



*The Benefice of Easington
with Liverton*

Rector, House for Duty

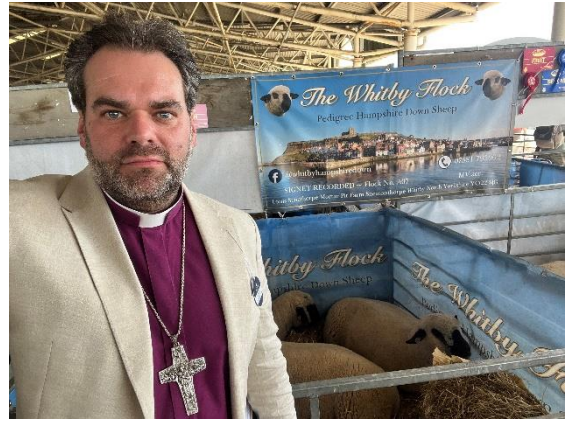
Parish Profile 2025



**All Saints, Easington
St. Michael's, Liverton**

An introduction from Barry, the Bishop of Whitby

I am delighted you are exploring applying for to be Rector (House for Duty) of St Michael's in Liverton and All Saints in Easington in a beautiful area close to both the coast and the moors. Be assured of my prayers and those of Archdeacon Amanda and our colleagues as you do.



The profile which follows I found inspiring for what is an attractive and spacious post. All Saints and St Michael's are beautiful communities, with dedicated and capable lay leadership, tested and proven during a long vacancy. There is much potential across the benefice – an openness and willingness to go as the Spirit of God leads. At the same time, vacancies can be hard times and, even with sacrificial priestly ministry from beyond the parishes and faithful lay ministry, it has not been possible to maintain a service each week and one of the church buildings closing has knocked confidence and impacted ministry. This, though, has created space for a new Rector to discern with the communities what is right rather than inherit an endless to do list.

Easington, Liverton and Liverton Mines are communities which will respond to knowing loving and caring leadership with grace and support. The section on what they seek in a future priest sums up their desires very well indeed and gives an indication of what a new Rector will offer.

In the Diocese of York, the expectation is that a House for Duty role will minister for the equivalent of two days a week plus Sunday service. In reality, most people choose to exercise this in hours spread across the week rather than two fixed days but there is flexibility for the person appointed to shape the role as best suits in conversation with the lay leaders.

Easington and Liverton 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,

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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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Welcome from the Area Dean

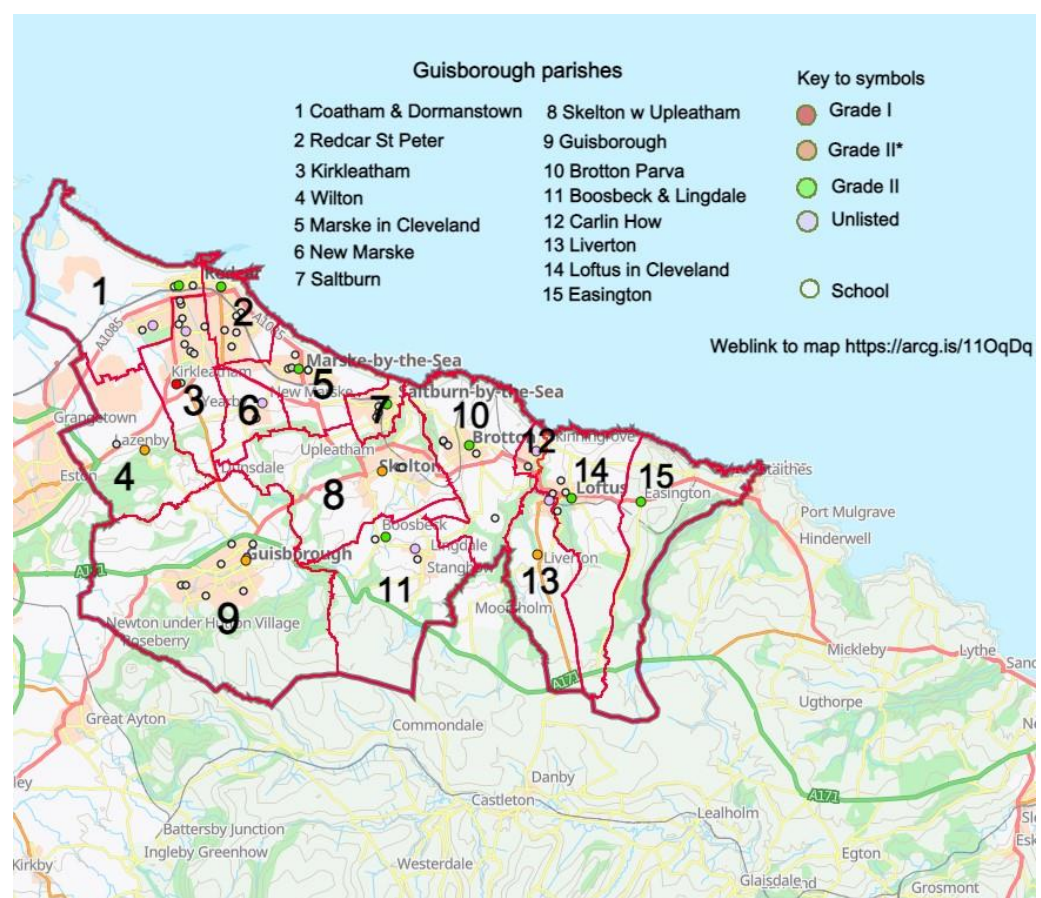
The first words you will read in the Guisborough Deanery Plan 2022-2031 are from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3.14-19)

This wonderful Biblical text lays the foundation for what I pray for the people, parishes and ministries of the Guisborough Deanery. Whilst the Diocesan call for us to be 'Living Christ's Story' is fine, I prefer to say we are 'Living Christ's Gospel'. It is the Gospel and the life that flows from it that St Paul so powerful describes in Ephesians. I see many in the Guisborough Deanery proclaiming and living Christ's Gospel. So, as you consider the Lord's call to minister in this area and among its people, I hope you are enthused by possibilities that God our Father will provide for you to speak and live the good news.

You may already have a rough idea of the geography of the parishes of the Guisborough Deanery, but the map below is helpful.

May the Lord guide your decision making as you consider this position. Rev Adam Reed



Welcome to the Benefice of Easington with Liverton

‘Our Churches exist to continue the work of Jesus through prayer, fellowship and love’

The Benefice of Easington with Liverton is situated close to the North East coast between Saltburn by the Sea and Whitby and within easy reach of the North York Moors. Part of the benefice is within the North York Moors National Park.

The area is home to ancient woodlands and heather moors and boasts numerous coastal sites of ecological, geological and historical significance. Boulby Cliff was once the home of the Saxon Princess and continues to be a site of active archaeological investigation and interest. The area is popular with walkers and the nearby town of Loftus is a “Walkers are Welcome” town. Our area is closely linked with the proud industrial heritage of Teesside, James Cook, the explorer, and now potash and polyhalite mining. Government funding is being used to refresh parts of Loftus and Lottery Heritage Funding was recently obtained to refurbish the Land of Iron Museum in nearby Skinningrove.



The Benefice has three villages and two churches within two parishes. All Saints Church, in Easington, serves one parish and St. Michael’s Church in Liverton is the second parish. We are overseen by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Whitby.

We are proud to support the 'Living Christ's Story' initiative and the refreshed Diocesan Vision for the future. We are committed to becoming more like Christ-like by reaching out to as many people in our communities as we can, especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

Both churches have active and engaged parishioners who work hard to bring Living Christ's Story to life.

Education in the benefice

There is good educational provision in the area. Primary school children usually attend the local primary schools in nearby Loftus and some families send their children to the C of E primary school at Danby.

Kilnonthorpe Academy is based in Brotton. This school caters for children who have moderate, severe, or profound learning difficulties.

Freeborough Academy in Brotton, Laurence Jackson in Guisborough, and Huntcliff School in Saltburn-by-the-Sea offer education for 11-16 year olds and are within easy reach of the benefice. Sixth form students can attend Prior Pursglove in Guisborough, Whitby Sixth Form College, Redcar College or Middlesbrough College.

The University of Teesside is based in nearby Middlesbrough.

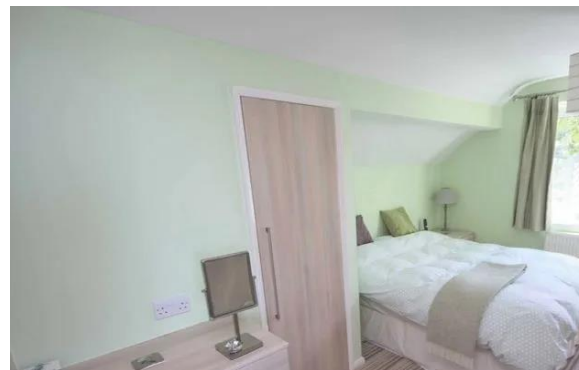
Easington



Easington is a village of approximately 1200 souls and lies on the main coastal road between Saltburn and Whitby. The village is a mixture of private and social housing and as well as a church there is a village hall, pub, garage/car wash, farm shop and café, and a pizza shop. A Post Office van visits the village two mornings a week and offers many of the services found at a main Post Office. Regular bus services to Whitby and Middlesbrough run through the village and there is a railway station at Saltburn

Accommodation

The rectory, which is in Easington, is a modern 3 bedroom, detached house with a garage, double glazing and gas central heating. The EPC is D. The house is situated on a corner plot, has a manageable garden and is close to the church.



All Saints Church, Easington



All Saints Church is a Grade 2 listed, Gothic style building. It is situated at the top of the hill in Easington and, according to legend, St. Hilda of Whitby and St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne met on a mound where the church now stands. A church has been on this site since Saxon times and the church contains a well-preserved Norman arch. The bell tower houses a quarter striking clock and much of the loose furniture was crafted by Mousey Thompson, the Mouseman of Kilburn. The organ and the bells have recently been refurbished. The church itself is surrounded by a well-maintained, open churchyard, which overlooks the old rectory and the Village Hall. The church has a regular congregation of around 16 people.

Although we are a mainly an ageing congregation we are lively, energetic, hard working and open minded. At the beginning of 2023 All Saints PCC was reorganised and a new treasurer was appointed. All Saints finances are in good order and regular giving and planned fundraising activities ensure our finances remain secure.

The church is in good repair both inside and out. The number 1 priorities highlighted in the 2022 quinquennial have been addressed and the PCC are now looking at the level 2 priorities.

The open churchyard is well maintained by a paid gardener and a group of volunteers.

Easington Village Hall

Easington Village Hall belongs to the church but has been leased to the Village Hall Committee for 50 years. Since taking over the running of the hall the Village Hall Committee has embarked on a programme of refurbishment. The hall is the centre of village social and fundraising activities.

Rainbows and Brownies meet in the hall and the church holds its monthly coffee mornings and

Summer and Christmas Fairs there. The Village Hall Committee also organises a range of fundraising events.

Our local councillors hold monthly surgeries in the hall and our local MP has held a meeting there.

If you want to keep fit the hall offers weekly yoga, zumba, line dancing and tap dancing.

Liverton Village

Liverton Village is comprised of 55 households, including farms, with 112 adults and families with children of all ages. Liverton Village was named in the Domesday Book and was previously named Liureton. There is evidence of a medieval settlement within the village and in the surrounding area.

It is a rural village surrounded by countryside and has the B1366 road running through the middle.

Liverton has, largely, retained its heritage as a farming community and in 1978 became protected by a Conservation Order. It is located 140m above sea level at the edge of the North York Moors. (Source Liverton - Wikipedia accessed 27/03/2023 15:44 via search LIVERTON, North Yorks)

St Michael's Church, Liverton



This Parish Church has served the community of Liverton and Liverton Mines for generations and services have been held at St Michael's since the 12th century. The church is in good repair externally and the churchyard and driveway are well maintained by volunteers and a local contractor. Legacies provide some financial support for the repair and maintenance of this church. Beside the altar, there is an early 14th century grave slab of Henry FitzConan, who died in 1316 and owned the Manor of Liverton. [Source: Petch, J; Cleveland Village Life Through the Ages, page 54]

This Grade 2* listed building was largely rebuilt in the 18th century. A porch was added in 1902/3. The chancel arch and font are Norman and there are five Grade 2 listed gravestones in the open churchyard which surrounds the building. There is a bell tower and two medieval bells are displayed within the church. The 2020 Quinquennial Inspection identified no major issues. The experienced Churchwarden is fully supported by the Diocesan staff, including retired clergy, the Parochial Church Council, and the extended community which has links to the Church. The revenue income is largely generated by the local community and businesses. The required expenditure is provided via planned giving, donations, collections, and popular fundraising events. These events include Easter and Christmas coffee mornings, race night with pie and peas, music quiz with pie and peas, barbeque night and an art exhibition. Where major work needs to be undertaken, grant funding is sought by an experienced PCC member. The recent £47,000 refurbishment of some external stonework, the roof and the bell tower, was largely funded in this way. Looking forward we are praying for a new Priest/Minister to lead us in inclusive interventions which engage the community as a whole.

Liverton Mines

Liverton Mines has a population of around 1500 people. It was originally a mining village providing accommodation for the miners who worked at the nearby ironstone pit. Some of the original miners' cottages are still there and have been modernised. The rest of the village is a mixture of social and private housing. There is a Community Centre, a pub, a pizza shop, a post office and a general store. There are pockets of deprivation within this village



St. Hilda's Church, Liverton Mines

At the present time there is no functioning church at Liverton Mines.

There are no officials and there is no church council.

The church building was closed a few years ago because of unstable foundations (a wooden building with water ingress) and the presence of low grade asbestos; church services were transferred to the Community Centre. Following the retirement of the previous incumbent services continued on a much reduced basis with the help of retired clergy but attendances were small.

At the end of 2024 services ceased. Some members of the small congregation occasionally worship at All Saints.

If services were to start up again the refurbished Community Centre could be used as a venue.

The new benefice post holder could start with a clean sheet but it would take time to rebuild church life in this community.

Church Services

As a benefice we support the ordination of women priests and would welcome an applicant of any gender for the post

Services are based on Common Worship with seasonal variations and regularly involve lay members of the churches.

The average congregations (Jan-Aug 2025)

Church	Number of services	Average Sunday attendance
All Saints	9	16
St Michaels	8	9

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals during interregnum January 2022-September 2025

Church	Baptism	Weddings	Funerals	Burial of ashes	Memorial services	Wedding blessings
All Saints	3	1	14	1	0	0
St Michael's	1	2	5	0	2	1

2025. 1 inquiry pending about a baptism at St Michael's

2026 1 wedding booked for July 2026 at All Saints.

Services during interregnum.

Day/Week	Service	Location
Sunday (week 1)	Holy Communion	9am St Michael's, Liverton
Sunday (week 2)	No services	
Sunday (weeks 3)	Holy Communion	9am All Saints, Easington
Sunday (week 4)	No services	

Special Services

Additional services are held throughout the benefice. These include Easter Day, Harvest Festivals, Remembrance Sunday, All Soul's, Carol Services, Christingles, Crib services, and Christmas Eve services.

Our future priest

As a Benefice, we are open-minded, adaptable and welcoming, with a diverse set of skills and experiences. There are many willing volunteers who actively encourage others to join in church led activities, including fund-raising. The PCCs and congregations were asked what qualities they would look for in a new priest and these are their ideas.

The PCCs and congregations of the Benefice of Easington with Liverton would like a priest who is: kind, friendly, approachable, enthusiastic and inclusive. Someone who is a good listener and has the ability to communicate Christ's message in a simple and effective way.



Thank you for reading our Parish Profile

If you would like to have an informal conversation about this post, please contact

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