



# Priest in Charge in the Benefice of Chellaston

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## The Venerable Matthew Trick

Archdeacon of Derby and South

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There are two Chellastons in reality. There's the established village centre with all the amenities and community structures of a thriving village. There's also the major new housing area which, already substantial, continues to grow at pace. The post of Priest in Charge of Chellaston covers both contexts and offers a unique opportunity to develop new worshipping communities within the new housing context whilst calling out the gifting of the inherited church community at the centre of the village.

This is a church where gifted and committed laity are already responding missionally to the opportunities of new housing. Members of St Peter's Chellaston have taken part in diocesan training for church teams wanting to reach out to new housing contexts. Pop-up church has now become an established presence within the new housing developments and offers real opportunity to the next Priest in Charge to develop further.

There are already three primary schools, with a fourth due in 2025, and a secondary school. Chellaston presents a missional priest committed to a mixed ecology of inherited church alongside new worshipping communities with a wonderful opportunity for mission. To succeed in this role you don't have to be designated a pioneer but you do need to embrace pioneering ministry.

The Diocese of Derby takes the wellbeing of its clergy seriously. The new priest will join an active and supportive deanery chapter led by the Area and two Assistant Area Deans. There is an annual clergy conference alongside annual retreat and training grants.

Led by the Bishop's Leadership Team, the diocese has been developing an exciting and focused strategic plan, to fulfil its vision of the Kingdom of God: Good News for all. The appointed priest will join us at the start of that strategy coming to fruition in diocesan life.

As archdeacon, I welcome requests for informal conversations about this role and look forward to welcoming the appointed priest to the archdeaconry and diocese. Thank you for taking the time to read, reflect and pray through this profile. I recognise that any potential move is a costly discernment process and want to assure you of my prayers as you discern whether this is the right role for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Trick".

## The process of consultation with the congregation identified the following as being essential for the Vicar:

### Spiritual Attributes

- Gifts in preaching and teaching
- A prayerful, practical servant leader with strong faith

### Skills and Experience

- The skill to combine the roles of leader and manager.
- An ability to honour the old and look to the new whilst helping to guide us through change.
- An instinctive, ecumenical and collaborative team worker, and inclusive communicator who can positively engage across the age ranges
- Strong initiative and enthusiasm to grow the church

### Personal Characteristics

- An engaging, open and empathetic personality
- Actively listens, supports and encourages those around them
- Resilient, open to change, prepared to accept and offer support

## Desirable:

### Spiritual Attributes

- High energy to relate to and grow family and youth ministry
- Comfortable with both traditional and new forms of worship

### Skills and Experience

- Someone who can engage with the wider community, particularly the new housing, and be a visible presence in the parish





Chellaston is situated on the southern edge of Derby City Deanery within the Diocese of Derby and has a population of circa 16,000 as of the 2021 census. There are mentions of Chellaston from as early as 1009, with the village slowly growing over the centuries. Chellaston was once one of the largest producers of mined alabaster in the United Kingdom, with the Alabaster from the parish being used to form Nottingham Alabaster.

Chellaston is a mainly residential area, with a mix of traditional and modern housing. More recently, the village has been regenerated, with a number of new housing estates being built around the edges of the original village. Significant additional housing is currently being built, with circa 3000 additional houses expected to be completed over the coming ten years. The continuing urban development will most likely lead to Chellaston's parish boundaries being re-drawn in the near future, with the potential for the suburb population to grow to in excess of 25,000.

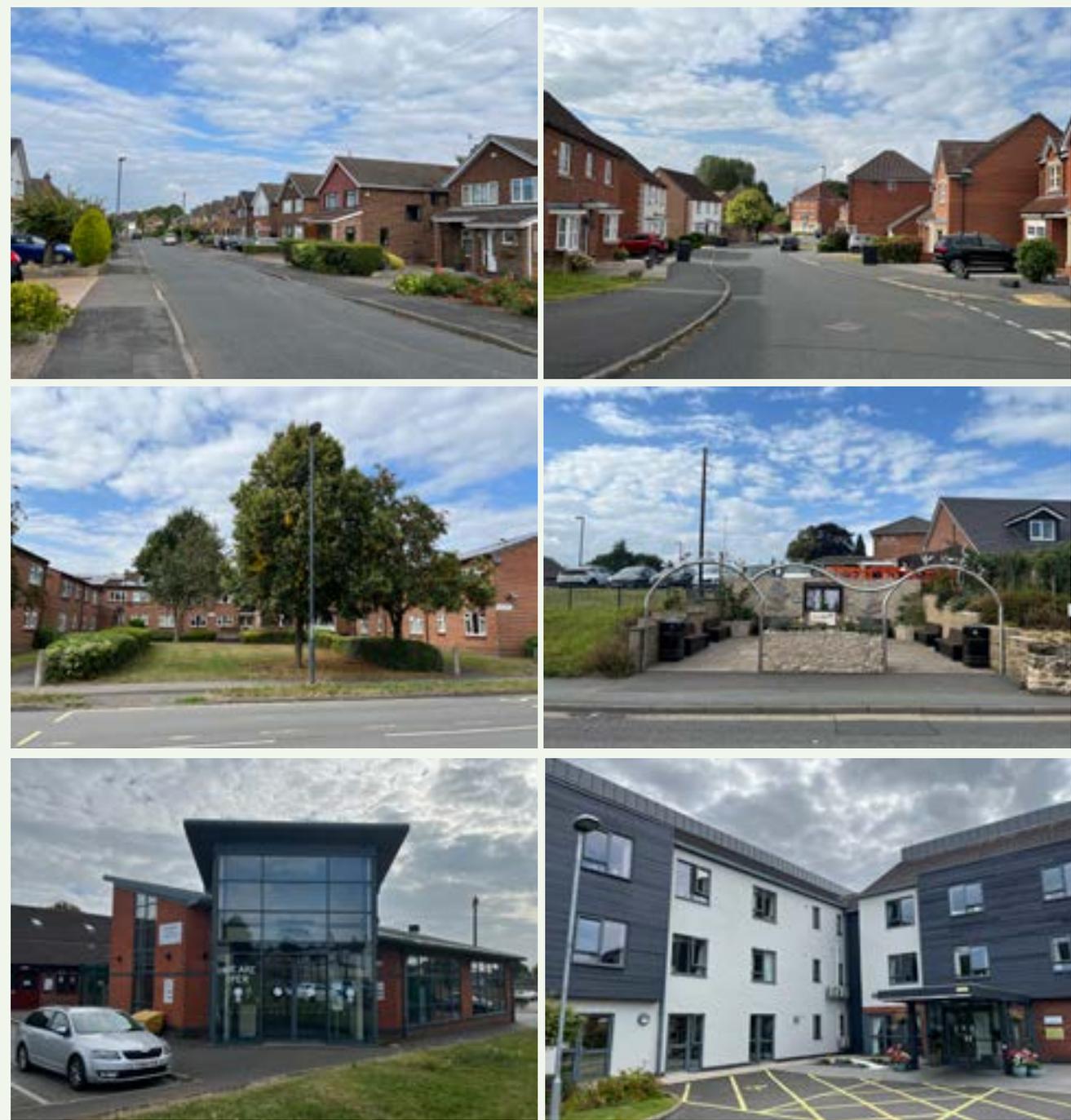
In addition to St. Peter's church there is a Methodist Church within the parish, and an active Churches Together in Chellaston initiative. Until recently, there was also St. Ralph Sherwin's Catholic church in the parish, whilst the congregation are still active the building was recently demolished.

The parish is served by two GP practices, three pharmacies and a dental practice. Chellaston has several supermarkets within the parish, and a range of independent local shops including a butcher's, Post Office, car garage, funeral directors, multiple take away restaurants, various hairdressing salons and three public houses. There is also a single working farm within the parish.

There is a Community Centre in the heart of the parish which is used by various community groups. A new community space – The Crossbar - has opened at the eastern edge of the suburb to run several sports clubs and a café, and St. Peter's also has a church hall building that may be used by the community. The Filbert Walk Community Rooms runs a Baby & Toddler Group (Mon), baby classes (Tues), a coffee morning and lunch (Sat). Within Chellaston there is an active Baden-Powell movement. The units take part in the annual Remembrance Sunday Service, and attend an annual Baden-Powell Carol Service in Church each December.

There are a number of active membership groups within Chellaston, including the Chellaston Players Amateur Dramatics Society who rehearse and perform in the Church Hall, a Community Choir that participate in the Remembrance Sunday service and other ad hoc services and events throughout the year, a History Group and the Women's Institute.

Local publications include Chellaston Choice magazine and the Facebook page Spotted Chellaston, both of which are used for communication when appropriate by St Peter's.





## **Within the parish boundary there are four primary schools;**

- Homefields ([www.homefields.derby.sch.uk](http://www.homefields.derby.sch.uk)),
- Chellaston Infants School ([www.chellastoninfants.co.uk](http://www.chellastoninfants.co.uk)),
- Chellaston Junior School ([www.cjs.derby.sch.uk](http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk))
- Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy ([www.chellastonfieldsspencer.com](http://www.chellastonfieldsspencer.com)).

## **There is also one secondary school;**

- Chellaston Academy ([www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk](http://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk)).

As part of the ongoing housing developments there will be a further primary school built (Infinity Park Spencer Academy due to open in 2025), and Chellaston Academy may be developed further to support the growing needs of the parish.

None of the schools are directly affiliated to St. Peter's Church, however the church has an active presence in all of the schools within the parish. "Tell me a story" (ecumenical) is run weekly at Chellaston Infants School, and the previous vicar delivered regular assemblies at Chellaston Infants School. All primary schools have visited the church recently to support their ongoing curriculum.

## **There are also multiple private day nurseries within the parish:**

- The Orchard Private Day Nursery; Derby Road
- Scallywags Private Day Nursery; Rowallan Way
- Playdays; Chellaston Community Centre



St. Peter's Church dates from at least the 13th century when mention of a gift "a gift by Alexander formerly Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield to Walter, Bishop of Karliol [Carlisle] of the church of Meleburn with its chapels of Chelardeston and Neuton" is made of it in a document in the Cumbrian County Record Office.

The responsibility for the church at Chellaston stayed with Melbourne until the late 19th century when the Reverend Joseph Hughes became the first resident incumbent at St Peter's, Chellaston, previously a curate had looked after the church. In 1842 a tower was built on the west side of the church.

St. Peter's operates with a Parochial Church Council (PCC). The PCC delegates authority to a number of sub-groups to discuss and propose recommendations to the PCC on specific matters. The sub-groups comprise:

- Ministry Group; including pastoral care
- Worship Group
- Fabric Group
- Church Hall Group
- Communications Group
- Green Group; working towards Bronze Eco Church status

The use of sub-groups allows the PCC to seek engagement from subject matter experts that are not part of the PCC as and when required. This enables the best quality proposals to be brought back to the PCC to be endorsed.

St. Peter's runs a number of voluntary groups including flowers, church cleaners, welcomers, deputy church wardens, readers and refreshments to enable the church to continue delivering its ministry and mission agenda.

**The current pattern of worship for a typical month is as follows:**

Day	Week in Month	Service
Sunday	1st	09:15 Breakfast followed by All Together Worship (followed by a short service of Holy Communion)
	2nd	10:00 Common Worship Holy Communion
	3rd	10:00 Common Worship Morning Worship (Blue Door Family Children's Ministry - meets in hall) (followed by a short service of Holy communion)
		18:00 Contemplative Service
	4th	10:00 Common Worship Holy Communion  14:00 PopUp Church in the community (including craft)
5th	10:00 Opportunity to explore other styles of worship	
Wednesday	All	09:15 Holy Communion in Lady Chapel
	4th	

Sunday morning services, where held in the church, are streamed to YouTube. A time of fellowship is offered for at home congregation over Zoom.

**Additional services are provided during Advent & Christmas as follows:**

Day	Service
Advent Sunday	10:00 Choir led Service
Sunday before Christmas Day	17:00 United Carol Service 19:00 United Carol Service
Christmas Eve	15:00 Crib Service 17:00 Crib Service 22:00 First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	10:00 All Together Worship with Carols

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**Afternoon Service Churches Together in Chellaston (CTiC) 5th Sundays**

An ecumenical service led by a member or a leader from each church (Anglican, Methodist' Roman Catholic) at which a 'bring-and-share' tea is served. Hymns/songs are sung.

**Additional services are provided during Lent as follows and are streamed to YouTube:**

Day	Service
Ash Wednesday	09:15 Holy Communion including Ashing 19:00 Holy Communion including Ashing
Mothering Sunday	10:00 All Together Holy Communion
Palm Sunday	10:00 Holy Communion shared with Methodist Chapel, including a procession between churches



**Additional services are provided during Holy Week as follows and are streamed to YouTube:**

Day	Service
Monday	19:00 Agape Supper to complete Lent Groups
Tuesday	19:00 Contemplative Service
Wednesday	19:00 Contemplative Service
Maundy Thursday	19:00 Holy Communion, Stripping of the Alter, The Vigil and Compline
Good Friday	12:00 - 15:00 Last Hours at the Foot of the Cross 19:00 Choir led service
Easter Eve	19:00 Service of Light
Easter Sunday	10:00 All Together Holy Communion

St Peter's celebrates all major Festivals, holds a Remembrance Service and a Memorial Service every year, and occasional services e.g. a Pet Service.

In addition to the above we also host an annual Scouts and Guides Carol Service and the Green Group organise various services through the year reflecting green concerns (the church is working towards Eco Church Status). Home Communion is administered when required by a small team of people.

**Services previously offered:**

- Homefields School was the venue for a Sunday morning Family Service 15+ years ago.
- Café Praise style services
- BCP HC
- Songs of Praise
- Messy Church
- Choral Evensong (occasionally still held)





## Life Events Ministry

### Baptisms

Currently take place on the Second and Third Sundays of the month. In 2024 there were 15 Baptisms.

### Confirmations

A Confirmation Service was held at St Peter's in 2022 and in 2024 a candidate from St Peter's was confirmed at the Cathedral.

### Weddings

In 2024 there were 3 weddings.

### Funerals

In 2024 there were 10 funerals held in church and a further 13 at local Crematoriums.

### St. Peter's Church runs a wide array of mission and ministry initiatives as part of its community outreach programme:

- Weekly Warm Space Coffee Morning
- Monthly Cake and Company Afternoon
- Monthly St. Peter's Poppets Pre-School Afternoon
- Monthly service at Bluebell Park Care Home
- Summer and Christmas Holiday Club with Methodist Church
- Patronal Festival & Church Summer Fair
- Nativity Festival and Church Christmas Fair
- Distribution of knitted angels through parish at Christmas
- Regular Prayer Walks
- Prayer Group and Bible Study
- Pastoral Visiting by the Ministry Group
- Participation in Churches Together in Chellaston (CTiC)
- Annual Spirit of Chellaston Festival stall via CTiC
- Affiliated with local Air Cadet Squadron
- Tearfund Toilet twinning
- Charitable collections and donations (foodbank, shelters, etc.)

Details of these initiatives can be found on the St. Peter's 'A Church Near You' webpage.

# The Ministry Team at St. Peter's:

- Revd Norma Bracewell – PTO since 2017
- Rachel Harrison – Reader since 2011
- Lesley Nelson – Reader since 2001
- Amanda Sandland – Reader since 2011
- Alison Henshaw – Reader since 2023

More information about the Ministry team can be found on St. Peter's 'A Church Near You' webpage.

## Mission Action Plan

Currently St. Peter's is without a Mission Action Plan. The PCC is looking for the new vicar to work with them to develop a Mission Action Plan that will help guide the church through its next chapter.



## The Vicarage

The vicarage is a new build set in the heart of the rapidly expanding community of Chellaston. The vicarage is a new build set in the heart of the rapidly expanding community of Chellaston. Plot 554, 'The Tuscany', is a 4 bedroom modern home excellently suited to families. It has an open plan kitchen with integrated kitchen appliances, dining area with french doors to rear garden, utility, study, cloakroom and front facing living room. It has a family bathroom and an ensuite to one of the bedrooms. It has solar panels fitted contributing to low running costs due to its energy efficiency.

More information on the home is available here [www.ashberryhomes.co.uk/new-homes/west-midlands/chellaston-fold/the-tuscany-4-bedroom-detached-home](http://www.ashberryhomes.co.uk/new-homes/west-midlands/chellaston-fold/the-tuscany-4-bedroom-detached-home)

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## The Church Hall

The Church Hall is to the south of the church. It has a large main room that includes a stage area, smaller room immediately adjacent to the main room, fully equipped kitchen with serving hatches to the main and adjacent rooms. There is also a choir room, youth room and accessible toilet in the building. The Parish Office is also situated within the Church Hall, and has a rear door to provide private access to the office.



St Peters Chellaston benefits from a very supportive congregation and regular income from the hire of the church hall, which have contributed to it being able to support its expenditure. The Church and Hall finances are controlled by two volunteer treasurers; the accounts are kept separate and this enables the income from the hall to be clearly reported and managed.

The Church finances, like so many others, were significantly impacted by the Pandemic. We joined the Parish Giving Scheme in 2020 to help maintain donations whilst services were held on Zoom and this has developed over the past 3 years. We recognise that increasing our congregational planned giving and community giving will be vital to ensure our future financial security. We have also taken the opportunity to publicise online giving methods via A Church near You and QR codes linking to our Give A Little page throughout the church. We have recently installed a card machine in church. Thanks to the well managed finances of the Church Hall, it was possible to transfer money from its reserves and support the Church in making 100% contribution to the Parish Share in 2020 and 50% contribution in 2021 and 2022. We returned to paying the full contribution (£45,165) in August 2023. Planned Giving is returning to pre Pandemic levels but this has only ever contributed around 55% of the Parish Share.

The Church Treasurer has also introduced Quickbooks which enables us to provide accounting information more readily. The Church and Hall accounts are audited by an independent accountant. The Hall employs a part time Caretaker and the Hall Treasurer manages this payroll.

The Church holds Legacy reserves of £39,520 and £3,340 (Ted Willows) restricted for repairs/maintenance on the Church Bells. Fund raising events have been more limited in the past three years but the annual Summer Fair/Patronal Festival usually raises sufficient funds to pay our annual Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Some legacy monies as well as a Grant were used to pay for the Screens into Church project, providing four screens and associated computer technology. Sunday Church services are now routinely streamed to the internet, the screens display what is happening in church in areas with poor sightlines, as well as showing any text needed by the congregation during the service and during songs or hymns. Roof repairs to the church were completed in 2024. Consideration was given to an extension to the Church to provide toilet facilities; the Toilet Project was initiated in 2019 but has been put on hold given the pandemic. It is a scheme we would very much like to progress but recognise that a wider review of Church facilities and what should be prioritized should be considered.

The Church Hall has been used regularly in the past 20 years by a local Pre-School Group, securing a regular income alongside hires for local community groups and private events. The Pre-School closed in July 2022, due to reducing numbers and the challenges of meeting the government provision of hours/charges. New regular and occasional hirers continue to be booked and improvements made to the hall including a new cooker and installation of Wi-Fi.

### **Charitable Giving:**

We have supported the following charities in the past year – Embrace, Water Aid, Ukraine Appeal, Tearfund, Turkey/ Syrian Earthquake.

# St Peter's Church and Hall Chellaston

## Finance Summary 2023

<b>Income</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Total</b>
Giving & Gift Aid	34,039		34,039
Income from Church Services / Events	9,656		9,656
Donations and legacies	1,500		1,500
Income from Fundraising	3,891		3,891
Grants	1,000		1,000
Hall Hire / Trading		15,732	15,732
Other income	1,204		1,204
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51,290</b>	<b>15,732</b>	<b>67,022</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parish Share	33,875		33,875
Heat Light Power	5,702	3,990	9,692
Cost of Services (organ etc)	10,247		10,247
Screens into Church			0
Insurance	1,865	1,400	3,265
Building Mtce	4,094	8,442	12,536
Other costs	4,364	5,597	9,961
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,147</b>	<b>19,429</b>	<b>79,576</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>-8,857</b>	<b>-3,697</b>	<b>-12,554</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>67,710</b>	<b>43,901</b>	<b>110,801</b>