Middle row: Maisie Chapman Chairperson and Safeguarding Officer, Joan Naylor, Sherry Binks Secretary & Deanery Synod Rep, Val Llewellyn Fundraising, Antony Myrddin-Baker Churchwarden, Front row: Mavis Watson Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Grimes, Yvonne Jaques Fundraising.

Our Gardening Team



We have a gardening team, who undertakes to keep our grass mowed, and gardens looking beautiful, the gardens are available to be used for wedding photographs.

Sam Douglas

Tony McGee

Wedding and Funeral team

We have a team dedicated to providing the community with the modern requirements when it comes to weddings and funerals. They work closely with brides and families along with the presiding vicar to prepare personalised visual tributes, and music choices, with the use of screens in the church for visual tributes.

Our Choir and Altar Servers

We are blessed with a dedicated team of servers, we have a lovely small, robed choir, who sing at the Sunday morning services and of course Christmas and Easter.



Choir: front row Margaret Jones, Susan Grimes, Angela Skinner, second row; Joan Naylor, Frances Sockett, Elaine Bishop and back row Tony McGee



Servers: back row: Stephen Myrddin-Baker, Victoria Redmond, front row: Maisie Chapman, Mavis Watson and Frances Sockett

Finances

Finances as at 31st December. 2024

General Fund

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Planned Giving	11056	Freewill Offering	15967
Gift Aid Refund	3513	Other Expenses	29942
Other Giving	1585		
Other Income	21041		
Total Receipt	£37195	Total Payments	£45909

Assets

General Fund	£39760
Fabric Fund	£10475
Total	£50235

St John's is in receipt of the Low-Income Community Fund and this has been granted for the coming 3 years. Our Freewill Offering has been increased year on year even during the Covid years apart from 2025 when the PCC decided to keep it at the level it was. This was due to the fact we were having to pay for a roof repair to the church hall, and we didn't want to overcommit. The roof repair and Parish Share were paid in full. The deficit in the general fund was due to the roof repair, so money was transferred from the fabric fund to cover the cost.

We encourage our congregation to pay by standing order into the bank or the envelope scheme and to gift aid if appropriate. It is through fundraising during the year we are able to cover all our expenditure.

The Vicarage



Energy Performance Certificate

259, Normanby Road, MIDDLESBROUGH, TS6 6TB

Dwelling type: Semi-detached house
Date of assessment: 14 March 2017
Date of certificate: 17 March 2017

Reference number: 8973-7627-5550-1024-8996
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Total floor area: 146 m²

Use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which properties are more energy efficient
- Find out how you can save energy and money by installing improvement measures

Estimated energy costs of dwelling for 3 years:	£ 4,482
Over 3 years you could save	£ 1,626

Estimated energy costs of this home

	Current costs	Potential costs	Potential future savings
Lighting	£ 324 over 3 years	£ 240 over 3 years	You could save £ 1,626 over 3 years
Heating	£ 3,822 over 3 years	£ 2,277 over 3 years	
Hot Water	£ 336 over 3 years	£ 336 over 3 years	
Totals	£ 4,482	£ 2,856	

These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water and is not based on energy used by individual households. This excludes energy use for running appliances like TVs, computers and cookers, and electricity generated by microgeneration.

Energy Efficiency Rating

The graph shows the current energy efficiency of your home.

The higher the rating the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking the recommendations on page 3.

The average energy efficiency rating for a dwelling in England and Wales is band D (rating 60).

The EPC rating shown here is based on standard assumptions about occupancy and energy use and may not reflect how energy is consumed by individual occupants.

Current	Potential
81	82

Top actions you can take to save money and make your home more efficient

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years	Available with Green Deal
1 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£ 1,362	✓
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£ 195	✓
3 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£30	£ 69	✓

See page 3 for a full list of recommendations for this property.

To find out more about the recommended measures and other actions you could take today to save money, visit www.gov.uk/energy-grants-calculator or call 0300 123 1234 (standard national rate). The Green Deal may enable you to make your home warmer and cheaper to run.

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The house, dates from 1930 it was acquired in 1970. The property is semi-detached. The accommodation at the vicarage is arranged over two floors. From the front door, leading off a front hall is a study, reception room, dining room, Kitchen and a downstairs toilet. The First floor has three double bedrooms, two single bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate toilet. The gardens to the front are largely tarmac and provide off street parking and turning. To the rear the garden extends back with lawns near the house and an extensive shrubbery beyond.

Our local facilities and surrounding areas

Where to start? South Bank has excellent access to the regions north south, east and west arterial roads, in fact the A66 runs through the parish, which links to A19/A1M, and the local railway station has links to Middlesbrough and Darlington and the East coast mainline, with good connections to Newcastle, York, Leeds, Manchester airport, Edinburgh and London.

Over the road from the vicarage is a health centre and a library. There's a good choice of shops / supermarkets again close to the vicarage. If food is your 'thing' the villages around us host regular farmers' markets.

While the parish is in a deprived area, we feel we are blessed with beautiful local parks; four parks host Saturday Park runs ranging from flat to hilly! Behind the vicarage there's an old railway line that's now a footpath which runs to the foot of Eston Hills. We are close to the stunning coastline, Redcar, Marske, Saltburn and a few little fishing villages eventually leading to Whitby, the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors is just a short drive away, 15 minutes and you're in beautiful countryside, with some truly stunning walks and scenery, please see the photos below, and yes, we really do see the northern lights, we are truly blessed, but please, our beautiful countryside is a secret, so don't tell everyone!

If fitness is your hobby, we have a sports centre over the road from the vicarage, and currently being built, is a new swimming pool, (we have contacts with local running groups, cycling clubs and Triathlon clubs).

Saltburn



Flatts Lane Park



Roseberry Topping



Some photos of our church activities

Christmas fun



Crib Service



Pie and pea supper night



We shared our beautiful church with St Mary EriOte Middlesbrough, when they needed a larger facility for a celebration,



Victoria and Antony (Churchwardens) receiving a donation for the Hall roof from Mayor Bendelow and his wife.



We were honoured to be chosen by the mayor to be one of his chosen charities, this was a yearlong process with the proceeds going towards the repair of the hall roof.



Victoria and Antony with Victoria Hornby and Jamie Redmond at the start of their epic walk from Saltburn to Whitby (20.8 mile)



Victoria and Antony with Victoria Hornby and Jamie Redmond completing their charity walk of 20.8 miles from Saltburn to Whitby in aid of the



church hall roof.

And of course, our beautiful church



THANK YOU FOR READING OUR PROFILE,

IF YOU REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

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