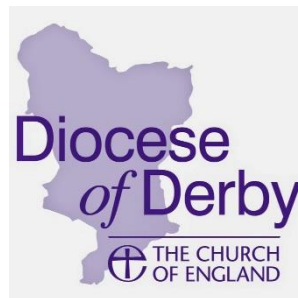


# Team Rector in the Parish of Staveley and Barrow Hill



## A warm welcome from the Parish of Staveley and Barrow Hill

Thank you for taking the time to read about our Parish- the challenges we face, and the opportunities we look forward to working on together.



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# Introduction

## Parish Profile



The Parish of Staveley and Barrow Hill is situated on the outskirts of Chesterfield, with a medieval Parish church in Staveley town and a daughter church in the village of Inkersall.

Staveley is within easy reach of many places due to its proximity to the M1 and A1. It is approximately half an hour from the Peak District National Park and is ideally situated for exploring neighbouring towns and cities.

Since 1973 the parish has been constituted as a Team Ministry now resourced by a Team Rector and Team Vicar.

The parish holds an understanding of apostolic ordained ministry in common with the majority of Catholic and Orthodox Christians across the world. The PCC voted, following the retirement of the previous Rector, to maintain its status under the extended episcopal care of the See of Oswestry. The parish is committed to playing its part in the deanery and diocese of Derby, accepting the breadth of diversity in the Church of England and working with the Five Guiding Principles.

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# Archdeacon's message



Welcome to the Profile for the Staveley Team.

I hope that as you read through this profile you will sense God's call and hear the heart of these congregations for their ongoing life, ministry and mission in the Parish and communities they serve.

Staveley Town has ambitious plans (Staveley 21) that will hopefully, through investment, see a measure of re-generation in the area. There are also plans, and some building has already started, for large areas of new housing within the Parish boundaries. The appointment we are hoping for will therefore be to places of growth and change in an area that knows high social deprivation, giving genuine possibilities for engagement and growth in a setting that has a rich tradition of creativity, but where industrial decline has had a major impact.

Both existing church communities (at St. John's, Staveley and St. Columba's, Inkersall) are, at their heart, made up of mostly long-standing and faithful worshippers who are hoping for someone who can offer both a measure of pastoral care and bring missional vision leading to growth, whilst working with their strengths and fragility as they face many of the challenges that a lot of churches have in common. St. Andrew's, Barrow Hill is now closed as a church, but the community remains 'open' to possibilities of ongoing ministry – certainly something worth exploring.

Our desire as a Diocese, that the Kingdom of God is truly known as good news for all, is as relevant and vital here as anywhere else. The new Rector will need to work closely with the Diocesan vision, priorities and outcomes, and we will do all that we can to partner with him to see that vision become reality, using Mission Action Planning to develop new energy and focus.

If you would like a conversation, please be in touch with me, my contact details are on the last page of this profile.

Every blessing and an assurance of my ongoing prayers for you,  
Archdeacon Karen

# The Priest we are looking for

- ◆ In common with many parishes, our numbers have been in slow decline, accelerated by the effects of the pandemic. We are looking for a priest who will bring fresh thinking and real energy to the evangelisation of Staveley, someone who will help take forward the ongoing development of our mission strategy, arising from our participation in the Oswestry Healthy Churches Initiative, in conjunction with the Diocesan Vision and MAP.
- ◆ We recognise that changes are needed, such as: encouraging an increase in all generations, including young people and families attending church; exploring outreach and working within the local community; developing spirituality and discipleship and empowering laity to develop their roles; but we also know that these need to be handled with sensitivity, careful preparation and explanation, being led by the new Rector and Team Vicar in collaboration with the congregation and PCC. We acknowledge that change can be challenging.
- ◆ Local church and community schools are a major focus of our mission and outreach, and we have made good progress in this area. The new Team Rector will be keen to continue to take this aspect of mission forward.



We need a prayerful priest who:

- Will support the Catholic tradition of our parish, who is comfortable working in a Forward in Faith Parish under extended episcopal oversight.
- Will work closely and collaboratively with the Diocese, Deanery & current Team Vicar and be confident about bringing initiative and vision to the church and community.
- Is at ease with a down-to-earth, working-class community and with new families, whom we would like to welcome into our church.
- Will bring calm, good humour to share the joys and sorrows of ordinary people.
- Can seek out and engage with opportunities to show Christ's love with us in a place where there is much need.



After consultation with churchgoers, the 'wish list' for a new Rector includes a priest who is a strong communicator, sociable, approachable, available, and visible in the Parish; an effective leader who will consult with and value those committed to his care.

# Our Churches

Our roots lie firmly within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England. There is a full set of vestments in both churches and the sacrament is reserved in both churches. The Sunday Mass has a similar pattern across the team, usually with incense, using the ACS booklet and following the pattern of Common Worship Order I. Propers are those of western rite and our worship is enriched from a wider Catholic tradition throughout the world. We use the Redemptorist pew sheet for propers and the notices.



## St John the Baptist, Staveley

There has been a church on the site of St John's, Staveley since Saxon times; Saxon gravestones survive as windowsills. The post-conquest church survives in the south aisle and the base of the tower; a 15<sup>th</sup> century chantry chapel holds rare 1701 heraldic glass; and in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Scott transformed the church into the building we see today. Other treasures include tombs of the Musard and Frechville families, medieval brasses, a niche thought to be an Easter sepulchre, wonderful 20<sup>th</sup> century statues in wood carved by Ludwig Kuzniarz and a medieval altar stone- altar mensa, one of the largest to survive the Reformation intact.

St John's houses 8 bells in the tower which are rung for weddings and on special occasions, as well as by teams of visiting ringers. Historical information regarding the bells is available on request.



The fabric is in good order with some ongoing repairs to the roof following lead theft.

At the back of church is a small area used for serving teas and light refreshments after services and during open days. This is served by a hot water boiler and sink area in the vestry.

Prior to the pandemic there was an active Sunday School at St John's church. The purpose-built Sunday School room above the choir vestry offers a full view of the church through a floor to ceiling glass frontage. We are keen to see this space being utilised again, with young people being involved in the life of the church.



## St Columba's, Inkersall

St Columba's Church was built in 1983 as a multi-purpose building, replacing an earlier 1956 mission hall. It is not licensed for weddings, but baptisms, funerals and blessings take place in the church.

The main body of the Church is used daily as a community hall by groups such as Slimming World, art group, Fat Frog Yoga/Keep Fit, and knitting and crochet group. Various social events including regular coffee mornings, summer and Christmas Fayres, Lent Tea, parish barbeque, carols on the green, Mingle and Jingle are held in Church and the surrounding grounds.



The church is of a modern, triangular design and it is equipped with a sacristy, good kitchen facilities, a disabled toilet and ramps to the doors. It is a very versatile building with its own car park. The fabric is in good order.

# Our Parish

Our Parish is constituted as a Team Ministry with a Team Rector and one Team Vicar. The parish has a long-established Anglo-Catholic tradition of worship and spirituality. It is an area of major development with many opportunities and challenges for mission. We long to extend our mission and effectiveness; seeking ways to reach out to proclaim the Gospel afresh to each generation, acknowledging that people have competing demands on their time and are working hard to thrive or survive.

We will continually strive to love, serve, and worship Our Lord with all our hearts, souls and minds, and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

## Organisation

**Full time staff-** Fr Adrian Arnold,  
Team Vicar



**Retired Clergy-** there are 2 retired clergy with PTO currently linked with the Parish Church. They are keen to support with services and activities within the parish.

## Churchwardens

**St John the Baptist:** Mrs Helen Johnson

**St Columba's:** Mr Paul Eyre

## PCC and Electoral Roll

There are 11 members on the PCC from across the Team and they meet bi-monthly.

There are currently 78 individuals on the electoral roll

## Ecumenical relationships

We have links with the Methodist minister, the local Roman Catholic Priest and the Salvation Army in Staveley.



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of Scott Engering

The Parish Community Centre (formerly Staveley Church School) adjoins the church of St John the Baptist. It is used regularly by the church and community groups for activities such as: coffee mornings, Staveley History Society, clog dancing, and private hire for parties etc. Pre-covid, there was a regular parent and toddler group meeting in the centre.



## Across the team

Average number of communicants both pre pandemic and current

	Sundays		Midweek Masses	
	Pre-pandemic	current	Pre-pandemic	current
St John's	45	25	16	9
St Columba's	17	12	10	2

Currently weekly services are as follows:

Sunday 09:30 St John's, followed by refreshments  
 11:00 St Columba's, followed by refreshments  
 17:00 Evensong - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
 Evening prayer - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, both at St John's

Wednesday 09:30 St Columba's

Thursday 09:30 St John's, followed by refreshments

In addition to regular masses, throughout the Church's year there are many services held to mark high days and special occasions. Over the last year these have included:

Easter 2024: School Easter service in church

Holy week- Mon – Wed, said mass with Homily

Maundy Thursday Mass & watch of the Passion

Good Friday

Easter Vigil mass with paschal ceremony

Easter Sunday

June: Songs of Praise and Benediction for St Columba's Day

Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist

July: St Joseph's Primary Y6 Leavers Assembly

October: Bishop Paul Concelebrated Parish Mass

November: Service of Remembrance

December: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

School Carol Service and Christingles

Children's crib service

Family vigil mass

First Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve

The laity read lessons during the liturgy and lead the bidding prayers.

There is a committed team of dedicated robed servers and licensed chalice assistants to assist the priest.

## Church Practice

Baptisms, weddings and funeral numbers pre-pandemic and last year  
(January to December 2024)

	2019	2024
<b>Baptisms</b>	18	6
<b>Weddings</b>	9	3
<b>Funerals</b>	12	10

## Choir and Church Music

Across the churches we have a team of organists. There are two regular organists, Matthew and Paul, who play for Sunday services and other sung masses. The organist and choir master at St John's is paid and the organist at St Columba's is a volunteer. We also have a lady who is able to support worship on the piano or organ during holidays and sickness cover.

Common Praise is used at both churches and St Columba's also uses Laudate.



St John's has a strong choral musical tradition, and until recently the choir was affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music with some members holding the RSCM's Dean's Award. The choir lead worship at Sunday services, singing hymns, psalms, anthems and motets. Arranged canticles and responses are also sung at choral evensong, which is celebrated on high days and special occasions. This is complemented by extra services which are sung during midweek festivals and Holy Week. The Christmas carol service, as well as Holy week and Easter, are highlights in the musical and worshipping life of the church. The choir is also available to sing at weddings throughout the year and meets on a weekly basis in church for rehearsal. We are visited by choirs from other local churches for special occasions and have previously been invited to sing at other places such as Clumber Chapel and Southwell Minster.

## Finances

Good stewardship and sound financial management are fundamental to the operation of the Parish, and despite the pandemic we are broadly solvent. Regular giving is encouraged through the use of weekly giving envelopes and standing orders.

At present, we are unable to pay our full share of the Common Fund.

In 2024 we paid £26,000 of £31,000 (84%).

We are committed to supporting mission outside of the Parish.

A copy of the latest church accounts are available to be viewed.

## Community

There is a strong core group of volunteers who are active, and keen to engage in church and community events, both for outreach and mission as well as to support fundraising and social opportunities. These include:



- Fortnightly coffee mornings at St John's and monthly coffee mornings at St Columba's which attract a range of people from the wider community. Volunteers and visitors at the coffee mornings enjoy the time to relax and talk to a range of different people. There is a sense of community, and new friendships and connections are made through these regular events.

- Annual Christmas Tree Festival- last advent this was a great success, with St John's welcoming visitors throughout the weeklong event, to view almost 30 trees from local school and community groups. It was held to coincide with Staveley Christmas Craft Fayre and Staveley town light switch on. Visitors commented on how much they had enjoyed coming into the church and seeing the fabulous trees and church building. Many stopped for a drink and cake and enjoyed talking about their memories of coming to St John's as children or for special occasions in the past.



- Summer and Christmas Fayres
- Weekly market/car boot/bric-a-brac sales in the local area. The ladies who run these weekly sales comment on how much they enjoy meeting and hearing about the lives of local people. They have also noticed that some of these people have become 'regulars', stopping by for a chat and asking about events in the church, even if not buying from the stall each week.

- Opening church to welcome visitors and passers-by for quiet reflection or a guided tour
- Heritage Open Days
- Staveley Armed Forces Events
- Mingle and Jingle Social Event
- Chesterfield Canal Festival
- Annual service of remembrance
- Chesterfield food bank operation (both St John's and St Columba's are collection points for this)
- Bonfire and Firework party- in the past this has been a great opportunity to get the local Brownie group, choir, serving team and congregations together for an evening of relaxation and fun!
- Lent and Harvest Teas- with after dinner quizzes
- Carols on the Green in conjunction with Inkersall Methodist Church and local brass band.



## Community Groups

Within the local communities in the Parish there are many youth groups and organisations. These include Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

## Fostering Vocations

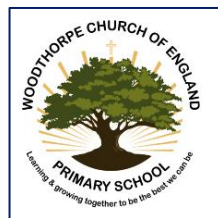
Members of the congregation are interested in exploring ways they can develop lay vocations such as, reading lessons, leading bidding prayers and pastoral visiting.

## Schools

There are two church primary schools, seven community primary schools and two large secondary schools within the Parish.

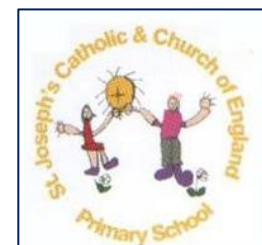
We are very encouraged by the response to our School Masses in both the church schools and Staveley Junior School, as well as developments with other community schools.

Schools form a central part of our ministry to young people. Alongside school masses, regular collective worship takes place across many of the parish schools. There are often visits to church from schools and they also have regular services in church to mark the academic and church year.



Woodthorpe is a C of E (VC) primary school with a key aim to uphold a Christian ethos throughout.

St Joseph's is a joint Roman Catholic and C of E (VA) primary school and church members volunteer as governors here.



“The main development in school has been around Eucharistic Services. The support of the clergy is valued through school, and they are more than just visitors- they are part of the school family.”

Paula Lowry, Headteacher, St Joseph's

Springwell Community College is a mixed, non-denominational secondary school for pupils aged 11-16, housed in a new, purpose built complex.



Recently extended to combine modern facilities with listed buildings for pupils aged 11-18, Netherthorpe School was founded in 1572 and has a vast amount of history and tradition, having been founded by four local families to serve the people of Staveley. We are keen to increase our communication and links to both local secondary schools.

Other primary schools where we are keen to build on previous contact and increase our links are, Poolsbrook Primary Academy, Hollingwood and Barrow Hill.

Historically, the Rector has held a place on the governing bodies of Netherthorpe school, Woodthorpe and St Joseph's and one of the retired clergy is a governor at Norbriggs Primary School.

School and Website	Links with Parish
<b>Woodthorpe</b> <a href="#">Woodthorpe Church of England Primary School - Home</a> <a href="http://woodthorpeprimary.org.uk"> (woodthorpeprimary.org.uk)</a>	School Mass, collective worship, supporting fundraising, Christingle in church, leavers' assembly in church, supporting the curriculum.
<b>Norbriggs</b> <a href="#">Norbriggs Primary School - Home Page</a>	Governor role, supporting fundraising, collective worship throughout the year, visiting church as part of the RE syllabus
<b>Staveley Junior School</b> <a href="#">Staveley Junior School - HOME</a>	School Mass, collective worship, Christingle in church
<b>St Joseph's</b> <a href="#">St Joseph's Catholic and Church of England Primary School - Home</a> ( <a href="http://st-josephsrccofe.co.uk">st-josephsrccofe.co.uk</a> )	School Mass, collective worship in school, Rosary group, Leavers' assembly in church, governor roles, supporting fundraising, visiting church as part of the RE syllabus.
<b>Inkersall Primary Academy</b> <a href="#">Inkersall Spencer Academy</a>	Visiting church as part of the RE syllabus, regular collective worship, supporting class work.

# Local Area

The Parish of Staveley and Barrow Hill is situated in the North East Derbyshire Deanery and the newly created East Derbyshire Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Derby.

Staveley is a town and Civil Parish in the Borough of Chesterfield. Located along the banks of the River Rother and the restored Chesterfield Canal, it is 5 miles northeast of Chesterfield.



## Population

The parish serves the town of Staveley and the neighbouring communities of Barrow Hill, Inkersall, Middlecroft, Poolsbrook, Mastin Moor, Woodthorpe and Hollingwood.

The current population is estimated at 18,500 (Census 2021) with the age breakdown as follows.

Age	Number
0-19	3,000
20-59	10,500
60+	5,000

(Figures obtained from Staveley Town Council)

From Census returns; white ethnic- 18,000 with 17,800 being born in the UK; 11,500 identify as Christians; 5,300 state no religion. There are 1,500 council and social housing properties in the Parish and the area has a 3.3% unemployment rate and some areas of high social deprivation.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019, shows many parts of the Parish have a score of 1 or 2, making them amongst the most deprived 10-20% of the population.

## Planned developments

Major housing developments are in progress or under planning at Mastin Moor, Poolsbrook, Inkersall and on the former Staveley Works site at Barrow Hill, and the Staveley Town Plan estimates an increase of 3,500 new homes in the near future, substantially increasing the population of the parish and potentially altering the demographic. With ease of access to the motorway and railway networks, and the relative affordability of housing compared to city suburbs, the area is becoming increasingly attractive to commuters to the neighbouring cities of Sheffield, Nottingham, Derby and further afield.



[Staveley Town Deal  
\(chesterfield.gov.uk\)](http://chesterfield.gov.uk)

With the ongoing restoration of the Chesterfield Canal, together with the Trans Pennine Trail for walkers and cyclists and the 165-acre Poolsbrook Country Park within the parish, there is plentiful leisure space to be enjoyed. Nearby, the Barrow Hill Roundhouse, home to the last surviving working railway roundhouse in the UK with an operational turntable, has an exciting calendar of events throughout the year, and serves as a reminder of the railway heritage of the area.

<https://www.barrowhill.org/>



## About Staveley

In the nineteenth century, Staveley became a centre for coal mining and the production of iron, steel and chemicals, but heavy industry has largely closed down within the last 30 years and employment is now much more varied. Thriving industrial estates have grown on old colliery sites around junction 29A of the M1. Staveley offers a range of local services and facilities including a state of the art 'Healthy Living Centre', library, community football ground, market place, food outlets, garages and shops. The area is well served by GP surgeries, dentists and clinics and Chesterfield Royal Hospital is less than 4 miles away. There are a number of both council and private nursing homes in the Parish.



# What we can offer you

As a Parish we will

- Offer you a warm welcome, friendliness and support to become part of our community and make it your home.
- Pray with you and for you.
- Respect your need for time off each week.
- Encourage retreat and opportunities to recharge.
- Offer the commitment of small but active and dedicated congregations, who are willing and able to support both in the church and wider community.

All clergy expenses are met in full.

## The Rectory

The rectory is a large, 4 bedroomed detached family property, situated by the grounds of Staveley Hall, adjacent to St John's church. Sitting in mature gardens, it has a large driveway with ample parking for several cars and a detached garage.

Inside, the entrance porch leads to a hallway offering access to a downstairs study and WC. Off the hallway is a large living room with an open fire and access to the garden. The dining room is to the rear of the living room and sliding doors offer the option of a more open living/dining space or separate dining area. At the back of the house is a kitchen which also offers access to the garden via a small courtyard area. Upstairs are 4 double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The rectory is within walking distance of local shops, amenities and businesses.

The team of retired clergy are keen to support within the parish, with regular services and activities, but also providing holiday cover to ensure time off to recharge.





# Contacts & Safeguarding

All members of the PCC and relevant Church Officers have undergone safeguarding training to the level required by the Diocese and have secured enhanced DBS clearance where appropriate.

The churches have an up-to-date safeguarding policy and the buildings are also health and safety compliant.

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