

St Peter and Christchurch with Holy Trinity, Derby

Know as St Peter's in the City



General Information

Parish(es) / Benefice(s): St. Peter's and Christchurch with Holy Trinity

Deanery: Derby City

Archdeaconry: Derby

Associate Priest's name, address, and telephone number: Revd Anita Matthews, 5 Bamford Avenue, Derby DE23 8DT 07910 137229

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Date of ordination: July 1997

Length of time in present parish(es): 11 years

Other responsibilities and duties currently undertaken by incumbent:

- Assistant DDO
- Bishops Adviser for national discernment process
- MDR Reviewer
- End of Curacy Assessor
- Chair of Derbyshire Churches/ Church of North India link
- Chair of Trustees, Chaplaincy Derbyshire

Previous posts and experience of incumbent, including details of experience with previous curates:

Curate, St Mary the Virgin, East Barnet (Diocese of St Albans)

Chaplain, Derby High School

National Adviser for Children's Work, Church Mission Society

Community Mission Facilitator, Church Mission Society

Formation Tutor, St John's College Nottingham

I have been a TI for 2 curates, one a full time pioneer curate, and once (current) a part time SSM. I have supervised 5 students on church placement at St. Peter's during training for ordination, have recently supported an ordinand from St. Peter's through the vocational journey, and continue to mentor a curate on a regular basis.



The context: the parish setting

Size of population: It's currently very difficult to obtain accurate figures about the population size. Until recently St Peter's Parish was around 4000 population, but the growth in new housing (much of it under construction) will at least double that figure.

Geographical spread of area served, and distances involved: St. Peter's Parish stretches across the city centre from the Stockbrook estate (off Abbey Street) to the railway station.

Types of housing: city centre apartments, 2 large new housing developments, social housing, terraced estate housing, hotels housing refugees and asylum seekers

Kinds of job people do: occupations are very mixed, with many people not working or working in lower paid jobs (care work, retail, hospitality); the growth of city centre apartments and new housing has changed the demographic somewhat, with more professionals moving into the area (engineers working for Rolls Royce, Bombardier, and the Rail Industry) and London commuters.

Availability of public transport: St. Peter's has excellent public transport links, and is within walking distance of the Bus Station and Railway Station

Institutions (e.g., hospitals, schools, old peoples' homes): St Peter's Parish includes the Florence Nightingale Community Hospital, Castleward Spencer Primary School, 2 residential Care Homes, Milestone House Homeless Shelter

Social mix, and other salient features: St Peter's is a highly complex parish, with 3 distinct areas (each of which are complex in themselves!).

1. City Centre: local businesses, shoppers (St. Peter's Street has the highest footfall in Derby), and the street community (homeless, drug addicts), many of whom gather in the area around the church.

2. Stockbrook Estate: St. Peter's parish covers 25% of the Stockbrook Estate, a very deprived estate with numerous issues of loneliness, drug abuse and antisocial behaviour.

3. Castleward and Nightingale Quarters: 2 large areas of new housing, largely privately owned but also including social housing. The parish and surrounding area is very multicultural, and houses a significant number of asylum seekers and refugees.

Please also indicate from the main broad category (or categories), as you think most accurate

City Centre

Inner City

Housing Estate



The Churches

Please indicate how many Church of England churches lie within the relevant parish or benefice: 1

Ecclesiastical tradition: Open Evangelical

Electoral roll number(s): 59 (Stats for Mission Dec 2022 80 adults, 10 children)

Pattern of Sunday worship:

10.45am, alternating between Holy Communion and Morning Praise. We value a relaxed form of worship and draw on a wide variety of liturgical resources, with a spontaneity that welcomes diversity.

Weekday services:

Occasional (Ascension, Ash Wednesday etc)

Occasional Offices:

There are approximately 2 baptisms and 2 funerals p.a, with occasional weddings

Pattern of daily offices / Regular daily pattern of prayer:

There is no formal pattern of daily prayer as a team due to the current curate's need to do school drop offs and pick ups each day, but this changes according to the circumstances of the team at any given time.

Staff or team members:

St Peter's is currently in vacancy. Staff team includes the Associate Priest, Curate (part time SSM), Administrator, Care-taker, Kitchen Supervisor, Inside Out Project worker. There are 2 retired clergy, 3 licensed readers, and a reader in training.

Lay involvement:

St Peter's places high importance on lay involvement – 3 lay readers and a reader in training preach and lead worship on a regular basis, and many lay people take part in doing readings, leading intercessions, creating prayer stations, sharing testimony, leading special services (e.g. eco church services)

House, study, and prayer groups:

There is a weekly prayer meeting via zoom, and small groups on an intermittent basis.

Areas of particular mission and ministry of parish:

Particular areas of ministry include: Jubilee Project, a weekly clinic offering free support with debt and benefits (in partnership with Derby City Mission); a monthly Afternoon Tea for elderly and care home residents; Inside Out, a mentoring project based at St. Peter's working with those released from prison, recovering addicts and those at risk of

offending; work with refugees and asylum seekers; Warm Space/ Welcome Space, weekly drop in providing food and community for those in need; developing pioneering mission to the new Housing Developments, in partnership with the Methodist project Susanna Wesley House; Christmas Lunch on Jesus, providing Christmas food vouchers for 450 families each year; currently exploring a new partnership with WORTH (Women on the Road to Healing), supporting women who have experienced domestic abuse. We host exhibitions and prayer spaces on an annual basis (e.g. a 'Good Grief' exhibition post-covid, and an Easter 'Garden of Tears' prayer space.) Our building is also used on a regular basis by a wide range of community organisations with whom we have good links, for example: Dandelions Bereavement Group, Derby County Community Trust (supporting recovering addicts), Co-Op Keep Fit, Craft and Friendship groups; Derby College Way to Work project; Silvertones Community Choir; Narcotics Anonymous; Parkinsons Support group, as well as hosting big events such as job fairs, NHS conferences, and Compassionate Derby.

Opportunities for the development of fresh expressions of church / pioneering:

There is very substantial opportunity to develop fresh expressions and pioneering mission at St. Peter's, particularly on the Stockbrook Estate and the new Housing (Castleward and the Nightingale Quarter)

Particular future plans already established:

St. Peter's is currently exploring developing a new project in partnership with WORTH (Women on the Road to Healing) supporting women who have experienced domestic abuse. We are also hoping to grow and expand the Inside Out Community supporting people on release from prison (we currently have one Inside Out house for men, and are hoping to get a second house for men and open a house for women)

Are congregation(s) mainly communal or mainly gathered:

St. Peter's is a network church and people travel from all over Derby (and as far as Belper) to join in our vision of being a beacon of light and community of Faith, Hope and Love in the City Centre.

Areas and types of co-operation with other local churches (either Anglican or ecumenical):

St. Peter's has good relationships with local churches, hosting the Ecumenical Good Friday Service and occasional other events and services. We have a particular connection with the Methodist Church on Castleward (Susanna Wesley House), organising joint events and services in the new housing area.

Have any of the resolutions under the Priest (Ordination of Women) Measure been passed? No

Any other activities or comments:

St. Peter's is the home and hub of Chaplaincy Derbyshire, an independent ecumenical charity providing (largely) volunteer workplace chaplaincy across various sectors in the County (Retail, Police, Fire, Airport, Schools, Care Homes, GP surgeries, Derbyshire Community Healthcare Services, and Arts)



Vision and Priorities

How does the church in the relevant parish(es) see itself? St Peter's sees itself as a diverse Community of faith, Hope and Love in the heart of the City, committed to live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope. We seek to be welcoming and loving to all; to help all to come to faith in Jesus Christ; to equip people to be confident in sharing their faith and clear about God's call on their lives; to serve one another and our community and to involve everyone in ministry. This is the vision we aspire to, and by God's grace we are moving forward together on this journey!

What is its vision of mission? See above! We believe that the gospel is good news, and we want to share that with all people, recognising that the gospel message is not just about words, but action for freedom, justice and fullness of life.

What are the incumbent's and PCC's vision and priorities? Please indicate whether the incumbent and PCC jointly share these priorities or whether there are significant differences. The PCC and Associate Priest (we currently have no Vicar) are in full agreement about our desire to grow numerically and grow in faith and in love for one another; to reach out to those who live and work in the city centre with grace, mercy and the good news of God's love; and to strive for justice and integrity for all people and all creation.

How does the incumbent understand the role of training?

My understanding of training is shaped by my own experience of curacy, where I was blessed with a highly supportive and creative training incumbent. I understand training as the core foundation for an ongoing future ministry grounded in prayer, collaboration, self-reflection, self-care, and the belief that with God all things are possible (despite the inevitable challenges of life and ministry). I hope that training will offer a safe, honest, and mutually supportive environment to grow in confidence in your strengths and gifting as well as to gain confidence in areas where you feel less equipped. I hope that training will be based on good communication within the team, where we recognise and learn from one another and our different gifts and have space to wrestle with the hard questions of ministry. And I hope that training will bring real joy as you adapt to and discover the many possibilities and challenges of ordained ministry.

What is the likely role of the curate in future plans?

St, Peter's is a church which is keen to engage in new and creative ways with the diverse communities around us, and the possibilities are endless! Alongside ensuring that all aspects of the curacy portfolio are covered during training, we want to encourage our curate to share and build on the wisdom and experience they bring with them, as well as having opportunities to step out into new areas of mission and ministry. For example, our previous curate was significantly involved in setting up the Inside Out project and in pioneering a mission initiative on the Stockbrook estate, "The Grieve Inn". Our current curate has a heart for and extensive experience of working with schools and young people, and has enriched our work in this area, as well as starting a weekly Bible Study for Iranian asylum seekers. There are opportunities to work with schools, refugees, homeless, recovering addicts, chaplaincy – we want to enable and support our curate in discovering their own particular passion and gifting.

Any additional information the incumbent feels it is important to give at this stage:

St Peter's church has a centre attached to it which includes offices and meeting rooms. Much of our ministry is a ministry of presence in the city centre, and for this reason our usual daily work base is the church building (although there is flexibility to work from home when needed). This means we work closely together as a ministry team. It also means that a willingness to embrace a 'ministry of interruption' is essential, along with a good sense of humour!

The Diocesan Vision Summary

Vision statement

The Kingdom of God: good news for all

Mission statement

To proclaim afresh in this generation the good news of the Kingdom

Our values

Generous Faith
Courageous Hope
Life-Giving Love

Missional aims

Transformed Lives
Growing Church
Building Community

Diocesan interventions

Equipping people for mission
Shaping structures for mission
Sustaining resources for mission



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THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

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