

PARISH PROFILE

HOUSE FOR DUTY IN UPPER RYEDALE



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An introduction from Barry, the Bishop of Whitby



I am delighted you are exploring applying for this key House for Duty role serving the beautiful communities of Upper Ryedale. Be assured of my prayers and those of Archdeacon Amanda and our colleagues as you do.

This attractive role offers opportunity to minister with creativity and care across five small rural communities in the south western corner of the picturesque North York Moors. The communities come together every Sunday for a single service, which rotates around the four church buildings and is well supported.

An interim Priest in Charge holds, in plurality, responsibility for the Upper Ryedale alongside the nearby market town of Helmsley, offering support and collegiality, alongside freedom to lead and serve. A Children and Youth Worker and two Associate Priests join an outward focused ministry team, which is ecumenical in nature, enjoying a close and developed partnership with the Ryedale Methodist Circuit.

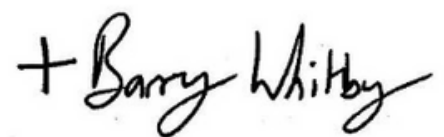
Together the ministry team, wider lay leadership and parishes they serve are known for being creative and welcoming, with an outward-focused, Christ-centred culture, as evidenced in the exciting new Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail. The churches sit within an entrepreneurial and supportive Deanery, inspired by the culture of the farming communities it serves. The churches of the Deanery are unafraid to try new things and confident in who they are in, through and before God. Supported by a close relationship with the diocesan Revitalise team, there is a strong collective desire to 'take the Gospel from within the walls of our churches to the communities the churches serve.'

This is a post for a priest who is prayerful and collaborative, a pastor who enables others in ministry and inspires the whole Church to invite all in our communities to join in the story and know the hope and life of Jesus Christ.

Upper Ryedale 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.

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Introduction

We are at an exciting stage in the development of our Christian ministry and mission here in the parishes of Upper Ryedale and Helmsley. We are looking for someone who wants to be part of this innovative and inspiring team and bring their unique Christian skills and expertise to help us spread, widen, and deepen our ministry, mission, and outreach work amongst our rural communities in this beautiful part of the North York Moors.

This house for duty team vicar colleague will come and be a priest and pastor here; to live, work and pray with the clergy and people of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale, with primary responsibility for the parish, communities and congregations of Upper Ryedale comprising Bilsdale Midcable, Cold Kirby, Hawnby, Old Byland and Scawton.

We are praying for a colleague who feels called to come and be with us. The role involves being part of a team that is outside of the usual (at least in York Diocese), so we do need a colleague who is comfortable working in uncharted territory and happy to share responsibility and to allow others to experiment and take a lead. We also need a person for whom 'spirituality' and 'prayer' are living parts of their personal lives, and something to be shared and developed in others, both personally and in public worship.

We think that there is potential here to work with others on several new projects across our parishes, including our exciting new Saint Aelred Pilgrim Trail, supporting those developing this project and forming a community of friends and supporters. You might be just the person to help us develop that.

There is a parish service each Sunday at 10am rotating round the churches. Many of the congregation travel from week to week to attend worship within the parish. The church buildings are well maintained.

Churchmanship is central and applications are welcome from both men and women. Alb and stole are worn. Currently a chasuble is worn for feast days.



St Mary's
Scawton

Accommodation

The house is The Rectory which sits on the village green in the scenic village of Old Byland and has excellent accommodation with a study attached, toilet, and separate living accommodation.

The Rectory *Old Byland*



The Village Green *Old Byland*

All Saints' *Old Byland*



Job Description

- To be an active Christian presence in the Upper Ryedale communities
- Priest and pastor leading the churches of Upper Ryedale through prayer, teaching, and worship and enabling God's people to be better disciples of Christ
- Presiding at Holy Communion, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, walking alongside people in their joy and grief.
- Work with others as an active member of and contributor to the wider ministry and mission team in Helmsley and Upper Ryedale
- Fulfil the expectation of "house for duty" which is to work on Sundays and two other days during the week (nominal 18 hours). We expect the 'House for Duty' role to enhance and enrich the other parts of life beyond 'work' and that proper time is taken for everything else in life that is precious in God's sight.
- Committed to the mission of the Church of England, working with others to build up the Church through recognising where God is at work in the world and in the lives of others.

Person Specification

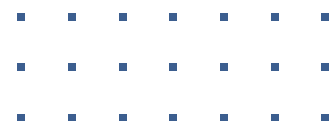
- The post holder shall be a priest of the Church of England with a passion to make a difference and a desire to work within and for our rural and farming communities.
- Enhance DBS checked and an up-to-date working knowledge of the requirements of the Church of England Safeguarding Core and Additional Learning Pathways and Parish Safeguarding Handbook.
- Have IT skills and a willingness to learn and develop these further, together with an understanding and awareness about the benefits and dangers of social media.
- Evidence of working in a Church of England parish ministry, and of preaching styles that engage with people of varying age, understanding, and outlook.



- Evidence of reaching out beyond church to the wider community
- Have a secure personal Christian faith and confidence to be a Christian leader.
- Be open to new and innovative ideas and ways of delivering the Christian message, especially in the new normal mix of on-site services, online pre-recorded, live streaming, and Zoom.
- Have good listening and communication skills
- Have empathy to be able to help, bring comfort and reassurance to those in need at the end of their life
- Have own transport/ability to travel among the parishes.

The post is held under the provisions of Common Tenure, and all expenses are fully reimbursed.

Vision



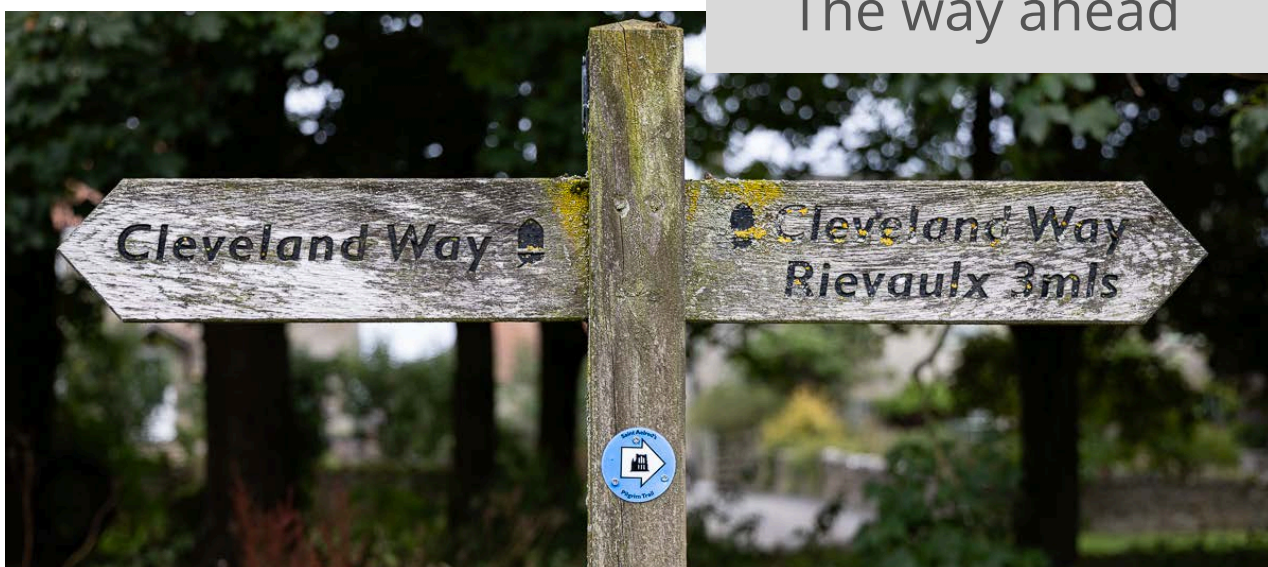
Our communities and parishes will work more closely together as they seek to engage with the wider community in Upper Ryedale and Helmsley in our mission to be a Christian presence in every community. We envisage there will be greater collaboration across the parishes and hope that by building a strong team together, this new role will provide good pastoral support and co-ordination in Upper Ryedale for integration of wider mission, social outreach and community activities. This work has already begun through the parishes involvement in the Revitalise programme, joint finance and fundraising policies and the development of the Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail.

It is hoped that the Priest in Charge of Helmsley and Associate Priests and the House for Duty Priest in Upper Ryedale will have an 'altar swap' on a monthly basis so that the priests from Helmsley can maintain links with the congregations of Upper Ryedale and the H-f-D person will have opportunity to minister to a larger congregation with a more formal tradition, enriching the ministries of both. There is great potential in this area for sharing the gospel and caring for the community. We believe this can be better achieved by working more closely together.

We want to focus on a number of mission opportunities: rural life, tourism, and those whose families have historic connections with the churches. This is already done through the work of a full-time youth and children's worker based at Helmsley Parish Church and serving other Benefices.



The way ahead



The Locality



Helmsley and the North Yorkshire Moors attract considerable numbers of tourists throughout the year, including specific interest groups such as walkers, horse riders, cyclists and bikers and those who love the moors as well as those who come for the local history. The whole area is growing with people moving into new housing, both working from home and in retirement. There are issues of the lack of homes for local families.

Farming is under considerable pressure and the church could be more involved in support and encouragement, and is looking at other ways to fulfil this work. Ordained and lay working together can reach into the community and live out Christ's story with them.

Helmsley is a busy market town, situated within the North York Moors National Park, surrounded by moorland and sheep farms but increasingly important as a location for retirement and as a tourist centre. The area has undergone profound changes over the years with significant new housing estate development.

The town is the HQ of the North York Moors National Park. Other sites in the vicinity include Helmsley Castle and Duncombe Park, the Walled Garden and the Arts Centre. This last named serves as a thriving theatre, cinema, art gallery and a meeting place and is well supported. There is a Community Primary School in the town and a secondary school for the area 3 miles away in Beadlam.

The Town Hall houses a volunteer-run library. The town enjoys a range of excellent independent shops, a number of very good hotels, Helmsley Brewery, several restaurants and an extraordinary number of coffee shops. There is a popular open air swimming pool situated in a recreation area which also has tennis courts and a bowling green. The lovely countryside surrounding the town is popular with walkers as are the historic grounds of Duncombe Park.

The Christian life of Helmsley is expressed through three churches: Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic, and owing to the recent appointment of the joint role there are improving ecumenical relationships and joint activities. The area surrounding Helmsley and Upper Ryedale includes the Christian heritage of Rievaulx, Byland, Ampleforth, Kirkdale and Lastingham – all within a few miles.

The area around Helmsley is mainly rural, with mixed farming, often including innovative ideas to increase farm income. Homesteads can be quite isolated, especially in winter but there is also a wider sense of community and mutual support. Holiday homes have changed the dynamic in many villages and whilst occasional visitors bring money into the region they are also causing community breakdown.

The Parishes

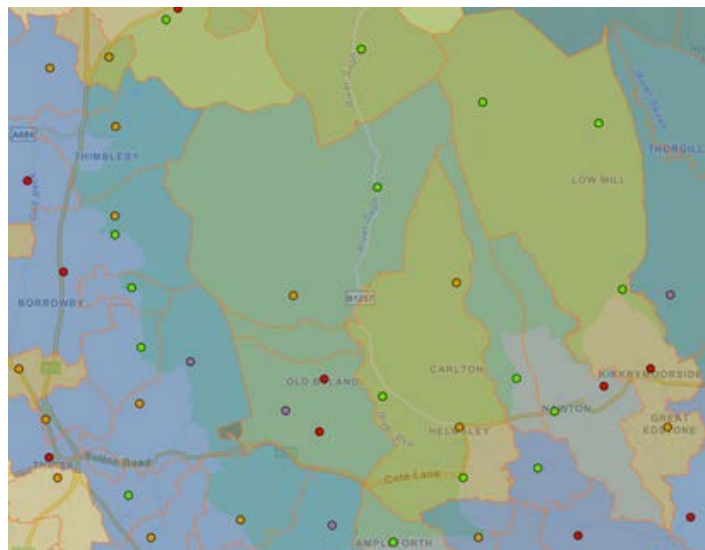


The administrative responsibility for Upper Ryedale Parish is held in Plurality with Helmsley by the Interim Priest in Charge, the Reverend Melanie Burnside. She is also Authorised Presbyter for the Methodist congregations of Helmsley and Rievaulx and was appointed on a 3 year contract (renewable once for a further three years if this is felt to be appropriate) in November 2023.

The parishes are at the Western end of Northern Ryedale Deanery, that bounds the A170 with 51 churches, 8 benefices and a rich diversity of rural ministry which includes the Diocese of York's retreat house, Wyedale Hall. The deanery is in Cleveland Archdeaconry.

The Parish of Upper Ryedale

The Parish of Upper Ryedale consists of four little churches situated in the south-western corner of the North York Moors National Park. It is a geographically large but numerically small parish, deeply rural with small villages and scattered farms. Agriculture and tourism feature prominently. Historically, the church has been here for centuries. The Cistercian monks at Rievaulx Abbey on the edge of the parish had a huge impact on life in this area. The parish was incorporated in 1979 and was originally five churches but St Michael's, Cold Kirby closed on 1 December 2024.



Until June 2024 the churches were served by a House for Duty Deacon with Sunday worship rotating around four of the five churches; St John's, Bilsdale being used only on the fifth Sunday of a month. Since the closure of St Michael's, the pattern is now for worship on the 1st Sunday of the month in Scawton, the 2nd in Old Byland, the 3rd in Bilsdale, the 4th in Hawnby and on the 5th the congregation gather at All Saints' in Helmsley. However, the pattern is adjusted for festivals. Average attendance at the main Sunday 10:00am service is 12 worshippers but festivals and special events see full churches.

The parish, as a whole, is farming country, bordered by forestry and moorland. It has two pubs, one restaurant, one shop, a number of bed and breakfast establishments, and some of the most beautiful countryside in England.

During the vacancy the congregation are served by the Helmsley clergy, a supportive group of retired clergy from across the deanery or the churchwardens or Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) lead Morning Prayer.

Saint John's, Bilsdale Midcable

St John's Church lies in the heart of panoramic Bilsdale - the most westerly of the steep sided dales of the North York Moors. It stands on the East side of the dale overlooking the ancient Helmsley to Stokesley "Drovers Road", now the B1257.

It is a listed building designed by the well-known 19th century architect Temple Moore and was consecrated in 1896. Temple Moore was famous for his series of fine Gothic Revival churches built between 1890 - 1917. The church's foundation stone was laid in 1893 by the Earl of Feversham, whose family still live at nearby Duncombe Park.

It is the youngest and largest of the four churches. It has occasional art and photography exhibitions, especially of the history of Bilsdale. The church is open.



Saint John's
Bilsdale

All Saints', Hawnby



All Saints' *Hawnby*

The first church building here dates back to the 12th century, when most of Hawnby belonged to the estates of the Malebiche family, of Acaster Malbis and Scawton. The building was completely reconstructed in the 14th century. The present chancel appears to be largely 15th century work. The pews and the ceiling were installed as part of the general restoration work in 1871.

The rather fine stained-glass window in the South wall, showing a view of the church, commemorates the Revd William Hughes, "the fighting parson of Hawnby" at the time of the First World War, and his wife Mary. The window in the North wall commemorates their three sons, all killed in that war. Strongly encouraged by Mr Hughes, in fact, almost all the young men of Hawnby joined up to fight. The war memorial records the large proportion who died.

All Saints is known as the Poetry Church, a place where poetry can be found, read and written. At the back of the church is a collection of poetry books, pens and paper, a folder marked "Fresh poems in here," for visitors to the church to contribute their own work. It is a poetic spot, with the River Rye always audible in the background, rushing by; and the little church, encircled by trees, as romantic as a Caspar David Friedrich painting. The church is open.

All Saints', Old Byland

All Saints is an ancient church lying just off the picturesque village green of Old Byland. The church stonework dates back to Norman times, late 11th and early 12th century. Old Byland is about one mile above Rievaulx Abbey in the North York Moors.

The church is mentioned in the Domesday Book but evidence from the coping stones and carvings suggest it was a Saxon church before the Norman alterations. The Byland monks were granted land at Tylas in 1143, but after disagreements with the Cistercian monks at Rievaulx moved first to Stocking, then Kilburn and finally Byland. However, throughout the Middle Ages the village and church remained in their possession.

There is a very rare Saxon sundial on the church tower, 12th century Saxon tiles and font in the Sanctuary, and a Cistercian font is used for baptisms. The village was the scene of a fierce medieval battle -the Battle of Old Byland - between the Scots and the English on 14 October 1322 and was a significant victory for the Scots. However, this devastated the area and led to parts of the church being rebuilt in the 14th and 15th centuries. The church is open.



All Saints'

Old Byland

Saint Mary's, Scawton

This church was built in 1146 by the Cistercian monks who later built Byland Abbey and is structurally unchanged. It lies in the attractive hamlet of Scawton in idyllic Upper Ryedale. St Mary's is a Grade 1 listed and has many historical features.

St Mary's church sits in the centre of Scawton (meaning "farm in the hollow"), east of Sutton Bank, in a scenic rural setting. It was built for Hugh de Malebisse, steward for the famous De Mowbray family of Thirsk and his retainers.



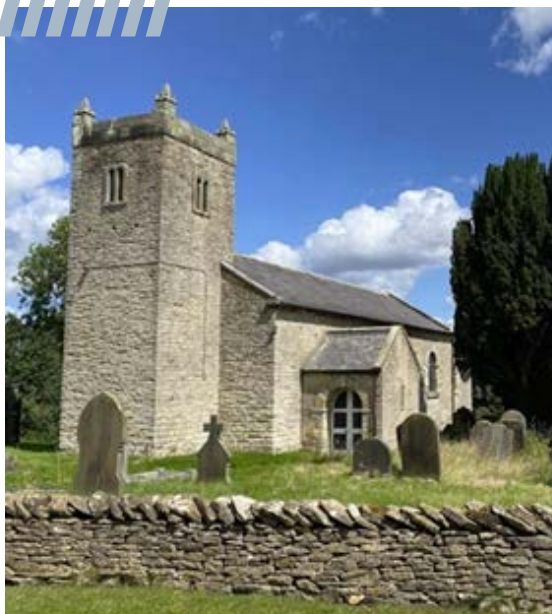
Saint Mary's

Scawton

Its font came from Old Byland in 1146 and has been used for baptisms by 31 generations of villagers. Behind the 16th altar is the stone original - a great rarity, since these were banned in the Reformation. The piscina is of early 13th century workmanship. Below the 12th century north pair of windows is a curious recess within which is a long stone basin/sink with an outlet at the back - a lavatorium! - brought from Byland or Rievaulx.

St Aelred of Rievaulx became Abbot at Rievaulx the year after the church was built, and a plaque in the church proclaims, "God is Friendship", which first appears in the treatise "Spiritual Friendship" by the great St Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, friend of Roger, the abbot of the Byland community when they were building the Church of St Mary. The church is open.

Saint Michael's, Cold Kirby



Saint Michael's
Cold Kirby

St Michael's originally dates back to the 12th century and was described as an "ancient edifice" in 1820. It was replaced by the present attractive building in 1841. It also lies in the scenic North York Moors, on the east slopes of the Hambleton Hills. Unfortunately St Michael's Church is now closed.

The church is located on a scenic site next to the Cleveland Way Trail in the peaceful rural village of Cold Kirby. It stands just opposite the Village Hall which is a gathering point for the whole Parish and has cooking facilities enabling a monthly lunch club, film nights and much more.

There is an exciting proposal for a community purchase of the church for it to be adapted as simple accommodation for pilgrims on the Saint Aelred Pilgrim Trail.

Rievaulx Methodist Church

Although the village of Rievaulx is within Helmsley Parish, the 34 Methodist Church members are drawn from a wide area, including many who live within the Upper Ryedale parish. This is a church with a growing congregation of all ages with a heart for evangelism, expressed both in its modern worship style and mission and outreach to the local community and beyond.

The chapel sits almost directly opposite the Anglican church near to the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey.

There is a weekly evening service at 6.30pm with a fortnightly morning service at 10.30am. There is community involvement throughout the year including outdoor services – some in the Abbey grounds on Palm Sunday and in the summer – as well as carol singing round local villages and farms. The congregation is active in pastoral care and support across a wide area, especially with farms in this rural area.

Helmsley Parish

The Parish of Helmsley comprises 4 churches. The principal church in the Parish of Helmsley is All Saints, situated just off the main market square in the town. (<https://www.helmsleyparish.org.uk/>)



Almost entirely rebuilt in 1849, All Saints is more of a monument to Victorian architecture than to its Norman heritage but the fascinating display of Victorian wall painting and stained glass create a warmth and insight into ideas current some 150 years ago. The rebuilt chancel retains its magnificent Norman arch and the south doorway with chevron ornamentation is from the 12th century. The roof of the church is undergoing major restoration, otherwise the building is in good repair and lovingly looked after.

All Saints, Helmsley has a 'middle of the road' liturgical style. It uses Common Worship for its principle services which are mostly Eucharistic. There is a strong musical tradition in the church and the congregation are used to singing the liturgy at the 9:30am CW Parish Eucharist. The church uses the Common Praise hymn book. Average attendance at the main Sunday 9:30am Eucharist is 40 worshippers. All Saints has a fine Harrison and Harrison organ, rebuilt in the 1930s. The church has a tradition of organ and choral music and has an excellent and dedicated organist. The church seats about 200 people and always offers a warm welcome to regulars and the many visitors who come to Helmsley. Given that the congregation has a reasonably high average age, there are a number of funerals which are always 'significant events' in the rural community. The churches at Sproxton, Rievaulx and East Moors, all built during the energetic ministry of the Revd. Charles Gray who was appointed Vicar in 1870 are largely 'festival churches' – that is, they have services approximately 4 times per year on the principal feast days and their feast of title.

All Saints Church in Helmsley has reached a key milestone in the plans for urgent conservation of our church, and especially its medieval features and unique Edwardian wall paintings. The church, which is well known as a place of friendship and support for the local community has been awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund development grant of just over £138,000. This will allow us to fully develop our plans to deliver a programme of traditional skills development and to create a safe and sustainable future for this historic building and the heritage it holds. The funding provides us with the means to formulate a strong bid for the delivery phase of the project which will hopefully see grants to cover the work required of nearly £2m.

Governance

Currently each of the Upper Ryedale churches has one individual council meeting per year and joins with the parish in a further 2 full PCC meetings and the APCM. It is envisioned that the HfD person will chair these meetings and the Priest in Charge will only normally attend the APCM.

There are church wardens for each of the churches who are extremely supportive along with the PCC secretary, PSO and treasurer.

The HfD person, will be welcome to attend any of the PCC meetings for Helmsley parish but this is not required although it is expected they would attend the Helmsley parish APCM.

It is hoped that the HfD person and the Priest in Charge will share a collaborative ministry so the HfD person feels well supported but has autonomy to guide the mission and ministry of Upper Ryedale Parish. They will be an integral part of building on the connection between the two parishes through a shared vision and continuing the good working relationships that are steadily growing. The associate priests, LLM and retired clergy are also part of the team who want to continue sharing in the life of both parishes.

Northern Ryedale Deanery

and our commitment to Living Christ's Story

Helmsley and Upper Ryedale are part of Northern Ryedale Deanery which is home to just over 27500 souls, currently served by 50 churches, in seven Ministry Units. Currently there are 6 FTE and 1 HfD Incumbent level posts, supported by two curates and a number of SSM associate priests and retired clergy.

The deanery is primarily rural, with three main population centres: Kirkbymoorside, Helmsley and Pickering. Surrounding these main areas of population are many villages and hamlets, which make up the majority of the communities our churches serve. Public transport is often unreliable and sparsely available.

There are major tourist attractions in Kirkby Misperton (Flamingo Land theme park, attracting considerable numbers of visitors each year) and Pickering (The North Yorkshire Moors Railway). This means that in the summer months our population is boosted by a transient tourist population staying in some of the many hotels, guest houses, camp sites and B&Bs located throughout the deanery.

The Ryedale area hosts two major music festivals, the Ryedale Festival and the North York Moors Chamber Music festival. Many of the concerts take place in churches throughout the area, leaving the door open for an improved connection between the clergy, Christian community and the audiences. There are also many other activities and events taking place throughout the district to include sports clubs, agricultural shows, theatre, etc.

The deanery boasts some excellent schools, mainly primary, and in general links between the churches and the schools is good. Open the Book is presented in five schools across the deanery, and some of these are not church schools.

The deanery is also home to three centres of spirituality: Wydale Hall, the St Cedd Centre at Lastingham and High Dalby House, a retreat centre opened by two retired clergy in Dalby.

The Vision for the diocese as a whole is that we all, as the baptised people of God in this place, should be 'Living Christ's Story'. To achieve this Vision, we are agreed that we need to focus on:

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

However, in each place, we recognise that there will be different priorities over the next 5 – 10 years, building on particular strengths and addressing identified shortcomings.

The Mission priorities for the Deanery

- Taking the Gospel from within the walls of our churches to the communities the churches serve
- Recognising that there is no “one size fits all” model which will work in every community
- Engaging with younger people, including through the schools (both church and non-church schools)
- Engaging with the tourists who visit our deanery
- Engaging with the agriculture sector
- Ensuring that those who already attend church are still nurtured and provided for so that they can continue their journey of discipleship.
- Providing leadership to existing and potentially new ‘audiences’.

One of the ways in which Living Christ’s Story is being supported in the Diocese is through the Growing Healthy Churches Revitalise programme.

Revitalise

Revitalise is an accompanied two-year missional journey towards growth. We are part of a cohort of 9 ministry units who have been invited by their Bishops or Archdeacons to join the programme (there are 40 benefices in 5 cohorts). It is a two-year journey which involves us being accompanied on a missional and financial journey by one of the Growing Healthy Churches Team. We benefit from the mutual encouragement and support of a peer group of ministry units on the same journey with access to additional resources for mission – courses, residentials and other support.

We have made a covenant with our Bishop and Archdeacon and agreed that we will commit to engaging with Living Christ’s Story and with Revitalise, we have a real desire to grow, missionally and financially. We are prepared to make the changes necessary to see the church grow. We have been asked to consider if we wish to continue the journey together for a further three year period.

Already it has helped us to strategically plan and prepare for building a sustainable and robust community of believers with a desire to serve their community and see our churches be here for another 900 years plus.



Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail (saintaelredspilgrimtrail.com)



The mission of the trail group is to revitalise interest in our historic rural and hamlet churches and chapels and their Christian mission in our rural communities. We hope it will generate an interest in people of all faiths and none, who love riding and striding, and the opportunity that pilgrimage offers for spiritual experience and well-being, meeting fellow walkers/pilgrims/riders and connecting with some of the most panoramic natural countryside of the North York Moors.

In September 2023 we launched the Upper Ryedale Parish Trail. During 2024 we have extended that trail into a new 41-mile-long trail linking all the churches in the Benefice of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale. We are calling it the Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail in honour of his tenure as Abbot of Rievaulx Abbey (1147 – 1167), his love of walking, history, friendship, and prolific writing.

This trail accessible to walkers, cyclists and horse riders, links the five historic rural churches of Upper Ryedale with All Saints, Helmsley, and the 19th century Methodist Church, together with the historic hamlet churches of East Moors Rievaulx, the Methodist Chapel, Rievaulx, the stunning Rievaulx Abbey, and Sproxton. Our two local intrepid pathfinders, Joyce Garbutt and Mal Gyte spent the autumn and winter walking and mapping the Trail in all weathers, including hail and snow falls.

We published a guide book (which has sold over 400 copies so far) and had a very successful launch event on September 14 to coincide with Yorkshire Churches Day. Riders and striders from all over Yorkshire enjoyed a day full of friendship concluding with a service in the Nave of Rievaulx Abbey. We have many exciting plans to continue what has already been achieved.

Support for Mission and Ministry



Melanie Burnside

Interim Priest in Charge
and Authorised Presbyter



Lucy Willshaw

LLM and Children and
Youth Worker



Anne Jenkins

Associate Priest



Ian Robinson

Associate Priest

This post holder will have good support from both lay and ordained people locally and across Ryedale. At All Saints', Helmsley as well as the Priest in Charge there are two Priests who have the Archbishop's permission to officiate (PTO) in the Parishes of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale and as a team they serve the two parishes. These two Priests hold the title of 'Associate Priest' and are:

The Reverend Ian Robinson who has worked in the parish for 5 years. Ian lives outside of the parish boundary about 20 minutes away from Helmsley.

The Reverend Anne Jenkins who has been associated with the parish for 6 years. Anne has recently moved into the parish of Helmsley.

The Priest in Charge cares for the Methodist chapels of Helmsley and Rievaulx with support from Rev Graham Ransom, who lives in Pickering and the Circuit Superintendent Presbyter, Rev Andy Lindley who lives in Malton.

You will be invited to Deanery Chapter. However, it is recognised that it is more important to do the work than attend lots of meetings.

Laity

Lucy Willshaw is a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM – Reader) at All Saints, Helmsley. Lucy lives in Helmsley and since September 2020 has combined her ministry with that of being a full-time youth and children's worker. The youth and children's worker role has been funded for a period of 6 years by a private donation and this work takes her into the neighbouring benefices of Ampleforth, Kirkdale and the Byland Group of Churches as well as Helmsley. In addition to preaching, Lucy generally takes our younger peoples' services including school services in church.



All Saints' *Helmsley*

People from
across all
parishes and
beyond enjoying
a festive activity
together

Appendix

Local Census Profile

Community Information – Source: Interactive Church of England Parish Map – January 2025

	Parish of Helmsley	Parish of Upper Ryedale
Parish population (2021 census)	1,901	483
Parish number of occupied households	1,008	219
Area (square miles)	26.7	47.6
Population density (people per square mile)	71	10
% aged 0-4	2.9	5.7
% aged 5-19	9.9	11.3
% aged 20-29	6	7.1
% aged 30-44	12.5	15.5
% aged 45-69	36.2	43.7
% aged 70 and over	32.5	16.7
% Asian ethnicity	0.5	0.7
% Black ethnicity	0.1	0
% Mixed ethnicity	0.8	0.1
% White ethnicity	98.5	98.6
% Other ethnicity	0.1	0.6
% Buddhist	0.2	0.4
% Christian	66	61.6
% Hindu	0	0.3
% Jewish	0.1	0
% Muslim	0.1	0
% Sikh	0	0
% Other religion	0.8	0.2
% No religion	28.4	32.8
% Religion not stated	4.4	4.7
Rural/Urban classification	Rural	Rural
Deanery	Northern Ryedale	Northern Ryedale
Archdeaconry	CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND
Diocese	York	York
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