

# Walton St John

## Parish Profile



"Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known"

### The Context



The Parish of St John's Walton is situated on the edge of the town of Chesterfield, just south of Sheffield in the county of Derbyshire.

Walton was a rural setting when the original small mission church was built in 1916. By the 1980's the congregation had declined and it was very nearly closed, until development of the area led to congregational growth. A large hall was built in the 1990's and worship was held in there as the congregation became too big for the old church by then. The Parish of Walton St John's was created in 2000, and in 2006 a new building was built and fitted with projectors and sound system, meeting rooms, and a catering kitchen.

St John's church is strategic about mission and intentional about evangelism. There is exciting potential for mission in the parish, and beyond in partnership with others. We are presently in a process of pastoral reordering which will bring in the nearby village church of St Peter's in rural Holymoorside (to complete 2022). In 2019 we entered into a missional covenant with St Peter's in preparation for that. We are also preparing to enter into a second mission covenant to assist with mission and ministry in a neighbouring parish which will present fresh new challenges.



## Worship and Ministry at St John's Walton

St John's is a progressive evangelical church with mildly charismatic leanings. A rich diversity of theological views are held within the congregations. Presently we have 280 members, including approx. 20 children.

Sunday Worship:

- **9am** Around 55 members of St John's connect with the 9am. It is our most traditional service that follows Common Worship Order One HC (from own service book). The clergy

are robed, hymns are played on the organ with hymn books, yet the theology leans firmly toward evangelical.

- **10:45** Over 150 connect with the 10:45 service which features more recent and some contemporary worship led by our worship band. 10:45 is liturgy-light and makes great use of the video screens. The clergy do not robe and share in leading the service with input from lay members of the church family.
- **Sunday:LIVECAST** – weekly Sundays @ 10am on Facebook/Youtube/Website created in response to lockdown and still being streamed independently of the other services, SLC is somewhere between a magazine type TV show and a worship service. We are aiming to further develop this and pursue other online ministry and worship initiatives.
- **Café Church** - monthly/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday eve. takes place in the hall with around 25 people taking a very relaxed but often profoundly deep look at important theological truths and how they connect with everyday life.
- **Just Be** - 7pm weekly (exc 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)– very informal contemporary worship which seeks to offer a higher degree of pastoral and prayer ministry than the morning services.

Weekday worship:

- Tuesdays 11:00am weekly - ave. attendance of 45.
- Tuesday Evening Prayer – a short time of prayer at 7:30pm in the church lounge.

St John's is following a 5 year Vision for Mission : [Vision Objectives \(stjohnswalton.co.uk\)](http://stjohnswalton.co.uk)

## St Peter's Holymoorside

St Peter's is essentially a sister church to St Johns that was planted by the same parent church around the same time. In the rural village of Holymoorside, St Peter's presently has around 25 members who have a genuine love of their church family and the community it which it is set.



There is much potential for mission and community engagement and the church members are looking forward to agreeing a mission plan for the coming year.

Pastoral reordering is in progress and is expected to complete in Summer 2022 but St John's have already assumed responsibility for ministry and mission with St Peter's and in Holymoorside.

## St John's Ministry Team

In addition to the curate St John's team at present includes the Vicar, a Reader, and a PTO priest, and an SSM Associate Priest. The team enjoy a good relationship providing strong collegial support. Many gifted and enthusiastic lay people (and a small number of retired ministers of other denominations) are also involved in all non-sacramental aspects of ministry at St John's. we work to promote a healthy understanding of every member/collaborative ministry St John's presently has 8 home groups, all Lay-led.

## The Incumbent

The Rev'd Nick Green CA is the fourth Vicar of St John's. Nick has been in full time ministry since being commissioned as a Church Army evangelist in 2001. After gaining experience in the Diocese of York focussing on Fresh Expressions and creating worshipping communities, Nick was ordained as a pioneer minister in 2008. Nick has held a diversity of roles including leading a detached outreach bus ministry in the diocese of York and before coming to Walton was Rector of St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church in Dunblane where he co-



ordained the diocesan mission action planning initiative. Nick's passion is mission and evangelism, and he hopes to lead St John's in discovering a new model of dynamic evangelistic engagement with community.

With the opportunities for pioneering fresh expressions Nick is looking to offer this curacy to a dynamic and motivated candidate with some FX/planting experience.

This training post at St Johns will provide a diverse spectrum of experiences and opportunities. No resolutions under the Priest (Ordination of Women) Measure have been passed in our churches.

Interested candidate are invited to contact Nick directly for a preliminary conversation.

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