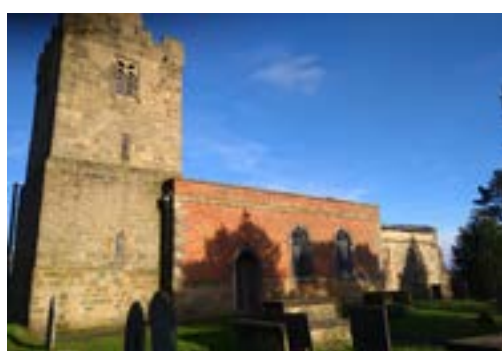
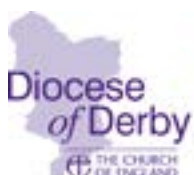


August 2025



**Rector of Aston-on-Trent, Elvaston, Weston-on-Trent and Shardlow, Barrow-upon-Trent with Twyford and Swarkestone.**



**Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community**  
**THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL**

# Archdeacon's Welcome



These seven churches form a ribbon of rural villages just south of the city of Derby but very definitely forming part of rural South Derbyshire. Their congregations and communities offer a real opportunity for a new Incumbent committed to flourishing rural ministry, to animate the distinctive life of each church within its parish.

In each of the seven churches, there is a tangible sense of the important place of church in each village and a commitment to see the church contribute to community life as fully as possible. The new incumbent will want to build on this by exploring new opportunities for mission and discipleship that grows confident disciples of Christ.

The diocese is committed to Growing Younger and playing our part in doubling the number of Children, Young People, and Families (CYPF) in our worshipping communities by 2030. The presence of local schools in many of the villages of the benefice, presents a significant missional opportunity for creative partnerships to form.

Perhaps most importantly, if you come and join us in the Diocese of Derby, you will be well cared for and supported to grow and flourish in your ministry. Mercia Deanery has a deeply supportive clergy Chapter, there is a strong and caring Deanery Leadership Team and an engaged Synod. Grants for personal development and retreat are made available each year. Ministerial Development Review and Clergy Ministerial Development are also in place.

As you read on through this profile, please be assured of my prayers as you reflect on an application. If an informal conversation with me would help your reflections please contact my PA Sue Hilderley-Burton ([sue.hilderley-burton@derby.anglican.org](mailto:sue.hilderley-burton@derby.anglican.org)) to arrange a convenient time.

In Christ

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The Venerable Matthew Trick  
Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire

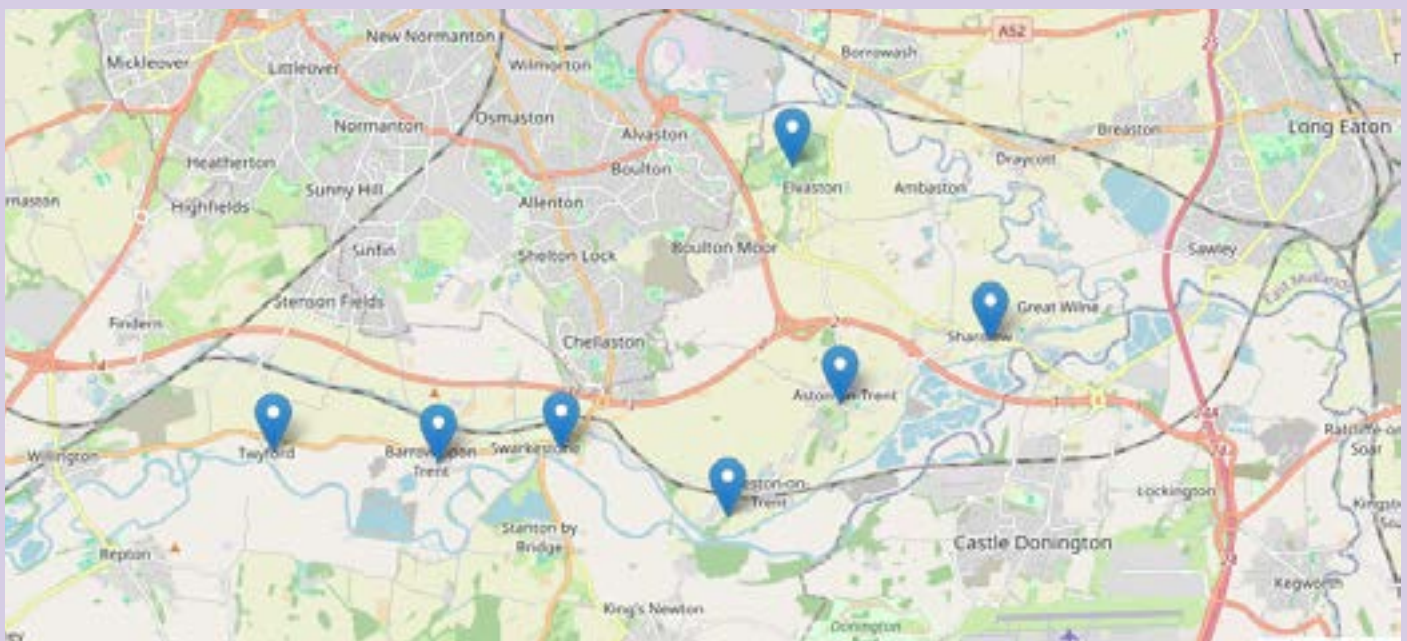
# Who we are looking for

It is important that we preserve the life and heart of the church for future generations. So we need:

- An enthusiastic, approachable and open-minded incumbent, outgoing and interested in the community.
- Happy to keep an open church, welcome and minister to those of all faiths, and of none.

**What we can offer:**

- Seven very different parish churches, whose differences are valued. To look after 7 parishes is a very big ask and the benefice is looking to 'trim down' the governance in discussion with the new incumbent to decrease their workload.
- Teams of 'pairs of hands', to help with practical matters;
- The ongoing support of churchwardens and others, to help in settling in to the Benefice, and thereafter.
- Listening.
- Encouragement to continue his/her personal and spiritual development; to take opportunities for retreat or sabbatical, as well as study.



## People - Demographic Information

Parish	Parish Population	Age 0-4	Age 5-19	Age 20-19	Age 30 - 44	Age 45 - 69	Age 70+	Ethnic Group White	Religion Christian
Aston	1700	3.6%	16.0%	6.7%	14.7%	37.4%	21.7%	96.8%	58.0%
Barrow	560	4.6%	14.9%	8.3%	13.5%	36.2%	22.2%	96.0%	59.8%
Elvaston	3200	7.6%	17.7%	16.4%	23.7%	28.8%	5.9%	86.2%	40.0%
Shardlow	1200	3.6%	10.3%	8.4%	15.3%	44.3%	17.9%	98.0%	50.4%
Swarkestone	1200	12.2%	21.2%	16.5%	29.7%	16.6%	3.8%	82.6%	36.2%
Twyford	160	0.6%	14.1%	13.5%	10.4%	47.9%	13.5%	94.0%	60.7%
Weston	1500	3.5%	18.5%	6.4%	12.1%	36.6%	22.8%	96.2%	58.3%

Statistics taken from ONS 2021



## Aston upon Trent

The village of Aston is situated about six miles south of the city of Derby and close to the border with north-west Leicestershire. Along with some growth in housing, Aston has retained its rural environment and remains a village surrounded by arable farms. The centre of the village is well preserved, contains a number of listed buildings and remains in appearance much as it would have looked in the 18th Century. There are good transport routes, including easy access to the M1, via the A50. There is a local bus service into Derby, and a School Bus service to Chellaston Academy, which takes students aged 11 to 18. Village amenities include the War Memorial Hall and Recreation Centre. These are well used by the large number of social groups and organisations for all ages and interests that are active in the village.

## Barrow upon Trent

Barrow upon Trent is a small rural parish on the banks of the River Trent. The parish is made up of the main village and two small hamlets, Arleston and Merrybower. Much of the parish was owned by the Knights Hospitaller from 1165 to 1540, and evidence of this is all around the village. The parish church was also owned and developed by the Knights. In addition to the church, the parish has a village hall and a pub, both widely used by the community. The Parish Council is very active and owns the cottages in the centre of the village. The income from the cottages is used to benefit the assets and people of the parish.

## Elvaston

Elvaston is a small village located to the southeast of Derby close to the River Derwent. The parish also includes two hamlets Ambaston and Thulston, plus modern housing estates Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys which contribute substantially to the combined population of 3200. There are good transport links via the A6 and A50 to the M1. Elvaston Castle Country Park is located adjacent to the village and with 321 acres of open parkland, woodland and formal gardens. The Gothic revival castle was re-designed in the early 1800s with the original house dating back to 1633. Other amenities include the Village Hall and Cricket Club which are both well supported by the community.

## Shardlow

Shardlow is a rural village south-east of Derby including the hamlet of Great Wilne. It is an important Inland Port with many historic buildings and warehouses. The Rivers Trent and Derwent and the Trent and Mersey Canal run through the parish. There are good transport links with a regular bus service between Derby and Leicester. The Village Hall is home to many community groups and the Heritage Centre welcomes visitors from all over the country. There are numerous pubs and restaurants which contribute to Shardlow being a popular tourist destination.

## Swarkestone

Swarkestone is on the banks of the River Trent and has traditionally been a rural parish with a small population (187 ONS 2011). Over the last decade the Derby suburb of Chellaston has spilled over the parish border, meaning the population at the 2021 Census had risen considerably. The parish is made up of the village, surrounding arable farms and now the two housing developments across the A50. In addition to the church, there are several businesses and organisations within the parish, including Swarkestone Nurseries and Garden Centre and the Cricket Club. The famous Swarkestone Causeway over the river and flood plain dates back to the 13th Century and is the longest stone bridge in England. There were Civil War skirmishes near the village and Bonnie Prince Charlie famously halted at Swarkestone before returning to Scotland.

## Twyford

Twyford is a small rural village, with the church being situated about 200 yards from the Trent riverbank. The parish includes the hamlet of Stenson and part of the new housing estate known as Stenson Fields. There are two working farms in the parish and the Church is the only community building within the parish of Twyford.

## Weston upon Trent

The parish of Weston upon Trent sits next to Aston upon Trent and includes the village of Weston and part of the Willowpark Way housing estate in Aston. Amenities include the Village Hall, Coopers Arm pub which is set in the historic Weston Hall and the busy Ukrainian Youth Centre. Festivals and caravan rallies are often held at the Youth Centre which has it's own pub, meaning the village can be very busy at weekends. There is also a small Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in the centre of the village.

# Schools and Community Services

Name	Headteacher	Approx Nos	Description	Links
Aston on Trent Primary School	Mr Sam Moore	200	State primary school in middle of village Ofstead rated Good	No ongoing links
Shardlow Primary School	Ms Kylie Magner	96	State primary school on main road through the village. Ofstead rated Good	Informal links at festival times
Weston on Trent CofE (Aided) Primary School	Mr Mark Hibbert	140	Primary school in the middle of village. Ofstead rated Good	Historic links but none currently
Sale and Davys CofE Controlled Primary School, Barrow on Trent	Mrs Sarah Briggs	100	Primary School in the middle of the village. Ofstead rated Outstanding	Links with church ongoing through the year
Aston on Trent Preschool		40	Committee run preschool in Memorial Hall in the village. Ofstead rated Good	No Formal links
Weldon School	Tim Strutz	4	Independent Special School based at Whispering Trees, Shardlow Road. Ofstead rated Good	None
Chellaston Academy	Mr Phil Smith	1800	Mixed 11-18 Secondary in Chellaston. Comprehensive. Ofstead rated Good. School buses from the village	
Noel Baker Academy	Mrs Ann Donaghy	1075	Mixed 11-16 Secondary in Alvaston. Ofstead rated Good	





# Aston on Trent

## Church life and administration

All Saints' Church is the centre of a welcoming, inclusive church community, most of whom reside in or near to the village of Aston-on-Trent. We have an electoral roll of 86, and a regular worshipping community of 80, of whom two-thirds are aged over 70 years, and the majority of the remainder being retired. Our regular worshippers include a number of residents of the Richmond Retirement Village, which lies on the outskirts of Aston. Usual Sunday attendances average 48 adults and two under-16s

We have 14 members of the PCC including the Chair. Meetings are scheduled every two or three months. The management and administration of ministry, buildings and events is undertaken by sub-groups and committees of the PCC, including Worship, Nurture, Pastoral Care, Social, Heritage Centre and Buildings. We also have a thriving Mothers' Union group, which meets monthly in All Saints' Heritage Centre, plus the Choir and Bellringers. The Library in the Tower Room beneath the Belfry is open to all, and well-used by people in the wider community of the village. An important event in the Church calendar is the Well Dressing Festival in early July, involving the whole village, drawing in many visitors from far and wide, raising funds for the church.

## All Saints' Church

All Saints' is a Grade One listed building of major historical significance. Additionally, it continues an equally vital tradition; that of being a living church for the community it serves. Geographically and socially centred at the heart of village life, All Saints' offers both religious and secular support and opportunity through active participation and inclusion in all aspects of village life. The church is open all day, every day for quiet reflection and peace away from the hubbub of daily life. It also allows access to the library in the tower.

The church interior is generally in good order, having benefitted in recent years from the addition of a new sound system and hearing loop, partial electrical rewiring, installation of a new stairway to the ringing chamber and, in the last year, a full refurbishment of our historically significant Bevington organ. The next project, subject to funding being raised, will be the refurbishment of the historically significant, 15th Century tomb of Thomas Tickhill and his wife, to preserve it for the future. Care and cleaning of the church interior is done by a team of volunteers; a Gardening group looks after the grounds. The church yard is closed for burials but interment of ashes is still permitted. Externally, minor repairs are planned to the roof of the North aisle, to be undertaken shortly. Otherwise, the building is sound.

## All Saints' Heritage Centre

Within the grounds of the church is All Saints' Heritage Centre, a brick-built building containing a meeting room, kitchen and toilet, built in 2011, which provides a well-appointed venue for Church and community activities, the Aston-on-Trent Local History Archive and various outside organisations and groups, including Cameo, Mothers' Union, Aston Art Club, Aston Ukelele Group, to name but a few. The Heritage Centre is always open during church services, to provide access to the accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities.

## The Rectory

The Rectory is a large, detached, two-storey house, adjacent to the church, with a large rear garden and double garage. The house was built in the 1960s to replace the Victorian Rectory, which was demolished, being expensive to run and maintain. This rectory serves the whole Benefice.





## Barrow on Trent

St Wilfrids is a rural parish church that stands high above the Trent valley, reflecting the long and rich history and heritage of this parish and church building. The congregation is small, but constant, with an average Sunday congregation of around 12, from an Electoral Roll of 21 and PCC of 10.

The congregation is much boosted at Easter, Harvest, Christmas, and the July end-of-term by the inclusion of the Sale and Davys school pupils and their families at special services. At these events there is standing room only.

The church is Anglo-Saxon, and was given to the Knights Hospitaller in 1165. They extended the church, had a significant impact on the church and the parish, and the church building has not been altered since their departure in 1540. On the basis of this, in 2020 in response to local community requests, the Friends of St Wilfrid undertook a massive transformation project that took the church building back to its Anglo-Saxon / early Mediaeval origins as an open community space available for everyone to use. This has not affected the delivery of worship in the church.  
<https://stwilfridsbarrow.org/>





## Elvaston

St Bartholomew's is a grade 1 listed church situated in Elvaston Castle country park, adjacent to the castle and the cricket club. The earliest parts date from the 13th century and the church was completed in 1474, when the tower was also added. This is accessible via a spiral staircase to the roof from which there are magnificent views over the surrounding countryside. A restoration in 1904 saw the chancel extended by Bodley and the installation of a carved reredos that fills the whole east wall. There are a large number of wall memorials and tombs, many to the Stanhope family, including a white marble wall memorial to Charles, third Earl of Harrington, by Canova, one of only three in England. Three charity plaques of stone or brass, the earliest of which dates from 1621, list some of the charities set up to help the poor of the parish, some of which are still in existence today.

We have a small but committed congregation. Our Sunday attendance has ranged from 4 to 13 over the past year. We use the Book of Common Prayer and follow the 1662 version of the service of Holy Communion. Members of the congregation read the lessons and we use recorded music during Sunday services. Several special services are held, including Friday evening Patronal Evensong in August, Paws4Prayer animal service at St Francis Tide in October and an afternoon carol service. These tend to be well supported, particularly the carol service. There are 6 people on the electoral roll and 5 form the PCC.

We also have a small but equally committed volunteer group who regularly help with cleaning, churchyard maintenance, opening of the church and tower to visitors and administering our Facebook page. We also receive help with churchyard maintenance on an ad hoc basis from individuals and voluntary groups from the village and the castle.







## Shardlow

St James' is a welcoming church community with a small congregation, average 8, Electoral Roll of 10, and a PCC of 8, and usually have a bi-monthly meetings. The church is a Grade 2 listed building on the main road in the centre of the village. It was built in 1837 and we recently received a Heritage Lottery Grant for extensive repairs, mainly to the roof and stonework.

In the entrance to the church is a Community Room, for use by the Parish as well as the church. The Hayward Room, as it is called, is used for activities and some Services and there is a well-used book and jigsaw library for use by the community. The church is open between (9.00am and 4.30pm).

Since 1992 a monthly Coffee Morning has been held and is still a much loved time for fellowship and fundraising.

We have an open churchyard, extended a few years ago, and a Garden of Remembrance where ashes of the departed are interred. A group of willing volunteers help to maintain the churchyard.







## Swarkestone

St James' is a small but welcoming and friendly congregation. The average congregation is around 25 with about 13 regular worshippers. There are 8 PCC members who meet quarterly. The electoral roll of 23 is made up of 8 village residents and 15 from elsewhere. Congregations at Festival services are usually greater, with up to 100 attending the Carol service.

The church is a Grade 2\* listed building and was founded in the 11th century as a daughter chapel to The Knights Hospitaller in Barrow on Trent. It was largely rebuilt in 1876, with only the 13th century tower and 16th century Harpur chapel remaining intact. The gritstone font is 12th century and other signs of the Norman origins of the church can be seen in the chevron mouldings in the rebuilt walls.

The Harpur chapel contains two Chellaston alabaster tombs of the Harpur family, dated 1573 and 1627. Another earlier 15th century alabaster tomb for John Rolleston lies adjacent to the altar. The Lords of the Manor lived in Swarkestone Hall until the Harpur-Crewe family moved to Calke Abbey in the 17th Century. The Hall was demolished in the 18th century but remains can still be seen as field walls.

The Harpur Room extension was built in 2020/2021 and is a useful meeting room with kitchen and toilet facilities. It is used for lively coffee & chat after services and is also available for hire.

The Church owns a three bedroomed house in the new estate in Chellaston in the north of the parish which is currently rented out on a long-term basis.

The church building is well maintained, with a large project to replace the tower roof and other works having been completed in 2024. It is planned to refurbish the church organ within the next year.





## Twyford

St Andrew's is a rural parish church situated about 200 yards from the Trent river bank. The Church and Churchyard never flood. However the access road does become impassable when there are long periods of rain but an alternative private road is used in times of flood both for the residents of Twyford who live near the Church and for Church goers.

The Church itself (Grade 1 listed) is approximately 1000 years old and has a beautiful original Norman arch between the nave and chancel. There are also Maltese crosses in the walls of the tower highlighting its connection with the Knights Hospitallers. The building is well maintained and mostly up to date with all repairs and maintenance specified in the Quinquennial Report carried out in 2022.

The 1662 Book of Common Prayer has been the basis for our services and in the past has attracted people from further afield. Special Services such as the Christmas Carol Service, Easter and Harvest are quite well attended.





## Weston on Trent

The church of St Mary the Virgin is mentioned in the first ever Domesday Book 1086. It is believed it was then a monastery constructed of wood. The earliest part of the Church (Chancel) is C12th, the Nave was built in C14th and the timber framed porch dates to the early C16th. The entrance door of solid oak (C14th) has the lock on upside down to prevent the devil gaining entry! The interior and exterior of Church show visible apotropaic markings, which were believed to ward off evil spirits C17th. The font dates from 1661 and is still used at Baptisms. Richard Sale presided as rector from late 16th early 17th Century. There is an alabaster monument dedicated to him and his family. Richard, Elizabeth and 8 Children and two stillborn children are depicted. The Jacobean pulpit is made from the remains of the wooden box pews from C16-19th. Three bells are housed in the bell tower and are still available to be rung and these are maintained by Aston Bell Ringers.

In 2022 we asked the Bishop if we could become a Festival Church as low numbers made the continued operation as a parish church unsustainable.





# Worship pattern

	Aston	Barrow	Elvaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
<b>Wed.</b>	9.30 HC 18.45 ES						
<b>Wk1</b>	10.30 FC 15.00 Richmond V.			10.30 MP		10.30 HC	
<b>Wed.</b>	18.45 Compline					9.30 HC	
<b>WK 2</b>	10.30 FW	10.30 MP Barrow Team	10.30 MP		10.30 HC		
<b>Wed.</b>	9.30 HC 18.45 Compline						
<b>WK3</b>	10.30 FC	10.30 HC		9.00 HC		15.00 ES	
<b>Wed.</b>	18.45 Compline						9.30 HC
<b>WK 4</b>	10.30 FW		10.30 HC				



# Life Events Ministry

Baptisms are usually held during our Sunday morning service so that the whole congregation is involved.

All Saints' Church is a popular wedding venue, owing to its attractive setting.

Funerals - We have a closed churchyard, but funerals take place in the church followed by committal at either Aston or Bretby Crematoriums or in the local cemetery. We have a Garden of Remembrance where ashes of the departed can be interred.

During 2023 we held 12 baptisms, four weddings and three funerals in church.

	Aston	Weston	Shardlow	Elvaston	Swarkestone	Barrow	Twyford
Baptisms	12		0	1	0	1	
Weddings	4		1	1	0	2	
Funerals	3		1	1	1	1	

## Baptisms

In most of the churches these are usually held during Sunday morning services, so the whole congregation can be involved, but may also be held separately.

## Weddings

The attractive settings of the churches make them popular wedding venues, particularly Aston where four were held in 2023, and Elvaston where five are planned for 2025.

## Funerals and burials

Five of the churches (Weston, Shardlow, Elvaston, Swarkestone and Twyford) have open churchyards where burials take place. All the churches also have Gardens of Remembrance or other areas for the interment of ashes of the departed. The churchyard at Shardlow was extended a few years ago, and Elvaston church has a further area of ground to the northwest that has yet to be consecrated. Weston church has an area of Ukrainian graves to the east of the burial yard.

Aston has a closed churchyard: funerals take place in church followed by committal at either Aston or Bretby Crematorium, or in the local cemetery. Barrow churchyard is also closed: the church works closely with the Parish Council that owns a cemetery in the village to organise burials and ashes interment when necessary.





# Mission & Ministry Activities

## All Saints' Church, Aston-on-Trent

All Saints' Church is very much part of village life. Weekly Sunday services are well attended. The church is open all day every day for quiet prayer and contemplation. The Community Library is housed in the base of the Tower and is well used so more people from the village get used to being in the church. We have morning Holy Communion, followed by a Bible study group on the first and third Wednesday. On the other Wednesday mornings the Heritage Centre is open for a social gathering over coffee. Open to anyone, it is popular with members of the wider community, as well as church-goers. Evening Prayer or Compline on Wednesday evening is usually lay-led.

A Pastoral committee made up of some PCC members 'keeps an eye' on vulnerable and sick folks within the parish, visiting them and sending cards at Christmas and Easter.

The church is used for concerts, both 'home grown' and also by visiting choirs and bands. A musical event, Astonbury Festival, has taken place for many years, featuring local talent of all genres of music. A full musical was staged a couple of years ago and was a resounding success. The church is also intimately involved with the annual Well Dressing Festival, a display by many of the village groups on a set theme (this year 'A Moment in Time') open to the many hundreds of visitors coming to the village for the festival.

A very active bell-ringing group, comprising a wide range of ages and abilities meets weekly for practice and rings regularly for services including weddings and, occasionally, funerals too. We also have a thriving community choir, drawn from the local community and from church.

A monthly church magazine, encompassing the activities of all 7 parishes in the benefice is delivered by volunteers or emailed to subscribers. It is also available on the parish and benefice websites.

The Heritage Centre, in the churchyard, is used for a wide range of activities not only church related. The Local History Group, yoga, choir practice, band rehearsals, art groups, wine tasting to name but a few.

## St Wilfrid's Church, Barrow-on-Trent

We have not had a vicar living in the parish for many years, and the Diocese recently sold off the parish vicarage building and land for development.

There was a noticeable drop in congregation numbers following the removal of our live-in vicar, but, since the transformation work on the church, the PCC, along with the separate organisation, the Friends of St Wilfrid's, has extended its pastoral work by developing and offering community activities in and around the church.

This has attracted people who would not normally come to church services, but are happy to get involved in non-worship events, supporting their church building without being part of the congregation.

[https://www.facebook.com/st.wilfridschurch/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/st.wilfridschurch/?locale=en_GB)

## St Bartholemew's Church, Elvaston

The location of the church in the country park means we are not situated at the heart of the local village community. However the country park is visited by thousands of people every year, many of whom visit the church on our Sunday open days. Whether this is to view the interior of the church, to pray and spend time in our quiet area or to light a candle for a loved one is immaterial, we aim to be open and accessible for everyone, some of whom may never have been in a church before. Guided tours of the church for the general public and groups and societies take place during the summer. Whilst these highlight the monuments and architectural features, there is a spiritual element in that the tours always end at the altar, where scenes on the reredos of the Nativity and Passion and Resurrection are described.

A further aim this year has been to strengthen our links with other local organisations for our mutual benefit, through sharing of information and collaborating on events e.g. lighting of the D Day beacon on the tower roof with the Parish Council and opening the church and tower during the cricket club's 175 years anniversary celebrations.

Our two main events are the Patronal festival, held over August Bank holiday weekend, which attracts visitors from the local community and much further afield, and our Christmas tree festival, which is always well supported by entries from local groups and societies as well as some local businesses.

These activities help to remind people that there is a real church community and Christian presence in Elvaston.

## St James' Church, Shardlow

Although at the moment the congregation is small, we continue to reach out to the community through the school, the monthly coffee morning and welcoming visitors to the church at events and through the library, encouraging them to come into the church for private prayer, and to use the community facilities. The worship pattern at St James' is one service a month, usually alternating between Holy Communion and Morning Prayer, as well as Special Services.

Visiting bell-ringers attend some of the services.

In the entrance to the church, The Hayward Room is used by the Parish as well as the church, for activities, and some services, and there is a well-used book and jigsaw library for use by the community. The church is open between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

Since 1992 a monthly Coffee Morning has been held and is still a much loved time for fellowship and fundraising.

## St James' Church, Swarkestone

St James' benefits from a small team of people who work hard to organise events which reach out to the wider community. We hold an annual carol service at Christmastime which attracts people from the village and from further afield into the church. The funds raised at the service are split between the Melbourne Town Band and the Church. In addition, we recently held a "Tea and Cakes by the River" event which was organised by one of our key church members in aid of church funds.

We regularly reach out for help with work both inside the church and externally in the grounds, which does attract helpers who are not regular church-goers but who do value the presence of the church in their village.

The Harpur Room is available for community groups to use; though not used by any currently, it is an opportunity to reach out.

At our annual Harvest Service tinned and packet goods are collected which are donated to the Derby City Mission foodbank for needy people in Derby.

## St Andrew's Church, Twyford

St. Andrew's have a few weddings, baptisms and funerals . With such a small community the PCC are happy to encourage people from the wider community to use the church. The churchyard is open and therefore there are occasional burials.

In the last couple of years the PCC have built up a relationship with the Newmount Brass Band from Littleover, who come and play at our Carol Service. They also give an outdoor concert in the Churchyard during the summer (weather permitting). In September an Open Day is held with a history display and refreshments. These events are held in an endeavour to show the wider community that St. Andrew's is open and welcoming. An open church policy has always been adopted, with the building being open to visit at any time during daylight hours.

## The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston-on-Trent

St Mary's Church is a Festival Church on the outskirts of the village of Weston-on-Trent. There are unfortunately some restrictions on activities as we have no running water or toilet facilities, and limited parking. However, Friends of St Mary's, along with the PCC, do organise fund raising activities, which rely, for their success, on our willing volunteers.

# Ministry Team

Bruce Ward, Lay Reader



# Finance

Parish	Common Fund Request 2023	Common Fund Paid 2023	Total Income 2023	Total Expendure 2023	Restricted Reserves at 31/12/23	Unrestricted Reserves at 31/12/23
Aston	£37,258	£24,700	£40,703	£43,325	£21,787	£12,081
Barrow	£7,600	£1,000	£6,240	£8,681	£19,817	Nil
Elvaston	£6,445	Nil	£21,605	£9,578	£10,000	£23,715
Shardlow	£4,884	£4,884	£63,922	£34,649	£46,160	£50,017
Swarkestone	£9,617	£2,000	£12,533	£12,305	£131,408	£4,295
Twyford	n/a	£1,500	£11,310	£7,014	£6,480	£4,295
Weston	£4,733	£800	£8,815	£6,329	£20,100	£16,000

## Elvaston

Income in 2023 of £21,605 includes a legacy of £10,000

## Swarkestone

St James' is extremely fortunate to benefit as a beneficiary of the Harpur-Crewe estate, however any funds received can only be used for maintenance of the fabric of the church. Thanks to a large legacy in recent years the church has been able to purchase a house within the parish. This is rented out and the rental income is also restricted to maintaining church fabric. The house value is in the region of £236.000

## Twyford

A legacy of £5,000 was received in 2024, some of which was put towards required maintenance.

## Weston upon Trent

Significant repairs identified by the 2024 Quinquennial Report will require extensive fundraising and applications for grants.





# Vicarage



## Safeguarding

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