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Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Kirk Langley and Mackworth; Mugginton and Kedleston; Longford and Long Lane



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 rural ministry. Someone who can work collaboratively across these village communities to engage creatively and missionally rebuilding that which has been lost, sustaining existing church life, developing lay ministries while also innovating and forming new partnerships and worshipping communities.

There is significant potential here for innovative missional engagement and pioneering as a church building is rebuilt after a catastrophic fire and a new housing estate will be built containing a brand new Church of England school.

These new forms of ministry are balanced by the resourcing, serving and developing of several traditional rural churches and their communities. We hope to complement the pastoral work of Derbyshire rural chaplaincy, build upon the seasonal and agricultural cycle, explore opportunities for new community partnerships, become familiar with different forms of communication and explore possibilities for new worshipping communities such as Messy Church and forest church while also considering how we might make the churches more sustainable and viable moving forward into the future.

We are seeking a leader who can inspire others to use their gifts and work in partnership. You will find a willingness and energy to look outward, to work in partnership with others and an aspiration to grow the church through generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love. Building on the network of relationships that are forming across the churches in the area, you will find supportive engagement from clergy and laity.

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 as together we seek to be good news for all bringing God's kingdom near in transformed lives through growing church and building community.

So do read on and if you have questions or want to know more then please be in touch with me directly nicky.fenton@derby.org and we can schedule an informal conversation.

Nicky Fenton

Area Dean's Welcome



This new benefice offers an exciting opportunity to minister both to rural communities, and to engage with the significant opportunities the expansion of housing on the edge of Derby presents.

There is an opportunity to preserve the best of what we have inherited, with churches that are keen to face the future together. In particular, the rebuilding of All Saints Church in Mackworth presents a unique missional opportunity.

We are a numerically small, mutually supportive deanery operating across varied geographical and social situations, but with a firm deanery commitment to explore what mission means in the 21st century. With a comparatively new leadership team, there are plenty of opportunities for exploring what we can do together, and the successful candidate is assured of our full support.

Revd Dr James Hughes
Area Dean of Dove and Derwent Deanery

Our Vision

We are a new benefice with a shared vision of what our Lord Jesus Christ wants of us. As a group of 5 churches with very different populations and communities we are bound together by a shared commitment to build our churches and parish communities in love and partnership with each other whilst acknowledging our differences.

We offer a once in a lifetime opportunity for our new priest-in-charge to work with us to rebuild a burnt out church building and rebuild the worshipping and missional life of the church community from scratch.

We have exciting missional opportunities as a second new housing estate is being planned within the benefice that will also host a brand new Church of England primary school.

We have committed leadership teams in each parish and a shared enthusiasm for creating a mixed ecology that will meet the needs of our existing older congregations and connect with younger people who want to explore faith and are looking for new and different forms of worship reflecting the realities of their daily lives to faith.

We are committed to outreach in the new housing developments, working with our church schools, forming new worshipping communities, and partnering with the rural chaplaincy.

We want to explore new ways to communicate across boundaries through creating a benefice newsletter and exploring how newer technologies might help us.

Whilst all of us have strong links with farming communities we also understand the challenge of climate change and eco church which has led to prayerful and dynamic discussion and we are looking at how that might lead to action.

We are looking to appoint a fulltime stipendiary priest who will inspire and lead us in our worship, congregational life and the delivery of our missional priorities.

Key tasks will be:

- Rebuilding All Saints' Church Mackworth physically, spiritually and missionally
- Outreach amongst the new housing estates within the benefice
- Building links and developing relationships with the church schools with a view to partnering with them to form new worshipping communities
- Nurturing and discipling church members, particularly through launching small groups, helping them to deepen their relationship with God
- Partnering with the rural chaplaincy to support the farming community
- Developing new and innovative ways of communicating across the benefice
- Support our churches in progressing through the Eco Church Awards.
- To explore sustainable models of governance such as a joint council
- To review whether changing status and becoming either festival churches or chapels of ease would enable the smaller churches to have the energy to flourish

The benefice

We are a benefice of 5 parishes each with its own identity. 3 would self-identify as rural parishes and 2 are best described as a mix of rural and new urban development. The benefice has 5 grade 1 listed churches; 1 church owned by the Churches' Conservation Trust, Kedleston, and a Grade 2 listed Chapel, The Halter Devil Chapel, both in the parish of Mugginton.

[ArcGIS - Church of England parish map](#)

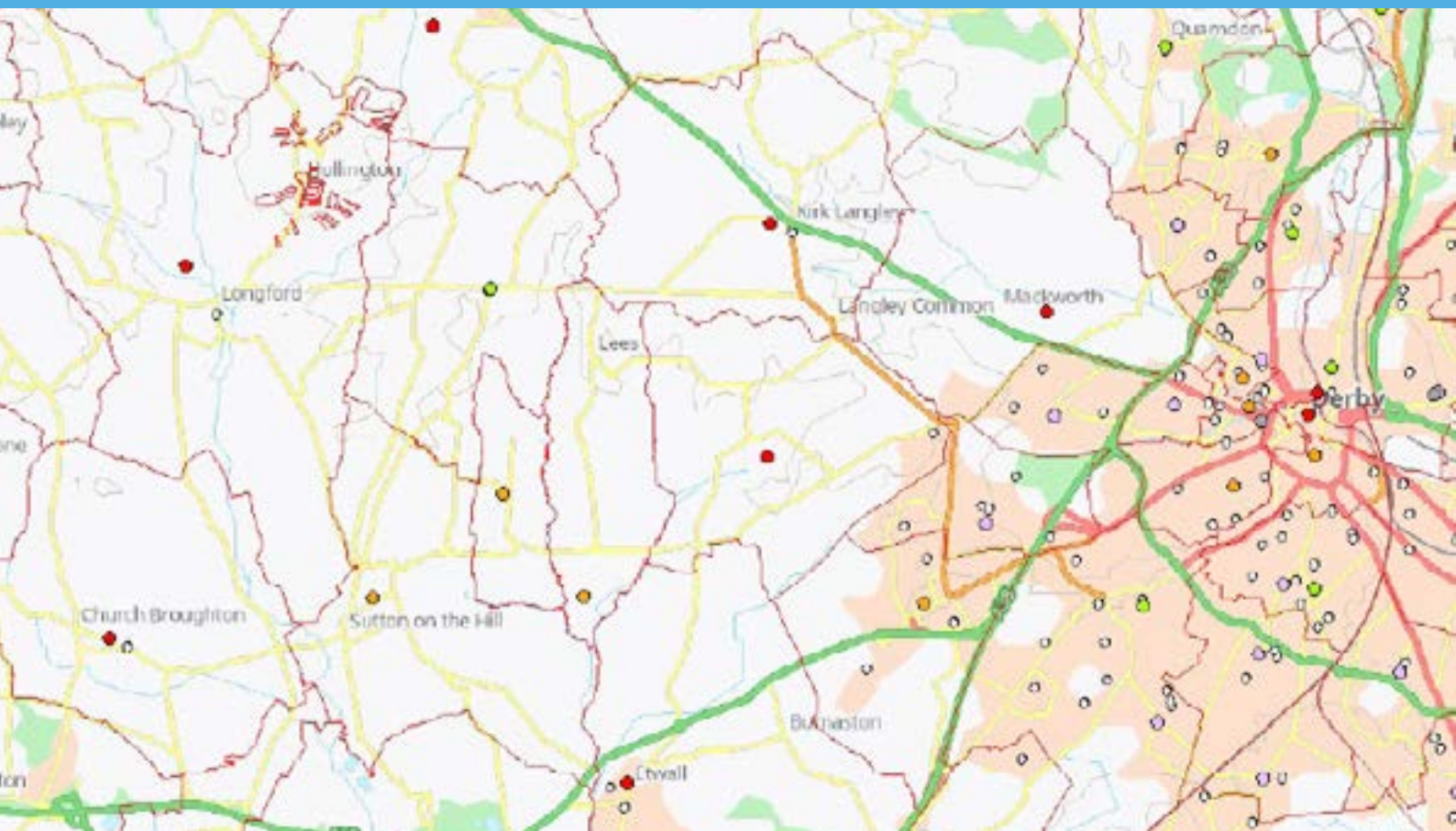
Kirk Langley, Mackworth, Mugginton and Kedleston were a benefice prior to the creation of the new benefice on 1st January 2024 bringing in Longford and Long Lane.

All Saints' Mackworth was destroyed by fire in December 2020. It has a faculty to rebuild the church building but in the meantime, they share worship with Kirk Langley.

Parish Populations and Congregations

Parish	Population	IMD score	USAA	USCA
Kirk Langley	720	11.2	15	0
Mackworth	1490*	11.0	16	0
Mugginton and Kedleston	532	10.8	8	0
Longford	700	10.6	22	0
Long Lane	163	17.9	10	0

*This figure is based on the last Census figures and since then there has been a new estate built within Mackworth's parish with a second at planning stage. Currently the actual population size is probably around 3000.



Current Worship Patterns

It is a fact that the age profile of our congregations are older people. We are all committed to challenge what and how we worship to open our church communities to young families and young people. Therefore we recognise our pattern of services might need to change and we are actively seeking to develop new worshipping communities alongside our inherited model of worship and ministry.

There are church schools in four of the parishes all actively engaged with their parish churches for festival services and in collective worships led by church members twice each term which we would hope our new priest can build upon and increase.

Church	1 Sunday	2 Sunday	3 Sunday	4 Sunday	5 Sunday
Kirk Langley*	Morning Prayer / Holy Communion	Morning Prayer / Holy Communion	Morning Prayer / Holy Communion	Morning Prayer / Holy Communion	**
Mackworth*					
Mugginton		Holy Communion Halter Devil Chapel		Holy Communion / Morning Prayer	**
Longford ***		Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	
Long Lane ***	Holy Communion				

*Kirk Langley and Mackworth share services at St Michael's Kirk Langley. There is a service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion dependent on the availability of PTOs who support us.

** Every 5th Sunday Mackworth and Kirk Langley share a service at Mugginton of either Holy Communion or Morning Prayer.

Leadership

There are active leadership teams in all the parishes and a commitment by those teams to work together across the new benefice to share in worship and prayer as we seek to build our congregations and adapt to changing patterns of living. There is also an active and committed Reader who takes regular services alongside retired priests who assist with Holy Communion and life events. We employ an administrator who works across the benefice supporting each parish.

We all believe in the parish system and recognise that as a strong and united benefice sharing buildings, skills and services, we can preach God's word more effectively and be good news for our communities. One of the things we would like our new priest to work with us on is moving towards simpler governance structures and sharing resources across parishes which may include moving towards a Joint Council.

Finance

2022	Kirk Langley	Longford	Long Lane	Mackworth	Mugginton
Common Fund Ask	£18830	£6596	£4431	£18780	£8761
Common Fund Paid	£6000	£3298	£4431	£18780	£8821
Total Income	£37189	£19075	£27651.25*	£62414	£12904
Restricted Reserves	£19660	nil	nil	£126509	nil
Unrestricted reserves	£24891	£71278	£39,583	£21466	£200695

St Michael's Kirk Langley

Community

Kirk Langley is an expanding rural village of approx. 700 inhabitants with two current housing developments of around 150 new houses underway. It acts as a commuter village for Derby City which is 5 miles away. It has excellent road transport links and is close to The Peak District. There are several successful village organisations – WI, Drama, Fitness, Wine and Art Clubs and a lovely garden centre with café at Meynell Langley. There is also a good pub restaurant at Langley Common.

Church Building

St Michael's is a Grade 1 listed building. The current church was built in 1320 and has Saxon origins. It is generally in good condition with a new heating system installed in 2018, an organ refurbished in 2022 and an AVA system. Unusually for the age of the church there are no pews; this means we can clear the area of chairs for functions. We currently share our church with the congregation of Mackworth after their building was tragically burnt down in an arson attack 3 years ago. Adjacent to the church is the Village Hall which is owned by the Diocese and is run by a Hall Management Committee.

Type and Style of Worship

There is a weekly service, varying between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, currently at 9.30am, both of which are fairly traditional. This reflects the demographic age of the worshippers. We recognise the need to develop our mission and outreach activities with families and younger people. We have an excellent retained organist. Kirk Langley CE School uses the church for Christmas, Easter, and leavers' services. We also have a range of other services e.g., Christingle, Carol, Easter Eve. Morning services are always followed by refreshments where people can have friendly chats with each other.

Congregation

As with many Anglican churches our congregation tends to be made up of retired people who are still very active. They are very friendly and supportive of any activities undertaken. There is a rota of lesson readers and several of the congregation lead the Intercessions. There are also volunteers for church and brass cleaning and looking after the churchyard. The weekly congregation averages thirty with about two-thirds coming from Kirk Langley. There is significant opportunity to develop the church congregation to reflect the changing demographics of the village.





People engaging with Ministry

The Churches at Kirk Langley and Mackworth benefit from one Reader with PTO, and two retired priests; one with PTO lives in Mackworth Parish and one currently applying for PTO, lives in Kirk Langley Parish. There are other retired clergy locally who are happy to help out occasionally. In addition to two Church Wardens there is a full PCC, and the following roles are all in place – Treasurer, Secretary, Safeguarding Officer, Health and Safety Officer, Tower Captain (Bells) and Verger. We also have a volunteer who opens the church regularly on a Wednesday afternoon supplying visitors with refreshments! In addition, there is 8 hours of paid administrative support shared between Kirk Langley, Mackworth and Mugginton.

Activities/Community Engagement

These vary over any year but always include a Harvest Supper which is held in church and full participation in the Annual Village Field Day. There are also concerts held from time to time and other related fundraising activities as and when the need arises such as raising £37,000 to refurbish the organ in 2021/22. The church is used by the school for their Christmas fund-raiser and by the WI for their monthly meetings. We welcome/encourage any other organisations who wish to use it such as Mackworth Parish Council and for Mackworth church meetings. We have a box for food collection in church for a Derby charity. We also have members who wish our church to become an ECO church as we move forward.

Kirk Langley CE Primary School's visions and values are at the core of everything they do. These values underpin their teaching and learning and provide an environment which prepares pupils to be confident, thriving citizens. They are committed to being a school where parents, carers and the family community know them by their actions. Their vision is to promote educational excellence within an environment that is dedicated to the living teachings of Jesus Christ in daily life. It is built on an atmosphere of respect and sensitivity to individual needs; where children's self-esteem and confidence grow because they can make mistakes without fear. They believe their deeply Christian foundation recognises the importance of experience, personal values, and respect for the beliefs of others.

Daniel 12:3

'Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.'

This vision is translated into explicit teaching and learning both in RE, Collective Worship and across the broad balanced curriculum to show children the value of Jesus' promise to see 'life in all its fullness'. At Kirk Langley CE Primary, practice embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral, and social development of all children. This vision is underpinned by the four values of the Church of England vision for Education – wisdom, hope, community, dignity.

Ofsted rated Kirk Langley CE Primary a 'Good' school and in their report, they noted the school's motto, 'a school where every child can shine,' underpins a drive that every child should succeed. The school's values of wisdom, hope, community, and dignity were seen to permeate the school. Pupils were noted to be welcoming, happy and courteous and appreciative of what this small school offers them. A typical comment was, 'A lot can come in a little package.' Pupils are thoughtful learners who consider the ideas and views of one another and respect each other. One parent commented, "There is nothing the school could do to improve. We have never seen a more well-mannered family friendly school environment for children to thrive in."

There is a skilled team of governors who understand the school's strengths and weaknesses and the journey to make the school even better. They rightly identify the need to make sure that the most able pupils are challenged to achieve greater depth in their learning. This is a priority in the current improvement plan. Governors fulfil their roles and responsibilities diligently and effectively. They provide strong challenge as well as support to move the school forward. They take time to visit the school to check whether the actions set out in the improvement plan are being implemented and having a positive impact on pupils' learning. Governors spoke knowledgeably about the sophisticated mathematical learning which pupils undertook when they visited and appreciated seeing pupils planning and planting a seed bed of foods to create a healthy meal. Such experiences in school complement their visits to review other aspects, such as safeguarding arrangements.

The school, along with our children and families, would like a vicar who is enthusiastic and energetic. Alongside this we hope for a Vicar who is prayerful, visionary and someone who permeates a strong



All Saints' Church Mackworth

All Saints' Parish Church is a Grade 1 listed Church that is mentioned in the Domesday Book! Sadly, the church suffered a devastating arson attack on the 3rd of December, 2020, when the nave and chancel roofs were completely destroyed along with the majority of its contents. After a lengthy process, the Parochial Church Council received faculty approval for the restoration of the envelope of the church in the style of a mediaeval church in September 2023, and the rebuild work started in November 2023 which is great news! The timeframe to rebuild and reopen our church is likely to be in 2027 and this will be a fantastic opportunity for our new benefice Vicar to lead us through this process.

The tower and spire suffered only minor fire damage but require maintenance works that were identified in two previous quinquennial inspections. The congregation and local community have been deeply shocked and upset by the fire and rallied to contribute substantial funds to the rebuilding.

The oldest part of the church was the Chancel built in 1320. The nave, tower and spire were added, and the nave was extended by the addition of north and south aisles in the fifteenth century. The church is in the old and beautiful Mackworth village within a conservation area. Following consultation with the congregation and the wider parish community, a Mission Action Plan has been drawn up and this in turn will inform a second faculty (due to be submitted soon) to cover the design of the interior.

All Saints' Mackworth Parish has historically been a rural parish with a population of about 200. In 2021, a private estate of 520 houses was completed and the population increased to around 1,500. Planning Permission has been granted for another 600 houses and a Church of England primary school within the parish. Building work had been planned to start in 2023 but increases in interest rates and falls in house prices have inevitably led to delays. The local plans for house building proposed by Amber Valley Borough Council include a further 1,200 houses to be built within the parish over the next 20 years. At this stage, these plans do not include any community facilities to supplement the primary school already mentioned.

Our new vicar would be able to update and expand the current vision of the PCC which centres naturally on outreach and growth alongside the design of a flexible building which will be:

- a centre of worship to foster spiritual growth;
- a centre where the community may gather for meetings and social occasions;
- a centre where the community may appreciate their heritage and develop roots.



The new extended benefice offers an increased critical mass to support joint ventures. A short-term example is the Mackworth initiative to start the adult Community Nativity which will be produced by professional actor Julia Watson who was brought up in Mackworth and attended the village school and All Saints' Church. She is best known for her performances as Dr Baz in past episodes of the BBC's Casualty. The script has been written by her husband, David Harsent, who is a prize-winning poet and author of episodes of ITV's Midsomer Murders. The intention is for the first performance to take place at Christmas, 2024, in Mackworth Village. With benefice support this could rotate annually between the 5 Parishes thereby helping to encourage a sense of Christian Community.

The extended benefice also presents the challenge of caring for 5 rural parishes spread over a wide area. We recognise the way forward will be through teamwork. At present there is a Ministry team for Mackworth/Kirk Langley of:

- two retired priests with PTO; one lives in Mackworth Parish, and one lives in a neighbouring Parish,
- another priest with PTO who formerly worked as Associate Priest in the present Benefice and works at Church House, Derby,
- one Reader with PTO.

The financial situation for Mackworth parish is sound. Common Fund was paid in full for many years and was only reduced during the Covid lock-down and following the fire. The parish is insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, and they have made good the reduction in fundraising caused by the lack of a building. The like-for-like insurance replacement cover will pay for the rebuilding on the present site.

All Saints' is a compact church with limited scope for internal reordering. It is surrounded by fields which are all Scheduled Ancient Monuments which limits the possibility of extending the church externally. The large number of houses that are proposed to be built within the parish calls for the church to be designed so that it is flexible for use as a place of worship and as a place for the Community to gather.

We need to design and create a church building with a dedicated space for worship for an initial congregation of about 50, an open space for a wide variety of church, community and heritage activities; and the flexibility to connect the two spaces for worship when accommodation for large numbers is needed (for example Christingle, large funerals and weddings).

We would love our new Vicar to have the enthusiasm and vision to form and lead a team of lay people in the design and rebuild of All Saints'. Our Mission Action Plan will be centred around outreach to the new estates and cultivating a relationship with the proposed Primary School.

Mackworth Parish - All Saints' Church Mackworth sits within the boundary of Amber Valley Borough Council close to its boundary with the City of Derby. The award winning Markeaton Park is part of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Mackworth which extends into the City of Derby. For historical reasons, Derby City Council is the Lay



Rector of the Parish Church and has responsibility for the maintenance of the Chancel.

The houses in the Langley Country Park include a wide social mix of residents. All Saints' is known as a friendly church and the wide social mix of the Parish suggests strongly that the restored church will need to retain its inclusive mission where all are welcome.

The Parish Church

All Saints' Mackworth is a middle-of-the-road traditional church. The services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer follow Common Worship with occasional special services such as at Harvest or Celtic liturgies from Lindisfarne or Iona. Members of the congregation read lessons and lead intercessions at these services. The congregations typically were about 30 through Covid-lockdowns. Midweek monthly Taizé and a contemplative Celtic Evening prayer are held in homes. Lent discussion groups and frugal meals have been arranged in the past. All are organised by the benefice rather than parish.



All Saints' Church Mugginton with Kedleston and Halter Devil Chapel

Community

This is a widespread parish which includes parts of Kedleston, Mercaston, Weston Underwood and Mugginton. It is largely rural, although farming is less dominant than in the past. Mugginton holds not only the central church but the Village Hall and the School. The cricket pitch is at Mugginton Lane End. There is a very busy and varied social life in the community often based in the hall. This is detailed in the bi-monthly newsletter which always includes a section of church news and is distributed by email throughout the wider community. It is available on Weston Underwood Parish Council Website.

Buildings

All Saints' Church, Mugginton is a grade 1 listed building dating from the 11th century. It has often been extended and amended over the years and is very well maintained. There is now a toilet and kitchen within the building which has enabled after-service refreshments and events to be enjoyed more comfortably. The building is open as much as possible so that people can use and visit it. We have an active bell tower with six well maintained bells, weekly practices and bells rung for all major services and events and we host visiting bands.

Halter Devil Chapel is also a listed building. It seats about 28 people and is ideal for early morning communion services. It is semidetached to an old farmhouse and we have recently celebrated its tercentenary.

People

We do not have wardens, but the PCC works well as a group to co-ordinate the life of the church. There are 7 members who share the roles. There is a Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, someone who takes care of building maintenance, Bell Ringers' representative, and someone who co-ordinates the rotas, services, and information. We are currently seeking a new treasurer. We have a small supportive core congregation, and a great number of supporters from the community who are involved such as the Flower Group and the History Group. At each service there will be people who welcome, set up, read and, when appropriate, provide refreshments.

Services

Until the vacancy, we were holding a variety of services, encouraging different forms of worship and young



families to join us whenever possible. We have an organist and use 100 Hymns for Today. The Holy Communion services are fairly conservative. The average attendance for Morning Worship and Holy Communion services last year was 22.

In addition, we hold approximately 8 school services a year including those held at the end of each term, Harvest and Christingle plus two nativity performances with an average attendance of 111 adults and children. Currently we have rationalised our provision of services, keeping the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month in place, with some extras.

Ministry team

During the vacancy we have continued to work with the parishes of Kirk Langleigh and Mackworth with whom we have recently employed a benefice administrator. Mugginton has been supported by a retired priest from another deanery who has been taking most of our services. We have a relationship with Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy which we have supported in the past and they are assisting at some services.

Life events were busy last year and included a wedding at Kedleston Chapel. This year has been less busy with just one wedding scheduled so far. We have had several funerals recently. We hold two Harvest Festivals each year and have supported the Padley Centre in Derby with both produce and donations. The church is opened and extensively decorated each Christmas, Easter and for special events - for instance for the Queen's Jubilee when we held a three-day exhibition with refreshments and held a big community service then walked up in the rain for big lunch in a packed village hall! Each Remembrance Day service is attended by 2195 Long Eaton and 620 Derwent Valley ATC Squadrons

Looking ahead

We are making plans to hold social events in church and launched an appeal this September for support from the community so we can maintain our buildings and serve the community in the future. We would like to restore our strong historical support for local and international charities. We would like help to expand the range of services and particularly engage young people and help the school.



School

Mugginton CE Primary School sits 100 yards from the church and makes great use of the building. The children and their families are regularly in church. The school would very much welcome a vicar who could support the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum and contribute to the school's Christian distinctiveness and enhance the children's experience. It is a thriving 175-year-old church school with a talented, experienced teaching staff, exceptional adult-to-pupil ratios, supportive parents, and wonderful, engaging, and hard-working children. In the last five years the number of pupils in the school has doubled - testament to the dedication and warmth of the staff and the incredible support received from the parents and community. In addition, the school has a governing body with a unique range of skills and experience. By working together, the school is determined to continue to achieve the very best for its pupils and be a second family to the community.

There are three 'Golden Threads' woven through the school culture:

- We love Nature and the Outdoors
- We love Sport and Exercise
- We love Music, the Arts and being Creative

Through these Golden Threads, the children are provided with a secure base of experience. They are nurtured and given the opportunity to become the best person they can be.

The School Vision is summarised best from Matthew 22:

'Love Your Neighbour as You Love Yourself'

Mugginton CE Primary School believes that all pupils, their families, and the wider community should be given every opportunity to fulfil their potential through education. The school recognises that everyone is unique and holds equal, intrinsic value. They want to create happiness and good in the school through love. In this environment, everybody can flourish and become their best self – a little mustard seed growing into a great tree where birds can nest. The school aims to produce confident, independent thinkers and learners able to flourish in an ever-changing world.

We 'live' our Vision through our 6 Christian Values:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart (Galatians 3:23)

Be brave (Even if I walk through the darkest valley, I won't be afraid, because you are with me, Psalm 23)

Awe of our natural world (Job 12 'ask the animals, and they will teach you; or ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you. Speak to the earth, and it will teach you)

Do Good (Hebrews 13: 16 'Do good and share what you have.' Parable of the Good Samaritan)

Nurture ourselves and others (Parable of the Mustard Seed)

Think Critically (Philippians 4:8 'Fix your thoughts on what is true, honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.')

The school enjoys close links with All Saints' Church holding services at least once per half-term as well as pupil-led services to celebrate Harvest and Christingle. The team is excited to share the school with our new Vicar and would welcome regular visits from them.

St Chad's Church Longford

The parish church of St Chad serves the village of Longford and the neighbouring villages of Hollington and Rodsley, with populations of approximately 382, 214 and 106 respectively. The parish is situated in a picturesque and rural location in the Derbyshire Dales, approximately 7 miles from the market town of Ashbourne (gateway to the Peak District) and 10 miles from the City of Derby (which has excellent transport links). The community comprises a wide range of ages and occupations, e.g. farming, construction, transport, many other professions, schoolchildren, students and retirees.

St Chad's Church dates from the 12th century, with original Norman features and later additions in the early Decorated style and during the Perpendicular period. It is a Grade I Listed Building within the Longford Conservation Area. Inside the church are five alabaster effigies of various members of the Longford family, dating from the 14th to the 17th centuries, and elaborate memorials to the Coke family (Earl of Leicester) from the 19th century. There is also a Grade II listed sandstone cross in the churchyard, dating from the 15th century. The church is situated approximately half a mile from Longford village and accessed via a private tree-lined driveway, which is also part footpath and part bridleway and enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

The type of worship practised at St Chad's is best described as central traditional C of E. During the vacancy, we have adopted a pattern of worship with the neighbouring parish of Long Lane whereby on the first Sunday of the month we join with them for Holy Communion and on the fourth Sunday of the month they join with us for Holy Communion led by a retired priest. On the second Sunday of the month a local reader leads Morning Prayer, alternating between the two churches. We also have an excellent organist who lives in the parish and plays at all these services.

There are normally 10-15 members of the congregation regularly attending services from the 34 people who are currently on the church electoral roll, all of whom live in the parish. There are 5 members of the PCC, including a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, although the PCC has recently been significantly depleted due to retirements, relocations and, sadly, deaths. Currently there are no churchwardens, and these duties are carried out by the PCC and volunteers.

In addition to the planned services, the church is used for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, which are well attended by local families, friends, and neighbours. The congregation is also boosted for services celebrating the festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Harvest, when extended family and families from Longford CE Primary School attend and the church is decorated.



The school holds Christmas, Easter, and Harvest services at church, which are led by the children and enjoyed greatly by parents, grandparents and parishioners. Each child brings a small box of groceries or toiletries to the Harvest service to donate to The Padley Centre in Derby.

The main annual fundraiser for St Chad's is the Summer Fete, which is held in the extensive gardens of a local house and is very well attended and enjoyed by the local community with traditional stalls and games, raffle, refreshments and barbeque etc. We also hold a Christmas Fair inside church to 'show off' the decorations and raise additional funds. Again, this is a popular event. The pupils also make decorations for the Christmas tree at church with help from PCC volunteers, which they can take home with them after the end-of-term Christmas service.

Longford CE Primary is a small and friendly school which currently has 53 pupils and is very much a part of the community. The staff have worked hard in recent years to diversify the curriculum, attracting praise from other schools in the county for making pupils aware of real-world issues such as female activists, the environment, refugees and the Windrush generation. The ethos of the school is to ensure pupils know the importance of treating people fairly and with respect, including those of different faith, heritage, or lifestyle.

The school has been rated 'good' by Ofsted inspectors, who found that it gives 'high priority' to pupils' personal development. The recent report also highlighted the fact that 'pupils are enthusiastic about learning,' the curriculum is 'broad and ambitious' and that pupils are having 'many opportunities to learn about the world around them'. Additionally, parents told inspectors that the school is a 'true community' where pupils have a strong sense of what is right or wrong. The school's five core values of kindness, respect, empathy, cooperation, and resilience are thread throughout school life and celebrated in a weekly 'Sparkler' assembly, where the children can nominate one another for displaying these values.

Regrettably, since the vacancy, the pupils have missed the regular visits to church and collective worship in school, led by the previous vicar. Both staff and pupils are very keen for the new vicar to re-establish this link with the church. However, it has given the school the tremendous opportunity to build a team of children who have been leading worship and this is something we very much hope will continue to be built upon as well as the vicar taking a leading role in collective worship.



Christ Church Long Lane

Long Lane is a small village of about 200 people. The centre of the village around the church, school and pub houses mostly retired people who moved into the village in the 1970s and 1980s; the more scattered part of the village houses our farming community who have been here for many generations.

Due to the vacancy, there are only three services a month shared with St Chad's Longford i.e. a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 1) at each church every month and a Morning Prayer (Celtic from Iona) alternating each month. There is a small congregation of 10 – 15 but greater numbers attend for principal church festivals. Additional annual services include commemorating Remembrance Day, a summer Songs of Praise and a Carol Service.

Long Lane CE Primary School is a small village school which currently has 25 pupils drawn mostly from surrounding villages and the suburbs of Derby. Relations between the church and the school are good but need to be developed. The school uses the church for specific occasions such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter and a school leavers' service. Two members of the church go into school twice a term to take Collective Worship. The school is part of a federation with Marston Montgomery and share their headteacher, Mrs T. Bosley. Within the community the school is well supported at events such as the Summer Fair, Coronation Tea Party, and charity fundraiser events. Previously the vicar held collective worship in school, and this certainly added to the Christian ethos and distinctiveness.

We support several charities including the Padley Centre for the homeless, The Hope Centre food bank, The Royal British Legion and Alzheimer's Research. One member takes Holy Communion to 2 or 3 people each month and there is a small prayer group that meet by Zoom every Thursday. There are 6 members on our PCC – we have a Church warden, Treasurer, and PCC Secretary. The PCC work together on all matters.



The Vicarage

The vicarage is currently situated opposite the church in Kirk Langley at 4 Church Lane, DE6 4NG.

Discussions are under way about the possibility of purchasing a new vicarage in the second phase of the new housing estate as that will become the largest centre of population and the heart of Mackworth parish because of the church school. This would enable a Christian presence that would support pioneering work that builds community and might lead to the formation of new worshipping communities and missional partnerships. If the vicarage was to change, the new property would meet green guide recommendations, moving costs would be met by the diocese and additional leave would be granted for the move.



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