



All Saints Church

W I N G E R W O R T H



Welcome – please come through and take a look!

We are looking for a new Priest-in-Charge. Could it be
you?

We need someone ...

- With energy, enthusiasm, and the experience to bring together the whole congregation, young and old.
- With the vision to expand our congregation working alongside people of all ages, to encourage them to contribute and commit to a living faith in God.
- Who would rise to the challenge of a new estate of over one thousand homes which will include a new Church School for the Parish.



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Introductory letter

From the Venerable Karen Hamblin, Archdeacon of East Derbyshire

Welcome to the Parish Profile for All Saints, Wingerworth, an expanding suburb village on the south side of Chesterfield. As part of the North-East Deanery in Derby Diocese, this area is experiencing large numbers of new homes (and a new school) and this, together with the challenges and complexities of a post-pandemic world, require someone who can lead this faithful and committed church community into all that God has for them, seeing lives transformed, the church grow, and the community (both existing and new) built up and strengthened.

Getting to know and starting to work with the neighbouring Parishes (St. Augustine's, Chesterfield and St. John's, Walton in particular) will be a key to success here, looking for what could be done better together, and the existing church community has much to bring to that as you will discover as you read on.

This is a half time post, and the role has enormous potential for someone with vision, a heart for people and an ability to engage strategically with all that is already here along with exciting new opportunities, to see God's Kingdom come.

As it says on the front: 'Could this be you?'

Please feel free to get in touch if you'd like to know more.

Karen

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What we can offer ...



- A beautiful, versatile, well used and modern church building.
- A large adjacent Rectory.
- A modern well-used church centre, complete with large car park.
- A welcoming congregation and PCC.
- A willingness to pray with you and for you.

The opportunities in our parish

- A supportive and faithful congregation who engage and help in worship and mission.
- We are blessed with a beautiful building that can be used in many different ways, and active and dedicated people with good networks within the village who are involved in church and village life.
- The church centre is a major asset providing an excellent facility for both the congregation and many local organisations.
- The church is usually open for private prayer during daylight hours, and both the church and churchyard are attractive and well maintained.

- Our church music, which is traditional and of high quality, is further complemented by good acoustics.
- A fast-growing village with two existing primary schools and a new one, “The Avenue” Church of England Primary School (part of the Derby Diocese Academy Trust) due to be built in the near future.
- Neighbouring Parishes - we would like to get to know better in order to explore areas where we might work together.
- A safe and pleasant area to live and thrive.

The challenges in our parish

- Through our mission work in the community and our fundraising events we attract and make welcome new people into church. However, although young families join us to help develop their faith and involvement it is to Messy Church and Kids Stuff and not to the Family Services. We currently have fifty-three children on the Messy Church register and sixteen children who regularly attend Kids Stuff.
- We have identified that there are parts of the village with no church representation. It would be our vision to try and encourage the residents in those areas to become involved in the life of Christ’s church. We need a strong leader to take us forward in that vision and to work with us to revisit our Mission Action Plan.
- We need an effective pastoral team to enable us to minister to a growing and ageing population.

Our identity as a worshipping community

The church sits mid-way in the tradition of the Church of England, catering for a mixed congregation ranging from those on the liberal end of the spectrum to those from a more ‘high church’ background; vestments are usually worn, and the liturgy can be either spoken or sung. The Eucharist is celebrated according to Common Worship Order One in modern language and the ritual is relaxed and modern. The seasons of the liturgical year are marked in all of their glory – and the services of Holy Week and the Triduum are celebrated in full. For the past few years we have also engaged with the national “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer initiative. The sacrament is reserved in church. Whilst the tradition of All

Saints is firmly eucharistic, it is truly catholic in the all-embracing sense, with openness and understanding, as people come to encounter God in word and sacrament.

Typical service patterns for normal weeks and Festivals

Sunday 8.00am	Said Eucharist	Average 16 people
Sunday 9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Average 44 people
Easter Sunday		73 adults 8 children
Christmas Eve	Nativity Service	56 adults 16 children
	Crib Service	40 adults 3 children
	Midnight Eucharist	37 adults
Christmas Day	Said Eucharist	16 adults

Palm Sunday procession



We have a 9:30am Family Eucharist on the third Sunday of each month which is an inclusive and family orientated liturgy. Currently there are two children and their parents who attend this service in addition to the usual congregation. We are actively exploring new ways to encourage families to join us. We hope and believe that this can be developed.

Prayer

At the first service of each month we distribute small prayer cards to all the members of the congregation, and they are asked to write down the names of anyone known by them to be sick or otherwise in need of prayer. At the end of the service these are collected and the following day a small Prayer Group meet to offer prayers on all their behalf.



Family Eucharist

Activities at family service



Occasional Offices

Weddings

Over the years the number of weddings has decreased, however, we have shared the pleasure of performing the ceremony for two couples in 2023. We encourage and welcome couples to join us for the services when their banns are read.

Baptisms

With the support of a dedicated Baptism Officer the church baptised 12 children during 2023. The services are always well attended, and all are welcomed.

Funerals, burials and internment of ashes.

We take funeral services to those living in the parish when required and many ashes are scattered in our Garden of Remembrance. Our Reader often performs the service, spending time with grieving relatives in order to give a professional and caring service. In 2023 we held 9 funerals with 7 burials in the churchyard, 1 memorial service and 7 services to scatter ashes in the Garden of Remembrance.

Our Mission with families, children and schools

The congregation and leaders are always involved in Mission Work in whatever form. Although fund raising is important to maintain the church and church centre, at the forefront of this is our Mission Work. We see it as an opportunity for the church to be at the heart of the community, where we can share the church and engage with others. We showcase the churches children's activities and promote the groups available for them.

The monthly community Café is very popular. Our mission work through this event involves the wider community and provides a welcoming Christian based environment.

At the Christmas Tree Festival all the church groups, businesses in the village and other groups who meet in Wingerworth are invited to decorate a tree and present information about their group/business and how to contact them. We

see this as the most well attended event in the calendar and gives us a wonderful opportunity to engage with visitors who are seeing the church at its best. This event is open to the Parish as a whole and is well supported within the village.

“Messy Church”

There is also a popular and well-run Messy Church group that is held on a Saturday afternoon once a month. Parents and children enjoy time together, participate in activities, share a meal, and finally a short act of worship. They enjoy the welcome and spiritual care from church leaders and see messy as “their” church.



Messy Church Fun

“Kids Stuff”

This is a weekly/term time after-School club which caters for primary school children, where they enjoy games, activities, a simple act of worship and a hot meal and a dessert.

“First Steps”

Is a group for Carer and Toddlers which is held just after school starting time and allows carers to gather socially whilst children play with the many provided toys. The session ends with a bible story and prayers. This group of people value the work the leaders do and have asked to continue meeting throughout the year.

" Schools Work"

The two primary schools, Deer Park Primary, (deerpark.derbyshire.sch.uk) and Hunloke Park Primary (hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk), have excellent reputations. We have positive relationships with both schools and encourage visits. We have developed quiet days for year 6 pupils from both schools to help them transition from Junior to Senior schools. Also throughout the primary school years we encourage visits from all year groups to experience aspects of church life and the roles performed by church personnel.



The church also has a mausoleum of some historical note; the church having in the past been closely connected to the once adjacent Wingerworth Hall owned by the Hunloke Family. The mausoleum was built as a burial chamber for family members. It has recently been renovated and now houses a large-scale model of the Hall. School children love looking at this part of the church and are interested in its history.

All the groups mentioned are church run and popular with local families. The link between these, particularly Messy Church, Baptisms, and the Family Eucharist, coupled with the existing school's links and the new church school to come obviously provides a massive opportunity which is ripe for development

The Ministry Team

The ministry team consists of the Priest-in-Charge and a Lay Reader, and we can call upon a retired Minister with P.T.O. who lives in the village to assist. Worship is led by, and is the responsibility of, the Priest-in-Charge. Members from our church community and others also assist with readings, intercessions, administration of the chalice and altar serving.

Sung services are accompanied by a small, robed adult choir and led by a talented organist and choirmaster. Their numbers are often augmented at special services.

There are currently one hundred people on the electoral roll, most of whom reside in the parish.

Our community

Wingerworth is a large semi-rural village, three miles south of Chesterfield on the A61, and within easy reach of the Peak District. There are currently around 7,350 residents, which has increased by approximately a third with the building of new housing estates on the eastern edge of the village.

The village has good amenities which include the Parish Hall and library, two primary schools, Wingerworth Medical Centre, and a Pharmacy in the same building. There are three pubs, an independent chapel, two small shopping areas, a park, and several recreation areas.

It is a thriving village with many clubs and activities which include a horticultural society, men's sheds group and several keep-fit classes. There is a Women's Institute, Townswomen's Guild, a weekly Ladies Club, and an Art Club.

There are carer and toddler groups and a nursery with before and after-school facilities in addition to the church-run ones mentioned above.

Sports facilities in the village are available for both children and adults and include football, tennis, table-tennis, a bowling green, and a cricket pitch.

The uniformed organisations are closely linked with the church and the Scouts hut is located within the church grounds. We would like to further develop these links with the support of a new Priest-in-Charge.

Wingerworth is served by The Chesterfield Royal Hospital, a 500-bed district general hospital facility with Trust status about four miles away.

The church and its buildings



The original church dates from the 12th Century.

It was substantially extended in the 1960's creating the beautiful building we have today. The old and the new complement each other wonderfully.



The Lady Chapel, in the oldest part of the church, will seat approximately twenty-four in the older pews and is used for smaller acts of worship such as the Sunday 8:00 am Said Eucharist, and for private prayer.

There is a sacristy and a good-sized choir vestry which is often used for group meetings.

The bell tower houses a peal of five bells, and there is an enthusiastic ringing team who ring regularly on Sunday mornings and for weddings. The bell is tolled for funerals. The ringing chamber has recently been refurbished and welcomes visiting ringers. The ringing team observe national occasions such as the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The church building is in good condition. Funds are allocated each year for ongoing maintenance over a five-year cycle.

The Snetzler-based organ, which dates from 1754, has been at All Saints since 1980 and was restored a decade ago.

The previous incumbent had established the “20-20 Vision Group”, a working group to look at how the church might be re-ordered. The newer part of the church now has 150 new chairs with a few remaining pews at the back of the church.

This gives greater flexibility as the chairs can be stacked away leaving a large space which we have used for Autumn and Spring craft fairs to raise funds. We have been able to encourage families to bring their children by offering all age craft workshops and activities. These fairs have presented us with many opportunities to engage in conversations with visitors and talk about what the church, as the heart of the community, has to offer. Through this mission work we have had many new families joining us at Messy Church.

The church, with its beautiful stained-glass windows and a big open space, presents an exciting blank canvas for a new incumbent with vision.

The Churchyard

The well-kept open churchyard includes a Garden of Remembrance. Its upkeep is the responsibility of the churchyard committee, with a grant awarded from Wingerworth Parish Council towards the grass cutting by an external contractor. The area is well lit to allow access to both the church and the adjacent church centre.

The Church Centre



The church centre was opened in 1997 and is well used by the church, for social events, and by church groups such as the Mothers' Union. Run by a paid, part-time, Administrator assisted by a volunteer team, the centre is also hired out virtually every day to a variety of community groups, which has enabled it to operate without imposing a financial burden on the church in past years. After Covid19 the hiring of the centre did not recover well and raising funds to keep it open is challenging and ongoing.

Within the centre there is a large hall with an adjacent lounge area; a parish office; two further upstairs meeting rooms; and a fully operational kitchen.

Enjoying the Mothers' Union Jubilee Party



The Rectory



Located within the church grounds is an attractive and well maintained four-bedroomed 1960's family house with attached garage and a medium size garden which is mainly lawn. The property is highly suitable for a family with children and is directly opposite Hunloke Park Primary school.

Rectory kitchen



.... and living area

Parish finances

The church's financial affairs show a not-untypical mixed picture. Annual income is averaging about £80,000, but over recent years, whilst appeals for specific projects have attracted a strong response, it has been harder to generate sufficient income to cover the normal work of our church and meet the request from the Diocesan Common Fund. As a result, our Common Fund has not been paid in full for over 5 years; in 2023 we contributed £36,000 against a requested £50,500. (See Appendix for summary of accounts for year ending 31st December 2023)

Reserves for fabric repairs should be sufficient to cover currently anticipated work highlighted by a recent quinquennial inspection (December 2021).

Full ministry working expenses are paid from church funds including telephone, travel and office expenses. The Rectory water rates are also paid.

Six percent of annual planned giving (including tax refunds) is donated to charity. Further donations are made through fundraising for specific charities such as The Children's Society.

We readily respond to local or national emergencies.

We also operate a scheme where 'Patrons' pay the running costs of the church for a day, or days, on date which are particularly significant to them.

A major fundraising event is the annual Christmas Tree Festival where local groups are invited to decorate a sponsored tree. The church is open during the day and refreshments are served in the church centre. There are activities for children and an opportunity to meet Santa and Mrs Claus. The Autumn and Spring Fairs, a Brick Festival (Lego models) and a monthly Saturday morning community café are also well attended fund-raising events.

Other aspects of church life.

- Advent/Lent groups run by incumbent and/or the Reader.
- Weekly craft session – an all-inclusive drop-in group regularly attracting 15-30 people, who bring a craft such as knitting, card making etc. to enjoy in a friendly, informal social session.
- Mothers' Union – a growing group who are active in Christian family care and help many local and national charities as part of their ministry.
- Solo Group – a group for people who have been recently bereaved, where they can gather together for mutual support and meals out, theatre visits and short holidays.
- Harvest Supper followed by social entertainment.
- The Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair as detailed above.
- Parish Lunch – Tuesdays each month open to church members and those who wish to join in as a way of dealing with loneliness.
- “All Saints Pantry,” where once a month, after the 9:30am service, a stall at the back of Church sells bread, cakes and craft items made and donated by members of the congregation to boost Church funds.
- Community Café – a monthly coffee morning held in the church centre on the fourth Saturday of the month to raise funds for the church and centre.

Communication

Web site – www.wingerworthchurch.org.uk

Facebook page – All Saints Church, Wingerworth

Weekly pew sheet

Items in village publication Wings, bi-monthly

Pastoral

Alongside the Priest-in-Charge, our existing team offer pastoral care in the community.

World-wide mission

Awareness and campaigning for organisations at home and abroad.

Health & safety

A strong policy which is compliant with current regulations.

Safeguarding

A robust outlook to safeguarding with training and regulations in line with Diocesan and national church guidelines, looked after by a Parish Safeguarding Officer. (Currently under review, July 2024).

Parochial Church Council

A dedicated team with excellent attendance at monthly/ bi-monthly meetings.

Eco church

We currently hold the Bronze Award and have been working towards Silver. The Covid pandemic unfortunately interrupted this, such that the initiative requires a new push to regenerate impetus.

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Thank you for reading this and please be assured of our prayers.
Do get in touch if an informal conversation would be helpful.

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

APPENDIX – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, WINGERWORTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>	Activity by the Church/Church Centre			Total Funds	
		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		<u>General</u>	<u>Ch Centre</u>	<u>Funds</u>	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2.a	48062	0	0	48062	42973
Activities for generating Funds	2.b	7955	0	2842	10797	12547
Bank Interest & Income from Investments	2.c	202	0	0	202	26
Income from Church Activities	2.d	6782	10083	2558	19423	32869
Other Incoming Resources	2.e	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		63002	10083	5400	78485	88415
RESOURCES USED						
Grants	3.a	2440	0	0	2440	2029
Activities relating to the work of the church	3.b	58016	14719	4229	76965	84267
Fund Raising and Publicity	3.c	0	0	0	0	700
Church Management and Administration	3.d	2427	0	0	2427	513
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		62884	14719	4229	81832	87509
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		119	-4636	1171	-3347	906
Year-end adjustments						
TRANSFER OF FUNDS (accrual)	10	-1000		1000		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-881	-4636	2171	-3347	906
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2023		15666	237270	14544	267154	265968
Balances to carry forward at 31st December 2023		14785	232633	16715	263807	267154

