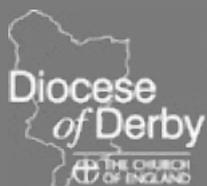




Priest-in-Charge

The churches of Youlgreave and Middleton,
Birchover, Stanton in Peak and Monyash



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

Archdeacon's Welcome



I am delighted that you are interested in finding out more about this unique and exciting post. We are looking for an enthusiastic priest with a pastoral heart and passion for maximising missional opportunities in rural communities with significant numbers of visitors. Someone who can work collaboratively within a new grouping maintaining the identity and diversity of the churches identities, theology and traditions while reaching out to those currently beyond the churches reach.

We are praying for someone who will love people, recognise and seize opportunities, balance tradition and innovation, engage creatively and missionally, sustain existing church life, develop lay ministries and form new partnerships aiming in all things to bring new people to faith. There is significant potential for mission building on the work with schools, and through developing outreach in the areas of tourism, pilgrimage, leisure, breathing spaces and through the environment and care for creation.

We are seeking a leader who can inspire others to use their gifts and work in partnership to transform lives through growing church and building community. This role brings Monyash into the existing Youlgreave benefice so investing in relationship building, considering how best practice might be shared and what can be done together will be of vital importance to release energy for missional community engagement.

You will find a willingness and energy to look outward, to work in partnership with others and an aspiration to grow the churches through generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love. You will find supportive engagement from retired clergy and laity and team working will be of fundamental importance.

At a pivotal time in the life of the Diocese of Derby, this role offers an innovative opportunity to work and model a new way of leading churches into growth through partnering across boundaries. Together we are committed to deepening relationships with God, serving our local contexts, challenging injustice and making new disciples. These churches have real potential to make a difference in our desire to prioritise growing younger, being greener and becoming more diverse.

So do read on and if you are wondering whether this might be where God is calling you, please contact me and request an informal conversation so I can answer any questions and we can begin exploring the possibility together.

Nicky Fenton

The Ven Nicky Fenton
nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org
Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales

Area Dean's Welcome



This is an exciting role, embedded in a rural community, for anyone interested in exploring ministry in creative and engaging ways. These churches offer opportunities to enjoy a real mix of more traditional worship, whilst developing different ways of proclaiming the good news and empowering others to discover and develop their own God-given leadership skills.

You will be joining a team of laypeople and clergy who are determined to work effectively together, and create a sustainable pattern for future ministry and to enable the growth of the kingdom in these communities.

Youlgreave and Middleton, Stanton, Birchover and Monyash is one of the many groupings that make up the Peak Deanery along with the parishes in neighbouring towns such as Buxton, Bakewell, Glossop and of course villages such as Tideswell, Eyam, Bradwell and Edensor to name just a few. Together these benefices provide a rich diversity of contexts for mission and ministry.

These are communities steeped in the beauty of the countryside, set within a National Park, which means that they seek to engage in a ministry that speaks to the rural heart of the local agricultural community, and embraces the opportunities for offering Christ-led encounters for the tourist industry.

There is a real passion for working with their local schools and communities and they value their farming communities and are well supported in these endeavours by the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy. This role will be well supported by an active lay team and PCCs willing to explore new ways of working together and seeking to share Christ's love in their communities. They are actively engaged in the Deanery Synod and seek to make a difference.

As members of the Peak Deanery Chapter, we seek to be welcoming and supportive, working through collegiate relationships to sustain one another in ministry. You will be joining colleagues who understand your context and share your calling for this special part of God's world, and we look forward to welcoming you.

Revd Fiona Kouble
Assistant Area Dean, Peak Deanery

The churches of Youlgreave and Middleton, Birchover, Stanton in Peak and Monyash

The current benefice of Youlgreave and Middleton, Birchover and Stanton in Peak is delighted to be welcoming the village of Monyash into the benefice as a pastoral scheme is being prepared. The previous interim priest-in-charge was working with ten parishes to gain consensus as to the future shaping of ministry within the area and that consultation has now concluded. We are very pleased to be partnering together to be part of Christ's presence in this part of the beautiful Peak District as we work together to be good news for all in our community and bring God's kingdom near.

We seek a priest who will work with us:

- Deepen relationships with God, balancing tradition and innovation in worship and forming new worshipping communities.
- Build on our community engagement activity and teach us how to reach out and share our faith with participants.
- Challenge rural isolation and Injustice and develop existing ministry to the farming community.
- Make new disciples through extending tourism ministry supporting visitors in becoming pilgrims.
- Lead the church in growing younger through developing our work with children, young people, schools and households;
- Equip the church members for mission and plan together how to maximise opportunities for church growth.
- Create an efficient and sustainable model of governance.
- Lead on income generation, generous stewardship and financial resilience.

The benefice offers:

- a vibrant and welcoming rural community;
- strong support in the day-to-day running of the churches from the PCCs and congregations and in ministry from a team of retired clergy;
- good primary schools;
- all the benefits of living in a leading national park, whilst being close to the cities of Manchester, Sheffield and Derby. Being 1 hour from Manchester Airport, 25 minutes from Chesterfield Station, with hourly trains to London taking around 1 hour 50 minutes;
- a generously proportioned, comfortable parsonage in a prime location in the village of Youlgreave.

Community

The benefice is in many respects self-sufficient in terms of shops, pubs, schools, medical facilities, sporting facilities and other community facilities.

Further and larger facilities are available in the nearby market towns of Bakewell and Matlock as well as in the historical and cultural hub of Buxton and the larger town of Chesterfield.

The Peak District National Park offers a magnificent outdoor playground for all ages. Uniquely for a UK national park, it is closely surrounded by major urban centres, including the cities of Manchester, Sheffield and Derby.

The benefice base of Youlgreave is about 1 hour from Manchester Airport and 25 minutes from Chesterfield Station, from where there are hourly trains to London taking around 1 hour 50 minutes.



Demographics and Church attendance

Church	USAA	USCA	Wedding	Funerals	Baptisms	IMD	Community Schools	Church Schools	Pop
Youlgreave	32	0	2	11	1	13.9	1	1	1,225
Middleton	9	0	0	0	0	13.9	0	0	As above
Birchover	20	0	0	4	0	11.1	0	0	345
Stanton in Peak	17	2	0	1	0	11.1	0	1	309
Monyash	10	0	1	4	0	14	0	1	302
Total:	88	2	3	20	1		1	3	2,181

Worship Pattern

This table shows the service pattern across the benefice in a typical month and an indication of special services during the year. No regular weekday services are currently held.

Church / Venue	Monthly service pattern	Special services
Youlgreave 11am	<p>1st Sunday: Family service (no fixed liturgy, music group)</p> <p>2nd Sunday: Said Holy Communion with hymns (Common Worship)</p> <p>3rd Sunday: Said Morning Prayer with hymns (Lay-led, BCP or Common Worship)</p> <p>4th Sunday: Said Holy Communion with hymns (Common Worship)</p> <p>5th Sunday: Said Holy Communion with hymns (Common Worship)</p>	<p>Said Holy Communion and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.</p> <p>Palm Sunday service followed by pilgrimage walk to Winster.</p> <p>Said Holy Communion with hymns on Maundy Thursday.</p> <p>Peripatetic service for blessing of the wells.</p> <p>Harvest Festival.</p> <p>Remembrance.</p> <p>Christingle service with the school.</p> <p>Nine lessons and carols by candlelight.</p> <p>Christmas Eve crib service, preceded by walk through the village with donkey.</p> <p>Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.</p>
Middleton 6.45pm	<p>1st Sunday: Said Evening Prayer with hymns (BCP)</p>	<p>Dawn service on Easter Day.</p> <p>Blessing of the well before Evening Prayer during well-dressing week.</p> <p>Remembrance.</p> <p>Said Holy Communion with carols on Christmas Day.</p>
Birchover 3pm	<p>Approximately four special services per year</p>	<p>Harvest Festival</p> <p>Remembrance</p> <p>Christingle</p> <p>Christmas Eve carol service</p>
Stanton in Peak 9.15am	<p>1st Sunday: Morning Worship with hymns (lay-led)</p> <p>2nd Sunday: Said Holy Communion with hymns</p> <p>3rd Sunday: Morning Worship with hymns (lay-led)</p> <p>4th Sunday: Join with Youlgreave</p>	<p>Carol Service</p> <p>Holy Communion on Christmas Eve</p> <p>Christmas</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>Harvest</p> <p>Remembrance</p>
Monyash 11am but would prefer 6pm	<p>Holy Communion once per month</p>	
Granby House (home for the elderly in Youlgreave)	<p>Holy Communion once per month</p>	

Ministry and Governance teams

There are three retired clergy with Permission to Officiate who take services in Youlgreave, Middleton, Stanton, Birchover and Moynash and provide a wide range of other assistance and support.

The parish of Youlgreave and Middleton has a strong and experienced Parochial Church Council comprising: churchwarden and vice chair, secretary, treasurer, two deanery synod representatives and eight further representatives of the laity, all of whom have specific portfolios, eg electoral roll and community engagement, ecochurch, bellringing liaison, deputy churchwarden, de facto churchwardens of Middleton. The PCC has the following sub-committees: worship (service planning), resourcing, fabric repairs and maintenance and development. There is also a reordering working group which has made substantial progress in procuring plans for loos and a servery, which are currently under consideration by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.



The parish also receives the assistance of a rota of volunteer organists, a weddings coordinator, a funerals coordinator, a vergers for weddings and funerals, churchyard working parties, volunteers who mow the churchyard and volunteers who unlock and lock the church each day. Following the recent retirement of a long-serving organist, the parish is recruiting a new organist and director of music, with a brief to build a choir of adults and children, for which substantial specific funding has been offered by donors. A music group accompanies hymns at family services.

As Birchover prepares to become a chapel of ease, its governance is undertaken by a very small, dedicated team led by its churchwarden. Services are supported by a volunteer organist who lives in the village. Stanton has two churchwardens, both of whom happily lead worship, and a fully functioning PCC. Services are supported by a rota of two local volunteer organists. Moynash has a very willing PCC of four members including a treasurer, secretary and safeguarding officer. The functions of churchwarden are shared among the PCC and dedicated members of the congregation.

Finance

Parish	2024 Common Fund Ask (£)	2024 Common Fund Paid (£)	2024 Income (£)	2024 Expenditure (£)	Restricted reserves (£)	Unrestricted reserves (£)
Youlgreave and Middleton	22,178	15,000	83,789	49,171	63,857	14,477
Stanton	10,802	0	12,719	8,206		
Birchover	6,184	500	3,019	3,467		
Moynash	4,925	0			6,890	24,643

Youlgreave

All Saints, Youlgreave

[A Church Near You](#)

The Village

Youlgreave is a village with about 1200 inhabitants in its ecclesiastical parish, four miles south of Bakewell in the Peak District National Park. The well-integrated community comprises those with historical family roots in the area, and those who have moved to the village more recently, often from nearby cities, and visitors.

The School

There is a C of E Voluntary Aided primary school, rated “Good” by Ofsted, with about 60 on roll. The school and the church have excellent links, which contributed to the school being awarded the highest possible grading in its church school (SIAMS) inspection last year. The school holds collective worship in the church twice per week and performs its nativity and Easter plays in church. Special services that the school holds in church include a Christingle service, a Remembrance service and a leavers service.

Facilities and groups in the village

Businesses in the village include a village shop and deli with café, a post office and general store, two bakeries with cafés, three pubs, a Royal British Legion club, a garage and fuel station and a youth hostel with an acclaimed Italian restaurant.

Community facilities include playing fields, two children’s play parks, a medical centre and pharmacy, a home for the elderly, a reading room, a youth and community hall, which hosts a preschool, and a village hall. There are two non-conformist chapels, with which the church collaborates for bible studies, Christian Aid week, well dressings, Remembrance and other events.

The village’s sporting clubs include football (including coaching for children), cricket (including women’s cricket and coaching for children), fell running and crown green bowls. All of these clubs field teams in local competitions. The music scene is similarly vibrant, with a silver (brass) band and a Women’s Institute choir. The pubs and the village hall host a variety of musical entertainment. There are groups for almost every imaginable activity, including beekeeping, bellringing, Royal British Legion, Brownies, Community First Responders, darts, dominoes,



Guides, local history, pilates, pub quiz teams, Rainbows, well dressing, Women's Institute and yoga. The village hall hosts cinema evenings, music and comedy nights and a popularly supported annual pantomime.

The Church Building

The Grade I listed church was originally a mother church to the villages of Winster and Elton as well as the other villages within the current benefice. The building dates back some 900 years. The greatest influence on the interior was a restoration and reordering in the 1870s. Sir John Betjeman described the tower as "stately", the south arcade as "particularly impressive", the alabaster monuments as "delightful" and the carved panel in the Lady Chapel as having "great charm". Sir Simon Jenkins lists the church, one of 18 in Derbyshire to be listed, in his England's Thousand Best Churches with two stars. He writes "The massive 100-ft gritstone tower dominate[s] its settlement like a Crusader keep" and describes the Flemish alabaster reredos in the lady chapel as "an exquisite example of late mediæval art".

The building is in a good state of repair and there is a rolling programme of planned repair and maintenance work overseen by a sub-committee of the PCC. The church is open daily to visitors. The church has a ring of 12 bells (one of only 144 churches in the world listed as having 12 or more bells) which are rung regularly. The church has a two-manual Kirkland and Jardine pipe organ with pedal board, which is kept in good order by the original organ builders. A recent ecochurch assessment shows that the church is on track to achieve gold ecochurch status.

Plans for the sympathetic installation of loos and a kitchen at the back of the north aisle are well advanced, as is fundraising for that project, achieved through the Pommie Pilgrimage (see below), which attracted national media publicity through the BBC and the Times.

During the current vacancy, the church has had much success with engagement of the wider community. The PCC strongly encourages the use of the church for community events.

Highlights have included:

- The Pommie Pilgrimage, involving walking between England's 42 cathedrals and raising more than £42,000 for the provision of loos and a kitchen for Youlgreave church.
- Sung evensong, drawing in members of an ad hoc choir and congregation who are not regular churchgoers.
- Wild church – a guided walk around the fields of a local farm, with prayers, poetry and fellowship.
- Reintroduction of beating the bounds in connection with a Rogationtide service, attracting funding from the British Pilgrimage Trust.
- A harvest festival targeted especially at involving the farming community, drawing a congregation of 80, followed by lunch and a church ale which drew in many more from the community.
- A weekly "music in church" session at 5.00 p.m. on a Friday when the church is offered as "an oasis of calm" while classical music is played for 45 minutes, with refreshments served afterwards, attracting many from beyond the regular congregation.
- Three to five concerts per year, all of which raise money for church funds.

Middleton

St Michael and All Angels,
Middleton-by-Youlgreave
[A Church Near You](#)

Middleton is a small village about 1 mile from Youlgreave, situated at the head of Middleton Dale with approximately 100 inhabitants. The village celebrates the ancient Derbyshire custom of well dressing with an annual festival.

The church of St Michael and All Angels is a chapel of ease of Youlgreave. The church was built in 1865. The interior has a beautiful font and plaques commemorating Middleton's war dead. It normally holds one service per month, Evening Prayer (BCP), which is regularly attended by members from Youlgreave as well as Middleton.

The church has an impressive ecochurch project in its grounds, which has been keenly supported by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Birchover

St Michael's Church, Birchover - [A Church Near You](#)

St Michael's Church, which is Grade II listed and was built before 1717, is situated on Rowtor Lane, which leads off Main Street. You follow a track down the side of the pub to find it. The church and churchyard have been well-cared for and well-maintained over the years.

The church can seat up to eighty people. We became a Festival Church after the small and elderly congregation had declined and this has proved successful, with 20 to 40 people at each service. Last year we held a Christingle service, a Harvest Festival, Remembrance with Ashover Band, and a Christmas Eve candlelit carol service. We have started a village choir which sings at most of these services. There are occasional baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Worship is led by the officiating clergy with assistance from members of the congregation. We use the combined Mission Praise hymnbook, accompanied by our organist. An annual concert is held in the church in December, featuring local talent including the choir.

The church has no on-site facilities, but the village Reading Room a short distance away acts as the village hall and can be used for refreshments and loos.

Youlgreave PCc has agreed to St Michael's Birchover becoming a chapel of ease of Youlgreave church to reduce unnecessary governance and the pastoral scheme that is in draft form includes this structural change within it.



Our healthy finances are administered by the treasurer of Youlgreave, as part of our transition to a chapel of ease. The church derives its income from congregational giving, half the profit from the annual Birchover Open Gardens weekend (when the church is open to visitors), an annual donation from the Parish Council and a donation from the profits of the concerts in church.

Birchover is a friendly, lively and caring village of about 400 people, with a range of regular social events in the Reading Room and a most enjoyable newsletter. There is a mix of all ages, with plenty of young families.

There is scope for fresh initiatives to develop a ministry involving children and young families to promote the growth of the church. The church is both beautiful and of historic interest and there is also scope for encouraging more visitors and more varied uses.



Stanton in Peak

Holy Trinity Church, Stanton-in-Peak - [A Church Near You](#)

Stanton in Peak is a small village nestled on a hillside with stunning views over Bakewell, over the Dales and towards the Dark Peak. The Church and the majority of the village was built by the Thornhill family of Stanton Hall to provide housing for estate workers. There is a thriving local pub ("The Flying Childers") and a village hall complete with a gym in the basement.

We have strong links with our village C of E (VC) primary school (rated outstanding by Ofsted) and they regularly make use of the church, with church members involved.

The church building is in a good general state of repair and there is a planned programme of maintenance and repair as funds allow. In our recent efforts to raise funds to repair the roof, we had good financial support from the village and some, who don't attend church regularly, even held fund raising events on our behalf.

There is a faithful congregation, with Sunday attendances averaging around 12. Services are fairly traditional in style and held on three Sundays per month with hymns and organ. Two services a month are lay-led by the Churchwardens, supported by others who read and lead intercessions. We are supported by retired clergy from Youlgreave and elsewhere, who lead us in one service a month and festival services. There is an active band of bellringers who ring for services (and attend church) on a modern light ring of six bells.

When we have organised special events, for example our lay-led carol service and our nativity walk through the village, we have been well supported with a full church.

As we aim to share the good news of Jesus in our community, there is scope to explore different expressions of worship and use of our church building, and especially to welcome more young families and children.

Monyash

St Leonard Church, Monyash - [A Church Near You](#)

St Leonard's Church, built out of local limestone, dates back to the 12th century with several extensions added since. It is a surprisingly large church for such a small village, and contains many interesting features such as Norman corbels and sedilia. Between 1886 and 1888 the Church underwent a major restoration by William Butterfield (the most daring, rigorous and brilliant architect of his age) and a further renovation project between 1996 and 2005.

This latter renovation involved repairs to the roof, walls, the tower which houses three bells, internal decoration and lighting. An audio system was also installed as was a toilet and kitchen facility at the base of the tower in 2012. The Church is Grade II* listed and is surrounded by an extensive churchyard (still in use).

During the winter months, the church and the churchyard are floodlit. The church is open daily and the churchyard is well maintained.

The church has a small, core congregation of about five to ten, mainly older village residents, who attend a monthly service, which is usually Holy Communion. The profile of the congregation expands significantly in both numbers and age range for major festivals. We believe that the presence of a dedicated priest-in-charge will create strong opportunities to build more regular attendance from the wider community who are drawn to church for festivals.

The village primary school continues to use the Church for their Easter, Harvest festival, Christingle, and their Christmas concert. They also have the occasional services throughout the year such as the School Leavers Assembly. They use the Church as their base for doing the well dressings. For the past two years we have taken part in the Churches' Count on Nature which is part of the 'Love you burial Ground' week.

Village residents look to the church for baptisms, weddings, funerals and burials. Other events include Easter, Harvest, Remembrance service, Christingle and Carol services and a Christmas tree festival. We host a very successful annual themed flower festival and an annual brass band concert which are very popular with the Monyash Community and raise funds towards the upkeep of the building. We are also on the Peak Pilgrimage route and are seeking to develop new ways to enable visitors and tourist to engage.

Over recent years, ideas have been generated to increase the footfall into the Church; ideas such as hosting the numerous Duke of Edinburgh youngsters who have Monyash as their base, organising outdoor cinema in the church yard, having discussion groups for the young people on how to make sense of current world events in the context of the Bible and another idea was to explore the possibility of champing.

Monyash has a very willing and able PCC of 7 members including a treasurer, secretary, safeguarding officer, electoral role officer and a fabric and buildings officer. There is not currently a church warden. However, the functions of this role are shared amongst the PCC.

The services held in 2024 were:

Family Service (usually Holy Communion)	10
Baptisms	3
Weddings	1
Funerals	4

Monyash Village

With a population of 250-300 residents, Monyash is a cross-section of the farming community, young families, commuters and retired people. There is a refurbished village hall which is well used, a popular pub, cafe, and camp site. There is also a Methodist Chapel in the village, which is not often used for services, but is used for Messy Church. The village hall hosts a variety of activities for all sections of the Monyash community.

Over recent years, ideas have been generated to increase the footfall into the church; such as hosting the numerous Duke of Edinburgh youngsters who have Monyash as their base, organising an outdoor cinema in the churchyard, having discussion groups for the young people on how to make sense of current world events in the context of the Bible, and many others. These provide a foundation that can be built upon to expand the church's connections into the community. Church events are communicated via the monthly village newsletter.

In summary, Monyash represents a huge opportunity for the right person with creativity and out-of-the-box thinking. St. Leonard's is a fabulous church in a fabulous place.

Youlgreave All Saints C of E (VA) Primary School

Together We Learn and Grow

Our Vision: Youlgreave All Saints C of E (VA) Primary School will inspire and nurture all to flourish through loving learning, being confident and courageous within our Christian ethos in school and the community, laughing, having fun and encouraging each other.

Youlgreave All Saints C of E (VA) Primary School is a warm and welcoming school at the heart of its community with 60 children on roll. Inspired by our Christian vision, we support and nurture growth in all aspects of people's lives, through positive and trusting relationships, high quality teaching and a rich curriculum with exciting learning experiences.

The vision is expressed through the 'WE CARE' values – Welcoming Everyone, Community, Achievement, Respect and Encouragement. Every decision in school is aligned with these values which makes our school a truly special place where all may flourish. SIAMS said, "The clear Christian vision is the 'lifeblood' of this small school." Although our school is small, we have huge aspirations for children, adults and our community. We are outward facing with strong links to the Diocese of Derby, the local authority, cluster schools, teaching hubs and many other organisations.

The school was recently inspected by Ofsted (June 2024 – Good) and SIAMS (June 2025 – J1 (the top grading)). Both reports highlighted the effectiveness of the school's Christian vision on outcomes for all within the school community. Children know how to apply values meaningfully in daily life.

Parents see the positive impact of the school's nurturing culture on their children's growth. Staff feel genuinely valued and well-supported both personally and professionally. We are an inclusive school. All children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), benefit from high-quality, personalised teaching tailored to their specific needs, enabling everyone to make good progress. Our range of learning experiences is exceptional including excellent PE, swimming and sporting events, arts and cultural experiences and interesting trips and visitors. School acts as a bridge for our children to explore the wider world.

Close links with All Saints Church are fundamental to our work as a school. The Church is viewed as a natural extension of school and is used regularly for worship throughout the week. Parent and residents are welcomed to join worship at key times, strengthening community bonds and encouraging shared experiences. Services are led by school, retired clergy or visitors such as the MAST team and the Puppet Assembly. We celebrate events such as Remembrance and Christingle, and the children hold performances such as the Nativity play there. Children feel they belong. We have several incredibly supportive foundation governors who work hard to develop our link with Church. Children understand what it means to be a Church of England school and see school and Church as a vibrant partnership for community life.

We are very much looking forward to working with our new vicar. We would welcome them into school often, so that they can connect with children and staff well, lead collective worship, and provide spiritual leadership for us all through their presence in everyday school life and at special events. Most of all we hope that our new vicar shares our sense of wonder, hope and aspiration

and that they are kind, optimistic and loving. Last of all, but by no means least, a robust sense of humour is essential!

Please visit our school website on: <https://www.youlgraveallsaints.co.uk>

Stanton-in-Peak CofE Primary School

Stanton-in-Peak CofE Primary School is a small, vibrant Church of England school at the heart of our village community. We are deeply proud of the nurturing, inclusive and values-driven education we provide for children aged 4–11, enabling them to flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Our vision is rooted in the Christian values of love, respect, empathy, belief and kindness, encouraging children to “live life in all its fullness.” We nurture pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, helping them to become compassionate individuals and responsible stewards of God’s world. Outdoor learning plays a big part in this — from Forest School to hands-on environmental projects — inspiring a love of nature and a deep sense of belonging.

The recent SIAMS inspection found that:

“The Christian vision is transformative across the school, underpinning its work and shaping its distinctiveness.”

“Leaders and governors live out their commitment to the vision, ensuring that pupils are enabled to flourish and experience ‘life in all its fullness’.”

Stanton-in-Peak is a truly special place. Our most recent inspections (both SIAMS and Ofsted) celebrate the way our curriculum is inspired and shaped by our Christian vision, offering rich and varied opportunities. Children thrive in an environment where relationships are strong, kindness and respect are lived out daily, and every child is known as an individual.

The school was judged Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted (April 2024) and has been praised for high academic standards, an inspiring curriculum, strong pastoral care and exceptional behaviour and attitudes. Pupils learn to be curious, creative and courageous — developing the confidence to make a difference in the world.

The partnership between the school and the church is central to our identity. Collective worship flows directly from our Christian vision and is a daily, inclusive and meaningful part of school life. Pupils help to plan and lead worship, light candles, share prayers and reflect together. Services in church, celebrations throughout the year and joint community events bring the whole village together.

Through this partnership, children learn to value faith, service and justice. They understand their role as agents of change and are encouraged to make a positive difference in the community and beyond.

As we look forward to welcoming a new vicar, we hope for someone who:

- Shares our Christian values of love, kindness and community
- Enjoys working with children and young people
- Will be present in school life — joining in worship, supporting learning and building relationships with staff and families
- Will inspire, guide and walk alongside us as part of our extended school family

We are excited to build a strong, warm and outward-looking partnership with our new vicar, continuing to grow as a school and a community together.

Monyash Church of England Primary School

Monyash Church of England Primary School is a small rural school with a big heart, rooted firmly in Christian values and at the centre of our village community.

Our Christian vision, shared across the White Peak Federation, is:

To create a happy, inclusive, caring community built on Christian values where we prepare today's children for tomorrow's challenges.

“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.” - John 1:7

To celebrate all that we are and all that we can be. This vision is lived out daily through our close and long-standing partnership with St Leonard's Church, which stands just a short distance from the school and provides a spiritual and physical focus for our community life. The church is an integral part of who we are as a school — not simply a place we visit, but a partner in living out our Christian mission.

Our link with St Leonard's is visible in many ways. We hold regular services in church to celebrate key points in the Christian calendar such as Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and the end of the school year. Members of the church support us in worship, collective reflection, and the teaching of Christian faith and values. The church also provides a sacred space for pupils to encounter awe, wonder, and peace — experiences that deepen their understanding of spirituality and community. Within school, collective worship is central to daily life. Themes are drawn from the Bible, our school values, and the Church's year. We encourage children to explore faith and moral choices through story, prayer, music, and reflection. Visits from “Open the Book” and MAST enrich pupils' understanding of Christian stories and values in creative and engaging ways.

The partnership with St Leonard's Church also extends to our Forest School sessions, which take place in the church grounds. This unique use of the church environment allows our children to learn through nature and to appreciate God's creation in a hands-on, meaningful way. Activities such as outdoor exploration, teamwork, and creative reflection foster curiosity, respect for the environment, and a sense of wonder that ties closely to our Christian ethos. These sessions help children to see the church grounds not only as a sacred space but also as a living classroom where learning, faith, and creation come together.

Our collaboration with the church goes beyond worship and learning. Families, staff, governors, and parish members work together to nurture a sense of belonging and service.

We regularly join with the church for village events and charitable projects, encouraging pupils to put their faith into action through compassion, generosity, and responsibility.

Our shared Christian vision ensures that the church and school walk hand in hand, providing a consistent message of love, respect, and hope. This partnership helps our children to grow in faith, wisdom, and confidence — preparing them not only for academic success but also for a life of meaning and purpose.

Together, Monyash C of E Primary School and St Leonard's Church stand as a visible expression of the Christian faith in Monyash — supporting one another in serving the community, celebrating God's creation, and inspiring every child to live life in all its fullness.



House

The vicarage is a generously proportioned detached house, a short walk from Youlgreave church. It was fully modernised fifteen years ago. Downstairs there are three reception rooms plus a study and a large conservatory. Upstairs are four bedrooms, two of them en-suite.

How to apply

Thank you for reading this profile. We very much look forward to hearing from you and will be happy to supply any further information you may need.

If you have any specific questions or would value an informal pre-application conversation then please contact:

Archdeacon Nicky, Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales

Nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org

The Diocese of Derby is committed to promoting equality. Applications are invited from qualified candidates from all backgrounds, and particularly from those with life experiences and ministry which reflects the valuable diversity of our communities.

The Diocese of Derby is [committed to safeguarding](#) and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment.

Click [here](#) for further information on our commitment to safeguarding. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Check. Your data is processed in line with our [Privacy Notice](#).

Be assured you are held in our prayers as you discern whether God might be calling you to this role.