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Parish Profile

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Growing Disciples: Wider Younger Deeper

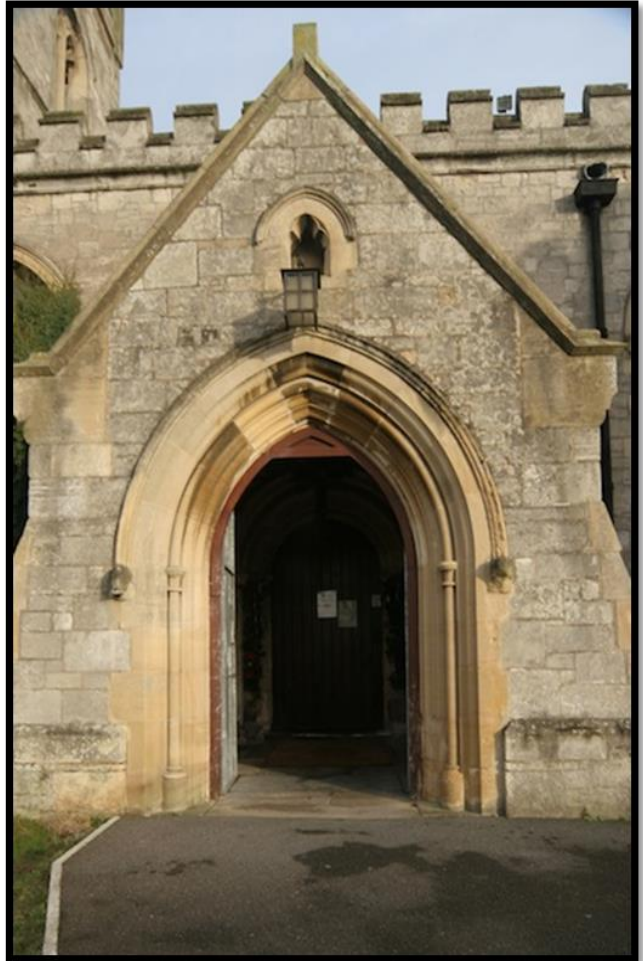
Introduction

Thank you for reading our Parish Statement. We hope it will enthuse you sufficiently to want to find further information from the people of our parish and perhaps pay us a visit. Our last incumbent left to become Canon Precentor at Wakefield Cathedral and we now have the task of appointing a new priest to lead our committed church community here at Harworth.

We have tried to make the profile informative, honest and helpful.

Should you wish to have any further information, have any queries or would like to visit us please do not hesitate to ring either of the churchwardens or the chair of the PCC.

We do actively encourage interested people to visit, have a look round, and speak to people actively involved in the Parish.



Ian Archer and Ann Wilson have been elected as parish representatives for the period of the appointment process.

If you want to contact anyone details are at the end. We will all be happy to chat or answer any questions you may have.

God bless you.

Are We for You and are You for Us?...

This is the way we see ourselves

Strengths of our Church

- ❖ A strong and loving fellowship.
- ❖ Welcoming and caring to friends and strangers.
- ❖ Informality combined with appreciation of tradition.
- ❖ Beautiful building and situation.
- ❖ A total commitment to Bishop Paul's message:

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- ❖ The church is in good structural
- ❖ United P.C.C. and wonderful, h
- ❖ Good links with the community.
- ❖ Strong links with local schools, especially our Church of England primary Academy
- ❖ Our congregation is a mixture of ages but the majority are old.
- ❖ The vicarage is attractive and spacious.

We asked our congregation what they would desire in a new summary of their responses.



We would like a priest who:

- ❖ Will understand the different needs of our mixed age congregation.
- ❖ Has a commitment to the spiritual needs of the community.
- ❖ **Will visit, especially the bereaved, sick, disabled and housebound.**
- ❖ Make links with the residential homes

- ❖ Is a strong enthusiastic leader with sound delegation skills.
- ❖ Will embrace the aim of **Growing Disciples Wider Younger Deeper**
- ❖ Has good communication and listening skills and a sense of humour.
- ❖ Is approachable, understanding and loving.
- ❖ But of course, we would want any applicant to ask “What can the church and wider community do for me and my family?” It is all a 2-way process.



All Saint's Church

Our church is a beautiful and much loved grade 2 listed building.

The present church is Norman in origin and dates from the 12th century, but because of the many alterations and additions that have been made to it in the course of years, very little of the Norman architecture remains. The chancel was rebuilt in 1672 and again in 1869 and some of the original Norman masonry survives in the chancel walls. In 1828 extensive repairs were made, and in 1869 C. Neale rebuilt the whole building except the tower at a cost of £2,000. The north and south transepts were added at this time to accommodate the growing church population. The large west window in the tower was also added then. The East window probably dates from the 1672 restoration, although the painted glass was not put in until 1886. The pews and the font came from Christ Church in Bircotes, which closed in the 1970s.

The most recent major restoration of our church was in 1992, when the church was made weatherproof, with a new roof, new rainwater goods, and extensive re-pointing of the exterior stonework.

The Quinquennial report in November 2015 stated that the church is generally in very good condition and the PCC are to be congratulated on the standard of maintenance that has been undertaken. It was noted that the churchwardens take their role particularly seriously. There were no issues identified as urgent for repair, some required work within 5 years. A full record of the works completed since the last Quinquennial is included within the church log.

The roof covering to the tower structure has been completely rebuilt during the last Quinquennial period. All lead was removed and scrapped in order to access and repair the historic timbers that had found to be spreading.

Cracking identified in the parapet walls to the tower on the north and south sides were taken down and reconstructed. At the same time a new concealed stainless steel ring beam was installed within the tower roof to prevent horizontal stresses in the stonework.



A few years ago a toilet with facilities for the disabled and small kitchen were installed at the rear of the church.

Following the closure of Harworth Colliery and demolition of the pit tower in April, 2016. A member of our PCC and a miner all of his life, had an inspirational idea to install a miner's stained-glass window in church in our Lady Chapel as a lasting legacy to the miners who worked at Harworth Colliery. Within fourteen weeks, he had raised over £17,000 from the generosity of the people of our community.

Following faculty approval the window was installed and on 28th January, 2018 we held a special dedication service officiated by Bishop Paul, Archdeacon David, Chancellor Mark Ockleton and other dignitaries attended to mark the occasion, this was also featured on Look North. It was an amazing and emotional day, our church was packed to the rafters. It is a wonderful legacy and fitting tribute to the miners of our community. We are all so proud of what we achieved. Great people, great community



The artist who was commissioned to do the work was Graeme Wilson from Illkley, working in partnership with Martin Johnson Workshop in York. Graeme has been working with stained glass for a considerable number of years, he has done paintings for York Minster and other stained-glass windows in churches throughout the country.

Church Hall

The Church Hall is in good condition and does not need any major repairs. The hall is of reasonable size with an upstairs storage space and a separate office. There is a kitchen with cooking facilities and plenty of cupboard space. There is car parking space. The Hall is well used and is self-supporting. It is available for hire and used regularly for social and church activities.

Worship

Our Churchmanship at present has been described as modern liberal Catholic. We prefer vestments to be worn during services to keep up a high standard of reverence. Sunday Eucharist is held at 10-00am. A family service is held at 10-00am on the first Sunday of the month and is popular with young families.

A celebration of Holy Communion is held at 10-00am on Thursdays.

Our congregation ranges from the very young to the old, which are in the majority.

We are a very friendly and welcoming Church family with refreshments provided after most services.

We have two excellent organists who accompany our Sung Services. The music produced is of a very high standard and encourages meaningful Choral Worship, especially during our Sunday morning Communion Service.

Attendance averages 38 adults at the 10-00am Sunday Eucharist.

Family Service is held first Sunday in the month

In 2017 we had eight weddings and one thanksgiving service. This year five weddings and a thanksgiving service have been arranged. In 2019, six weddings have been booked

Each year we hold two memorial services for those who have been bereaved, these are very well attended



We have recently welcomed several “new” faces in our Congregation and noteworthy is that some have made a positive indication by becoming members of our Electoral Roll.

Baptisms in church are very popular, in 2017 (last year) 19 children were Baptised. Since January 2018 we have 8 Baptisms booked .

Twenty-four funerals took place in church last year. This year January to February 7 funerals have taken place in church. These figures do not include those deceased with a crematorium service only.

Ministry Outreach

Hesley Hall, which was once the ancestral home of our Patron, is now an independently owned college known as Hesley Village and College. The residents are aged over sixteen and have varying degrees of autistic behaviours. The original building houses a chapel and this is used once a month for a short assembly comprising action songs that have a Christian element. Members of the congregation lead this. A few residents, with their carers, attend our Sunday Services.



Ecumenical Relationships

During Holy Week we undertake joint worship at all three Churches. On Good Friday, we start with prayer and a hymn at the Methodist Church. We then begin our witness walk with the cross. Our next stop has previously been the Catholic Church for more prayers and a hymn. This is followed by united procession through the town to All Saints Church ending with final prayers and a hymn. After the Witness everyone is invited into our church for a Good Friday Service.

Some of the Church of England School children performed the Passion Play in Church on Palm Sunday.

Baptism policy

All Saint's Church considers that all people should be welcomed for baptism. Baptisms are booked during the preparation session on the first Sunday of every month at 12 noon in church. We aim to make every baptism personal. We always give a candle as part of the service and a certificate at the end. Last year we baptized 19 children. We also offer a Thanksgiving service which gives the opportunity to come to church and thank God for the birth of your child and to ask his blessing for the future.

Marriage policy

The parish welcomes enquiries for marriage and follows the Bishop's guidelines. Last year eight weddings and a Thanksgiving Service took place.

Church organisations and administration

Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council is an enthusiastic, supportive group that meets monthly, usually in church.

Bell Ringers

There is a group of bell ringers that always welcome new recruits and visitors.

Social Committee

This committee meets regularly and organises fundraising and other social events.

Brownies and Guides

Brownie and Guide group that meets regularly in the Church Hall.

The Church has a Registered Lay Minister for children. We have a safeguarding officer who also has responsibility for child protection issues.

Harworth Church of England Academy



At our happy caring school we aim for every child to reach his or her full potential, to enjoy school and to feel cared for, valued and safe. Our school motto and mission statement encompass our vision and aims for the school, all within a strong family environment.

The school was rated Good in our OFSTED in November 2017.

Our mission statement is as follows:-

At Harworth Church of England Academy together we ensure that everyone is valued and given the opportunity to develop their full potential in an environment of mutual respect. We provide a positive, inspirational and caring environment to thoroughly prepare children for life in modern Britain. This is embedded through a broad, balanced and creative curriculum alongside our Christian values, our staff, our governors, our community, and of course, our children.



There are very strong links between All Saints Church and Harworth Church of England Academy and we continue to build on these links. Our school is a centre of energy, faith and hope, fully immersed in deeper spiritual learning and reaching out to the community around us. Harworth Church of England Academy truly is a place of Worship.

We are excited about the new incumbent joining us to be an integral part of our happy school team.



Further information can be found on our school website.

Deanery Context

Bassetlaw and Bawtry deanery was created in 2008 out of the former deaneries of Bawtry, Retford and Worksop. The new Priest-in-Charge will have an exciting opportunity to share in shaping the new deanery as we prepare for the challenges and opportunities of the years ahead. This will involve increasing collaboration between parishes and clergy as we seek to find new ways to do God's work. The deanery contains the large urban centres of Retford and Worksop, the smaller urban area of Harworth and many small rural communities. The area as a whole has been affected by the decline of mining and traditional manufacturing industries. There have been significant changes in rural communities reflecting much smaller numbers working in agriculture and increasing numbers of commuters. The clergy chapter meets regularly and there are additional meetings of the clergy with Readers and other Lay Ministers.

The Vicarage

Situated in what is regarded as a very desirable area of Harworth, the Vicarage was built in 1983, and is in walking distance from the church.

In preparation for the arrival of the previous incumbent the kitchen was internally extended. All new units were fitted. A new central heating system boiler was fitted, with updated controls. At present the Vicarage is vacant and under the care of the Church wardens. A contractor is maintaining grounds.



The house has gas-fired central heating, sealed unit double glazed windows, an open fire in the spacious lounge and separate dining room. It has an enlarged study with additional store, accessed through an enclosed double-glazed porch. The four bedrooms have fitted wardrobes. In December 2015 the breakfast kitchen and utility room were fitted with new units. An alarm system and security lighting, and smoke alarms are fitted protect the accommodation. There is an integral single garage.

A particular feature of the property is the garden, which is a good size and laid out with a patio area.

The house is particularly well situated for commuting with easy access to the A1 at Blyth and the M18 at Maltby. Sheffield and Meadowhall shopping centre are less than twenty miles away.

Finances

We are not a rich church!

Though managing to comfortably cover running costs we find it difficult to pay our Parish Share in full. We do consider our financial position at every monthly PCC meeting and pay what we consider we can afford for the Diocesan Parochial Share.

In the last few years we have paid out in excess of £40,000 for tower maintenance and this has used up all our reserves.

We fund raise to the best of our abilities and had a funding campaign in 2015. It is, and always has been, our intention to pay our share in full when we can. Historically we have done this for many years and consider it a priority and responsibility. We look forward to our new incumbent leading/partnering our ambitions in this area.

Anyone wishing to have further information is welcome to contact the treasurer, Pauline Archer on 01302 539298.

Background Information

Diocese -	Southwell and Nottingham
Deanery -	Bassetlaw and Bawtry
Patron -	Sir Jack Whittaker
Parish population	9,000 and rising
Electoral roll	80 approx
Local District Council	Bassetlaw
Parliamentary Constituency	Bassetlaw

A PROFILE OF HARWORTH AND BIRCOTES

In the early 20th century Harworth was a small farming community with a main street, a church and a village school. In the 1920s coal was discovered and the following decade saw the building of a large housing estate that became known as Bircotes. This led to an influx of mining families from all parts of Britain and consequently a shift of focus to industry and working class values. Also built in this estate were a school and the Miners Institute. Further growth saw the 1950s and 60s.



By the 1960s there were three main employers: Harworth Colliery, Harworth Glass Bulbs and the Airborne Shoe Factory. Social life was supported by the local industries and particularly by the colliery. Sporting facilities and recreational activities funded by the pit were much enjoyed by people and there was a high level of participation and community spirit. Many clubs were formed. Perhaps the most well known was the cycling club because it was associated with Tommy Simpson, a local lad who became World Champion Road Racer in 1965.

Things changed following the Miners Strikes in the 1980s and by 2000 all three main employers had gone. The massive pit tower was demolished early in 2016. The peregrine falcons that nested there have been offered alternative accommodation atop our church tower (under stringent arrangements from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust) but so far have declined to take up residence.

The area is now in a burgeoning state of flux with many new homes (approaching 1,000) being built. The town is being seen as a transport communication hub for commuters and businesses, being in close proximity to A1(M), M18, M1, and M62 and within striking distance of Sheffield, Leeds, Doncaster, Barnsley and other urban areas.

The scope for Christian Mission is immense.

Community Facilities

Local Authority Administration

Harworth and Bircotes is in Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, within the District managed by Bassetlaw District Council. The two largest towns are Retford and Worksop, the latter being the administrative centre for Bassetlaw District Council.

The status of Harworth and Bircotes has recently changed from 'village' to 'town'.

Churches

There are two churches, All Saints, and the Methodist Church. The Roman Catholic Church has sadly recently closed

Schools

There are three schools, All Saints Church of England Academy and St. Patrick's RC are primary schools. Serlby Park Academy takes pupils from age 3 – 18.

Health Services

A new Health Centre has been built next to the Town Hall. It houses three G.P. Practices and a pharmacy with two other pharmacies nearby. One of the practices has just been rated Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission

Sports facilities

The recreation field is managed by Harworth Trust (local people) that is very much community based, mainly used for football (12 teams both junior and adult), cricket and bigger social events. There is also a skate park and astro turf facilities. Groups involved in weight lifting, boxing, walking netball, bootcamp, archery and Smiley Milers (walking group who meet on a Wednesday) also use these facilities.

There are two play parks in the town.

An active boxing Club is located on Scrooby Road currently 30 juniors are boxing card registered.

A popular 18 hole golf course, club house and restaurant is located in Styrrup. The club also has a gym and hairdressers. There is also a village hall in Styrrup.

The Leisure Centre is situated next to Serlby Park Academy, as is the Young People's Centre. Nearby is the Welfare Hall, from which operates a Table Tennis Club. The hall can be hired for social events. It also houses a Christy Organ used by an organ society group.

There are two Community Centres in Harworth, which are mainly used by the elderly for social activities and by the Tenants and Residents Association. There is a Village Hall and Church Hall on Main Street, both of which can be hired.

There is a library that is well used.

There is one allotment site with 12 allotments.

There are two supermarkets, three public houses plus the Comrades Club.

The Town Hall and Community Information Centre

The Town Hall was recently extended and remodelled, giving more space and rooms and better facilities. Its central position and large car park makes it very accessible. It operates as a civic and administrative centre and a hub for social and educational events. It also accommodates Harworth Brass Band.

Four years ago the council wrote a plan for the town that mapped out clear aims and objectives. Many have been achieved, some by working in partnership with other authorities.

Much has been done to improve the public realm e.g. public toilets, the recycling centre and the upgrading of the appearance of the town e.g. signs, planted areas, etc. Each month an article is included about what is happening in our church in the Harworth & Bircotes Today magazine which is delivered free to every household in the parish

Sure Start Children's Centre.

Although a service new to the population, it has proved to be very successful and provides a much needed service. It offers excellent facilities for children and support to parents. The Centre has an antenatal clinic with a midwife in attendance and a health visitor baby clinic.





Compelled by the love of Christ, by 2023 we will prayerfully seek to...

Welcome **7000** new disciples into the fellowship of Christ and his Church

Telling the story of Jesus and inviting people to join us in the journey of faith is the core mission of every local church across our diocese. We believe there is nothing better anyone can do with their life than become a follower of Jesus Christ. People of all ages and backgrounds are choosing to follow Jesus every day. Over the coming years we want to welcome many more.

We seek to be a diocese where every Christian and each local church has a compelling vision and plan for 'growing disciples wider, younger and deeper'.

Commission **1000** younger leaders (15-30) equipped to serve God in the Church and society

In September 2016 the diocese established the Younger Leadership College to develop new and imaginative ways to support churches in growing younger Christian leaders, including mission in our 71 church schools/academies (20k students) as well as our work in universities and colleges (50k students). This includes a new and dynamic one-year intern programme. For more information see www.youngerleadershipcollege.org

Plant or graft **75** new Worshipping Communities

We are thankful for all the congregations who worship across our 307 churches, as well as our local partnerships with other denominations. Yet to reach many more people we seek to establish new worshipping communities to welcome and nurture faith in culturally sensitive ways that will be complimentary to our present ministry.

Grow **25** larger Resource Churches inspired and equipped to 'give themselves away'

This will include offering particular training in various forms of ministry and leadership, work with children and younger people, as well as helping to plant and graft new worshipping communities.

Many smaller churches can also foster the culture and instincts to be a 'resource church' working in partnership with other local churches or across a benefice.

The Cathedral will resource the Bishops and diocese as a focus for gathering, worship, mission, teaching and outreach.

Serve as **1** Church contending for the gospel in every community and sphere of public life

A prayer

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives,
hope to our communities,
and love to our hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

TRANSFORMING LIVES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES TRANSFORMING CULTURE TRANSFORMING SOCIETY TRANSFORMING WORKPLACES TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

If you have read this far we hope you may still be interested

We hope so.

We hope and pray that looking at this snapshot of us may have whetted your appetite and just sparked the thought that perhaps you could be a catalyst for God's mission in our community.

So why don't you visit and chat to us to find more information.

And always remember; - the successful applicant will have the assistance of us all, and God is always there to help.



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