

Parish Profile for the Benefice of Riccall, Barlby, Hemingbrough & Cliffe



St Mary's Riccall



All Saints Barlby



St Mary's Hemingbrough

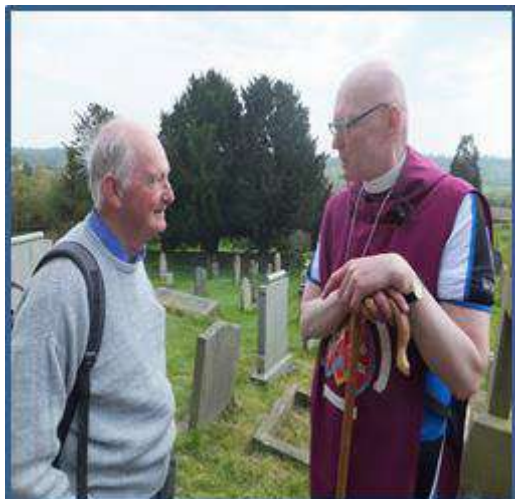


St Andrew's Cliffe



Introduction from the Bishop of Selby

Thank you for your interest in this post of vicar of the rural parishes of Riccall, Barlby and Hemingbrough with Cliffe. Rural mission and ministry are a stretching adventure today with distinctive challenges and possibilities. If you apply and are appointed we will support you as you explore these and join with us in God's mission to this Diocese.



The Diocese is going through a time of change as we discern the next stage in this mission faithful to the vision of becoming generous churches, making and nurturing disciples who are growing in Christlikeness, commitment, partnership, influence and numbers. In particular we sense that this will involve focussing our energies on reaching those we don't yet reach particularly the under 40s, on numerical growth and on establishing sustainable finances. A major challenge of this role will be to contextualise these goals within these parishes and this will require prayerful, compassionate and collaborative ministry which enables each parish to share in the journey together. In addition the Archbishop is committed to a pattern of weekly worship each Sunday in every church in the Diocese and to united parishes. Developing ministry and simplifying governance are therefore key to realising these aspirations.

What makes this an exciting role are the parishes themselves and their desire to grow in this way. This post also represents an opportunity to help our Diocese improvise effectively in rural mission and ministry. The details of the appointment are in the Profile below. May the Spirit guide you as prayerfully you consider whether to apply for this role.

+John Selby

Derwent Deanery



Derwent Deanery is largely situated to the south east of the City of York, stretching down to Selby, and encompassing five benefices. We are a warm and supportive Chapter, who meet regularly, and which also includes a house for duty priest and two curates. We also enjoy the ministry of six Readers within the Deanery. We are one of the smaller Deaneries within the diocese, and we look forward to welcoming a new colleague to work alongside us.

Principally rural and agricultural, our deanery is working hard to develop ways in which we can support each other, sharing information and resources, and at times helping each other to cover the Occasional Offices.

As we work to live out the vision for the Developing Our Deaneries initiative, this is an exciting time to join us, and so we look forward to sharing with you in prayer, mission and service within our Deanery.

Revd. Nick Bird
Rural Dean of Derwent

Parish profile for ST. MARY'S RICCALL



The historic village of Riccall is situated just off the A19 York to Selby road, which gives easy access to nearby main roads and motorways.

We have excellent facilities which include two public houses, restaurants, post office, Nisa supermarket and local B & B.

There are regular bus services into York, Selby and Doncaster.

The Regen Centre which was opened by His Royal Highness, The Duke of York in 2000 offers conference facilities, caters for weddings and various other village events i.e. village pantomime and concerts. Adjoining the Regen Centre we have excellent sports facilities catering for tennis, bowls and football.

The ever growing population of the village stands at approximately 2,500.

We have a centrally situated doctors surgery which is part of the Selby Beech Tree Group and is open every working day at various times. This is adjacent to Riccall House Care Home.

An active Hospice Group operates in the village hosting many fund raising events during the year.

THE PARISH CHURCH of ST. MARY is the focal point of the village and stands in its own grounds which are still used for burials. This 12th century building boasts a Norman doorway, and is visited regularly by Historians and Photographers from numerous parts of the country.



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The interior of the church which incorporates a children's corner is well maintained by a number of parishioners. Each month a "Tots and Teds" pre-school group meets and is encouragingly well attended.

A forward development in our calendar is the introduction of a "Knit and Natter" group for the ladies of the village and all are welcome.

The Church also gives access and support to various village events i.e. Village Carnival and Dickensian Fair.

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion is held at 9am each Sunday excluding the fourth Sunday when we meet with our Methodist friends at 10.30am alternately at St. Mary's and The Methodist Chapel.

Where there are five Sundays in the month a Benefice Service is held at one of the churches within the Benefice.

St. Mary's also holds a mid-week Communion Service at 10am on the first two Wednesdays of the month.



SPECIAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Christingle, helped and supported by the local Scout Group.
 - Christmas Eve Crib Service, which is very well attended.
 - Christmas Eve Communion Service 2016 was held at an experimental time of 9.30pm and was successful.
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- Ash Wednesday Communion 10.00am.
 - Good Friday Walk between Riccall and Barlby alternately followed by a short service with coffee and hot cross buns.
 - Easter Day Communion at 9.00am.
 - Harvest Thanksgiving usually a joint service with the Methodist Church.
 - Service of Remembrance held in St. Mary's. This is well supported by all groups within the village.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning Communion – 20 – 25

Wednesday Morning (1st & 2nd Wednesdays) 8 – 9



Primary School

The village primary school, which was rated good in the latest Ofsted report, has strong links with the church and uses St. Mary's for its Harvest Festival, Carol Service, Easter Service and End of Year Assembly.

The Headteacher of Riccall Primary School, Nick Styles writes:

Riccall Community Primary School is not a church school but we still have strong links with St. Mary's. We have just under 200 children in the school and we pride ourselves on our links with the community. We have 3 end of term assemblies (Christmas, Easter and end of school year), plus a harvest festival and carol service. We would also be keen for the vicar to regularly lead whole school assemblies and support areas of our RE curriculum.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Parish profile for ALL SAINTS, BARLBY

The Church



All Saints is 250 years old and was originally a Chapel of Ease. It is a brick building small yet perfectly formed with a character all of its own which is well loved and cherished by all who worship and visit the parish. With recent refurbishments 'All Saints' can now boast of a concealed kitchen, storage and a toilet. The church yard is well maintained with a number of Commonwealth War Graves.



All Saints Church lies in the centre of the community offering baptisms, weddings and funerals. There are services every Sunday, with special services during Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, these services are attended by a large cross-section of the community. There is a weekly Bible study group; with the church being seen as the heart of the village social life hosting fund raising events which are very well attended.

The owner of Barlby House Day Nursery, Jane Cowdy writes:

All Saints Church and Barlby House Day Nursey have had a strong connection for many years. We feel it important to give all children the chance to experience a church environment, as so many have not had the opportunity.

The nursery children have frequently used the church. For example; the children have recently held a 'Marriage' ceremony at All Saints. The children dressed suitably for the occasion, acted out the service which included a Vicar, rings, singing and a photographer. A wedding breakfast of milk and biscuits followed . . . such fun was had by all!



The children also go to church to prepare the Easter Garden generally coming back with a Palm Cross. A small tree at Christmas is decorated with their art work giving the children chance to experience the true meaning of Christmas.

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The Headteacher of Barlby Primary School, Gill Baker writes:

Over recent years Barlby Community Primary School has had very close links with the local church. We have been very grateful to use the church to host Christmas Year 2 production and to visit throughout the year to support the teaching of the curriculum. The children of Barlby have benefited from being active in a christening and having tours of the church to understand the different features.

We have also to been fortunate to have had the Incumbent of All Saints visit the school on a regular basis to lead assemblies and to support the curriculum.

Parish Magazine

The Church Bell is a bi-monthly magazine for the village with information about services, worship and anything else which is going on in the village.

Pattern of Worship

There is a Holy Communion service each Sunday at 10.30am which is traditional in nature. There is also a said Holy Communion service on the first two Tuesdays in the month at 9.15am. We have an Associate Minister who is attached to the Benefice.

There is a regular connection between the Methodist Chapel and All Saints with an ecumenical service being held each month.

Attendance

We have a regular, faithful attendance of approximately 20 parishioners each week with increased numbers at other services such as Mothering Sunday and Christmas.

Finance

The church is in a stable financial position.

The Community



Barlby with Osgodby Parish lies in the Vale of York within the County of North Yorkshire. Barlby is a growing linear village with a current population of 4163 at the last census; to the north of the village there is a new development of 187 dwellings. Barlby is within easy access of motorway networks including the M62 and main arterial routes of A19, A63 & A64. Barlby is 2 miles away from Selby Town and 12 miles from York.

The villages of Barlby and Osgodby contain excellent amenities including a convenience store, pharmacy, private nursery, primary school and secondary schools. There is also a library with a Community Hub and a series of excellent nature and conservation sites around the villages. At Osgodby Institute there are various activities with a number of small businesses in Barlby & Osgodby ranging from a hairdresser, pharmacy and take away food. There are a variety of children's activities such as football, uniformed groups, youth club & swimming pool at the Secondary School.



Parish profile for ST. MARY'S HEMINGBROUGH and ST. ANDREW'S CLIFFE

Hemingbrough is situated towards the border of North Yorkshire and the East Riding with the River Ouse to the west and the River Derwent to the east.

A growing village with good road links, the M62 being only 6 miles away while the A1 can be reached in 25 minutes. Rail commuters can quickly get to their destinations from Selby, Howden or Goole which are only 5, 6 and 8 miles away respectively.

While being only a short distance from some major cities, York, Leeds and Hull, it is also on the edge of the beautiful countryside of the Wolds and the coast can be reached in just over an hour.

Originally a farming community, the residents now fulfil a diverse range of employment.

The village itself has all the amenities that make life easy. It boasts a doctors surgery, primary school, pre-school, nursery, out of school club, post office, general store, bakers, saddlery/animal feed store, Chinese takeaway, fish & chip shop and restaurant, farm shop and restaurant, a garage and two pubs offering pool and weekly quiz nights. Alongside these amenities several businesses run from the village in the form of van rental, tool & plant hire, builders and associated trades along with wedding car hire, taxis, photographers, hairdressers etc.

A range of recreational activities are found in the village run by a whole mass of enthusiastic volunteers. Those interested in sports will find football for adults and children, cricket, bowls and netball. For ladies requiring a gentler pace, a weekly pilates class is available or for those just wishing to use their vocal chords, the ladies choir is a must. Rainbows have also recently been introduced back into the village.



There are two halls available to hire for meetings, children's parties etc. There is the Community Hall attached to the Methodist Chapel and the smaller Village Institute which was bequeathed to the village for the benefit of its residents.

Hemingbrough also offers a good range of open spaces that embrace nature. Hagg Lane Green with its walkways and ponds is home to the Great Crested Newt and other wildlife. Other areas are currently being re vitalised such as the Oldways pathways with its pond and new seating areas and the Plasmor ponds on the other side of the A63. The roses at the recently transformed Memorial Garden provide a pleasant the entrance to the village. Alongside these areas we have a playing field with a children's play area and for those interested in fishing, Hemingbrough's own carp pond should be checked out.

CLIFFE

Cliffe just a mile from Hemingbrough also has a primary school and pre-school. It also benefits from a general store, butchers, pub and farm shop.

The Village Hall is the setting for the WI, line dancing and keep fit and can be hired for parties etc. Football and tennis are also played in Cliffe for those preferring outdoor sports. The recently transformed village green was a very pleasant setting for an outdoor Christmas Market in 2016.

Hemingbrough parish also incorporates the village of South Duffield and the hamlets of Brackenholme, Babthorpe, Woodhall, Lund and Newhay.

NEARBY

Secondary schools can be found at Barlby, 4 miles away, and in Selby, 5 miles away, while further education colleges are at Selby and York.

Leisure facilities such as swimming, bowling and many additional recreational activities can be found in the market town of Selby.

OUR CHURCHES

St Mary the Virgin formerly a Collegiate Church and Minster dates back to the 12th century although there are records of a church standing in 1086.

It is renowned for its spire, standing at 120 feet and also for having the oldest misericord in the country.

There are many items of interest in the church and we regularly get visitors, especially with being on one of the many church trails.



Following a legacy, we were able to get a new kitchen area incorporated into the building which we put to good use.

In recognition of the legacy we now have a beautiful stained glass baptism window adjacent to the font.

It has both a closed and open churchyard.

St Andrew's known by many as a mission church was rebuilt in 1985 and transformed from what was very much a timber shed into a tranquil place for worship.

St Andrew's layout makes it an ideal place for holding meetings etc.

Both St Mary's and St Andrew's are structurally and financially sound with only minor repairs being required after their quinquennial inspections and being able to pay their goodwill offering in full.

SERVICES

Our service pattern had to be changed ahead of the vacancy in order to accommodate all four churches in the Benefice and not put too much of a strain on the available clergy in our area.

As such St Mary's now has three services a month: BCP and Common Worship held at 9am and a family service at 10.30am; while St Andrew's has one Common Worship service a month at 9am. Where there is a fifth Sunday, we have a joint Benefice service rotating between the churches.

Although our average weekly attendance of 20 consists mainly of those 'of an age' that is expected, we do have some young families and vulnerable young adults who attend the family service regularly.

Our 'special' services, detailed below, are attended by the wider community, many of whom are regular helpers and supporters albeit not regular congregation members.



We have a Songs of Praise at Easter, Evensong at Harvest followed by a traditional supper and we do a Walk of Witness prior to our joint Anglican/Methodist service on Remembrance Sunday.

Our Mothering Sunday service is usually attended by the village ladies choir who also attend at least one other service in the year.

Our Christmas services consist of Carols and Readings, Christingle, Carols by Candlelight, a Crib Service when all the children are encouraged to dress up, Midnight Mass and a family Eucharist on Christmas Day when the children bring a present to show the congregation.

We have seen both of our churches full to the brim at Christmas so know that there is still a calling and a place for us in the community.

Aside from the funerals, we have an average of 12 baptisms and 6 weddings per year, again showing that the church has a place in the village. (8 weddings and 1 blessing are booked for 2017)

St Mary's is also used by the primary school for services at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Day and Christmas.



We have a regular organist for both Sunday services and the 'specials' along with our own bell ringers available for single bell ringing on a Sunday or a full team for weddings.

All our Sunday services are followed by refreshments as are many of the other services.

Prior to the vacancy we had a midweek Eucharist at St Andrew's twice a month and Communion in the Care Homes. These unfortunately have had to be put on hold for the time being.

OTHER THINGS WE DO

As part of our outreach programme we host an Open Day in the summer and a Christmas Fair in November which are supplemented by our twice yearly jumbles.

We try to have at least two musical concerts each year, one at Harvest and one in the summer. Recent Military Band concerts have been very popular and have drawn many attenders as well as boosting our income.



Our ladies group currently meet bi monthly at St Andrew's. They put the world to rights, enjoy listening to guest speakers, have trips to the theatre and enjoy afternoon tea. Aside from these things they form the backbone of our refreshment team at our functions, this being a very important role as we are known for always 'putting on a good spread'.

We have bell ringing practice weekly from Easter to Christmas and we welcome bell ringers from all over the country as they go on their bell ringing tours. Good Friday sees the ringers complete a muffled peel over a period of almost 3 hours.

A monthly film night was started at St Andrew's almost 3 years ago which continues to be popular and is well attended.

We have a team of amateur flower arrangers along with a professional who concentrates on the main flower arranging at Easter and Christmas.

We also produce a bi monthly magazine which lists service times, details of functions etc. and we hope general things of interest. The magazine is available in our churches and is delivered to many households.

We have a very good relationship with our Methodist friends and each lends their support to the other. In the same way we have a good relationship with the schools and take part in some of their activities such as the scarecrow hunts and fun days.



As part of our community work i.e. non-profit making, St Mary's has been used for the last 4 years as the setting for a summer lunch. In 2012 we hosted a street party for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations for almost 300 residents while in 2016 we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a Hog Roast, Magician, singing songs and just generally having a good time.

A few years ago St Mary's was approached in relation to having a community Christmas tree erected and lit in our grounds. This has now become 'tradition' and has seen many turn out in all weather for the lighting of the tree which is accompanied by carol singing and followed by hot refreshments within the church.



Our two churches are represented on various other groups in the villages so keeping our presence tangible and a part of the whole community.

The Headteacher of Hemingbrough Primary School, Sarah Chapel, writes:

Hemingbrough Community Primary School has a long history of links with St Mary's church. The church in Hemingbrough is beautiful and is a great resource to support our RE curriculum. Children visit the church to get first-hand experience of different parts of the church, to support and enrich learning. We also visit the church for a Christmas and Easter services and when possible to hold our Harvest assemblies to which parents are invited. The school also supports the Christingle service and is involved in the lighting of the village Christmas tree, which is located in the grounds. Many years ago, our school was involved when the new weather vane was erected, with children jumping over it in the playground prior to its erection! We are also very keen for the local vicar to come into school to take /assist in assemblies.

The Headteacher of Cliffe Primary School, Suzanne Hay ... writes:

Cliffe Voluntary Aided School has worked very closely with the vicar over the years and his support and efforts have invaluable to us. We are a Voluntary Controlled school that has a board of Trustees that own the land.

Though we are not a church school we do use the Mission in Cliffe to hold Christmas assemblies and celebrations.

The vicar or curate comes into school monthly to lead the school assembly. Harvest Festival, which we hold in school as parents are also invited, is led by the vicar and me together.

Having our local vicar work with us is important as we teach and learn about the Christian faith.

Who we are:

Churchwarden & Deanery Synod representative – Carol Perry

Churchwarden, Safeguarding representative, HIPFA representative, magazine editor – Susan Sellers

Assistant to the churchwardens – Joyce Cochrane

PCC secretary, treasurer and electoral roll officer – Chris Swift

The PCC has 3 additional members, while we have 12 sidespeople.

There are currently 27 on the electoral roll.

Alongside our church representatives we have a large number of volunteers on hand who assist whenever required, be it to re set the church clock, clean the churches, assist at events, bake that extra cake, put up the Easter cross and even provide the Christmas trees.

The Benefice:

As a Benefice we have a regular Bible Study group held at All Saints, Barlby and have successfully run a Lent Course at St Andrew's for the past 7 years.

An Away Day / Quiet Day has been arranged for a number of years and is well supported. We also have a yearly quiz night at St. Andrew's which is open to everyone in the Benefice.

All the concerts held within the Benefice are supported by members of the different parishes.

Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month we use this as an opportunity to get together with a Joint Benefice Service and alternate the place of worship.

What we would like from an Incumbent

Although we are 3 very different parishes, we all share the same desires in our requirements of a new incumbent.

We are looking for an incumbent who:

- Feels called to ministry in a rural community
- Has reverence, sincerity and can demonstrate spiritual leadership
- Can inspire and motivate the existing congregations
- Can stimulate new ideas for mission
- Is enthusiastic in their mission to see church attendance grow, especially in the 18-40 age group
- Is approachable and a good communicator with all in the parishes
- Will be seen in the communities
- Will exercise pastoral care
- Is a team builder who can work with others to help promote each individual's strength in ministry
- Can develop and maintain links with the local schools
- Will work on current successful projects to improve further
- Will continue to work with other Christian communities in the area in shared ministry and mission

We offer:

- The full support of the Churchwardens, PCCs and Curate
- A willingness to accept change
- A modern house, situated centrally within the Benefice
- The help of a number of retired clergy
- Our prayerful support

We hope you feel inspired and drawn towards joining us, and living and working with us, while we look forward to meeting and welcoming you.

The Vicarage



We are pleased to be able to offer a very comfortable detached house in Barlby for our new incumbent.

The property is central in the village and within very easy walking distance of both the Church and local shop.

The property comprises 4 bedrooms, one with a fully fitted dressing room and en-suite shower room while a second bedroom also has a fitted wardrobe. A large family bathroom with separate shower completes the first floor.

The ground floor comprises a lounge, kitchen /dining room, utility, WC and conservatory. The kitchen has a built in fridge/freezer, hob, oven, dishwasher and microwave.

The property is carpeted throughout the first floor, stairs and lounge with laminate flooring to the conservatory and kitchen / dining room. Curtains and blinds are also in place.

Externally there is a summerhouse and greenhouse and both grassed and paved areas.

There is also an annexe attached to the single garage comprising 2 rooms, kitchen, shower room and WC which would make an ideal office.

There is ample off road car parking with the possibility of changing part of the garden to provide additional parking for the annexe.