

# Rector of the Benefice of Killamarsh and Renishaw

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**THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL**

# The Venerable Karen Hamblin

Archdeacon of East Derbyshire

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Welcome to the profile for St. Giles', Killamarsh and St. Matthew's, Renishaw and thank you for taking the time to consider whether this may be where God is calling you.

These 2 Parishes, right at the northern tip of the Archdeaconry in the North East Derbyshire Deanery and close to Sheffield are looking for someone who will come and lead them courageously, sharing their hopes and dreams and looking to see vision become reality.

Both Parishes demonstrate areas of fragility on paper but their commitment, faithfulness, hard-work and emerging vision are so encouraging and of God, that I believe the right person will see growth happen if they can weave all of that together to focus on God's call for these places at this time.

The Diocesan Vision gives a clear steer for renewed Mission Action Planning across the Benefice and is the right place to start for a new Incumbent getting to know both people and community, setting a direction of travel for what is to come.

There are some very real challenges including the need to engage with areas of multiple deprivation within the Parishes alongside areas of new housing.

The ministry in Primary Schools (both Church of England and Community Schools) is, as you will see, welcomed and flourishing and could be developed further, especially if working with the neighbouring Parishes and their Incumbent along with the Growing Faith agenda were to be actively pursued.

A recent legacy has brought some financial respite and careful, prayerful consideration will need to be given as to how this is used.

The North East Deanery (1 of 8 in the Diocese) has an active and engaged Synod and a supportive and pro-active Chapter and leadership Team who are looking forward to welcoming a new colleague and working alongside them to see transformed lives, growing churches and communities built up and strengthened in this post-industrial context.

I would welcome a conversation if you would like to be in touch and will be praying for you as you consider applying.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen".

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Archdeacon's Welcome

# Introduction – St Giles Church, Killamarsh and St Matthew’s Church, Renishaw

Our shared Benefice vision statement for a number of years has been:

**“To be Christ in Church and Community”**

**“Love one another, as I have loved you” John 13:34**

We are two distinct parishes with individual PCCs and finances within one joint benefice. St Giles is located in Killamarsh, and St Matthew the Apostle (known as St Matthew’s) is in Renishaw; both large villages with an industrial heritage in the district of North East Derbyshire, and each very much having their own identity and history. We are located 3.5 miles apart and have a longstanding association, especially since becoming a joint benefice.

During this time we have shared Incumbents and lay ministers. Although we have individual PCCs we also meet together regularly as a Joint PCC. We are looking for a full-time stipendiary Priest to minister to the two parishes and across both villages. The parishes are located in the North East Derbyshire Deanery and the East Derbyshire Archdeaconry.

## We are looking for someone

- With a deep faith, who has a resilient prayer life, is grounded and ready to meet the challenge of widening and deepening discipleship and prayer across both our churches and beyond.
- With enthusiasm, energy and a real ‘people person’ with the ability to listen well.
- Who is accessible and able to communicate effectively with people, young and old, in our congregations and communities.
- Who is forward-thinking, open to new ideas and has the vision to work with our whole congregation in both parishes to nurture church growth and develop meaningful connections and outreach within our communities, especially with young families and local schools.



Who we are looking for

## What we can offer

- Welcoming, warm and faithful congregations in both churches.
- A ministry team of two lay readers/LLMs and a retired priest with PTO, as well as another retired priest who has been active during the vacancy who lives outside the benefice.
- Committed and dedicated PCCs who are open and receptive to change, new ideas and initiatives which could help to spread the gospel message within our communities.
- Recently updated and well-maintained facilities for community outreach in each parish, such as the Community Room and newly refurbished kitchen at St Matthew's and St Giles Church Hall and Parish Office in Killamarsh.
- A recently and extensively refurbished church building at St Giles.
- Good existing links and established relationships with a range of people within the wider community and local schools including St Giles Church of England Primary School in Killamarsh.



## Our challenges

- Our congregations have reduced in number over recent years, especially since the Covid Pandemic, and include fewer people from middle-aged or younger age groups and families.
- We have a need for more people from our existing church family to become involved in the life and work of the church beyond worship on Sunday. There is a dedicated but small group of volunteers which organises and runs events or initiatives. This limits the scope and scale of what we are able to achieve currently and has led to volunteers taking on multiple roles.
- To revisit and review our Mission Action Plan together, growing in good communication and collaboration across the Parishes.
- To build productive links with other churches with neighbouring parishes, as well as churches from other Christian denominations, looking for what can be done better together.

## Our opportunities

- We are churches with the potential for growth in both numbers and discipleship.
- The opportunity to nurture people with a range of varied skills and potential within our church community to enable them to offer their time, energy and input to grow the church.
- Our communities are growing villages with new housing and increasing populations.
- The opportunity to develop further existing embedded community links.
- The opportunity to grow the existing strong and positive working relationships with local schools and their staff, parents and pupils.
- We are fortunate to have recently received a bequest of £90,000 (unrestricted use) which we hope will help us fund new initiatives.



## Our hopes and dreams for the future

- There are areas of deprivation and social challenges (such as cost of living difficulties, crime, drug abuse and disaffection) in both Killamarsh and Renishaw. Both villages have areas of social housing as well as privately rented or owned housing. Our hope is to be more involved in active ministry across these different areas of the community through restarting previously successful initiatives such as Holiday Breakfast Club and Messy Church.
- We would very much like to begin exploring new ways of being church through Lego Church or Bubble Church sessions (a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, 30 minute family Sunday service for families to worship together) held in church or the church hall to engage with young families (<https://www.churchofengland.org/30-bubble-churches-launching>).
- We are keen to look at possibilities such as re-forming a church choir as a way to involve young people, parents and local schools and develop participation in more accessible services such as Sunday teatime worship.
- As we have quite a large number of Life Events services, we would like to form better connections with families through offering events such as Baptism anniversary parties or bereavement ministry by running 'The Bereavement Journey' course, perhaps in conjunction with local funeral directors.
- We would like to make better use of the wonderful heritage of both churches to develop links with the community through events that celebrate or commemorate local history as well as national events. Killamarsh has an active Heritage Society that could be involved in this.



## North East Derbyshire Deanery



Map of the Parish of Killamarsh, St Giles:

<https://arcg.is/1CbqHO0>

Map of the Parish of Renishaw, St Matthew:

<https://arcg.is/1T58uD2>

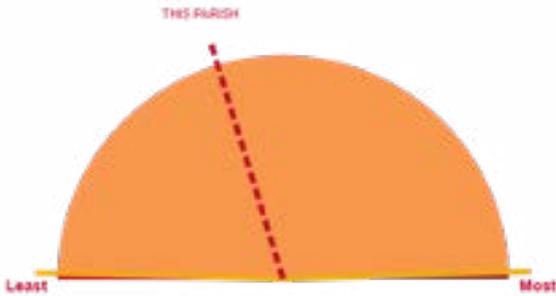
Map of the Benefice location

## Parish of Killamarsh

Killamarsh: population: 9313

Overall deprivation: 7266 out of 12239 (where 1 is the most deprived parish)

This means that the parish is around average on the deprivation scale for parishes in the country.



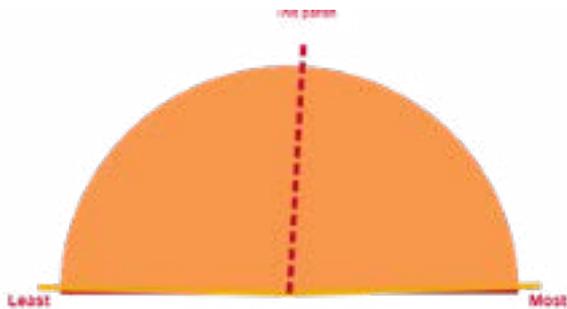
Source: Church Urban Fund (<https://cuf.org.uk/parish/120068>)

## Parish of Renishaw

Renishaw: population: 2676

Overall deprivation: 5901 out of 12239 (where 1 is the most deprived parish)

This means that the parish is around average on the deprivation scale for parishes in the country.



Source: Church Urban Fund (<https://cuf.org.uk/parish/120065>)

It is noted that both our parishes have particular areas of social housing and household deprivation (see English Indices of Deprivation for more details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/english-indices-of-deprivation>

See Appendix 1 for our Parish Dashboards.

## **Parish of Killamarsh**

There are three schools in the Parish: [St Giles Church of England Primary School](#), [Killamarsh Junior School](#) and [Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School](#) (click for links to school websites).

During our vacancy, Revd Andy Walker of St Peter and St Paul Church in the neighbouring parish of Eckington is currently an Ex-Officio Governor of St Giles School. Harvest Services were held last September and further services are planned for the current school year. The church has been in contact in previous years with Killamarsh Infant and Junior Schools but these contacts need to be renewed.

## **A note from Mr Matt Loader**

Executive Head of St Giles Church of England  
Primary School:

There are a number of qualities which we are looking for in the new incumbent of St Giles Church: namely, someone who all, including children, sees as kind, caring, loving and fun. We hope for someone who would be part of the fabric of the school so that the church and school are part of one family; someone who would be warm and welcoming with staff and parents, as well as with children of all ages.

We would like someone who can lead and hold acts of worship in school, bearing in mind the age range of our children, from under 5s to 11, and be able to connect with all pupils. Acts of worship should be clearly linked back to the Bible and that link should enable and encourage pupils to connect with God and Jesus. We are looking for an incumbent who can communicate well with children, visit classes and take part in lessons, especially Religious Education, which they may wish to advise on and support on occasions. We would like someone who can connect with parents and to be non-judgmental and approachable in an area that has a number of social challenges, including cost of living difficulties, crime, drug abuse, disaffection and so on.

Overall the new incumbent would ideally be someone who will bring fresh ideas, welcomes and supports inclusive ministry, can get children thinking deeply, someone who is able to make church attractive, and help all adults and children to spiritually flourish.

## **School Governor**

The head teacher of St Giles Church of England Primary School, Mr Matt Loader, has advised that the new incumbent will be an ex-officio member of the Local Academy Committee and would also perform Link Governor roles as well as being someone who can support and challenge leaders.

## Parish of Renishaw

Renishaw has one school within the village: Renishaw Primary School (<https://www.renishawprimary.org.uk/>), which is a community state school providing education for 196 (capacity 210) pupils aged 3-11 years.

Over the last few years we have seen our relationship with the school grow into something that has been nurturing, successful and worthwhile. The Head teacher, Mr Fuller, is a great advocate of St Matthew's and encourages the strengthening of the relationship between the pupils, families and church to the benefit of the community. One of our Readers has continued the relationship that had been developed under our previous incumbent, with PCC members also being an active part of school life.

## A note from Mr Simon Fuller

Head teacher of Renishaw Primary School

"Renishaw Primary School has enjoyed a long standing and positive relationship with St Matthews Church for the last eleven years. In this time, I believe the relationship between two of the most important aspects of Renishaw community life has gone from strength to strength despite the community going through some significant adversity during this time. COVID, flood and substantial loss to both the church and the school during recent times has cemented the bond that exists within the community and has seen the very best come from the parish. As a school we are very keen for this to continue as we feel that it very much endorses our school motto of, WE'RE ALL RENISHAW AREN'T WE?

When I first came to the school back in 2013, I remember sharing my vision of how I wanted the school and the other significant aspects of the community, to come together to create a supportive, spiritual, moral and wellbeing network for children and their families to develop a sense of togetherness and pride. This is what I believe makes Renishaw such a special and caring place and it is through these bonds that have helped the school and the wider community to continue to pull together and bring out the very best in human kindness.

The church has been used as a refuge for the school in times when it has had to evacuate because of gas and fire alerts and similarly, volunteers and members of the church have always been welcomed to school events and it is very much hoped that this can continue, despite Reverend Helen and Father Michael moving on.

From Remembrance Sunday Services to assemblies, to Christmas, Harvest and Easter events as well as simply working together and just being there to support our families, I feel the opportunities for collaborative work going forward are endless especially with society in so much need of mutual support. The chance to build on the successes of the past should be seized without hesitation. St Matthews is always welcome to our school and long may it remain that way."

Our hope is that both our churches will work more collaboratively with the local schools, for example, offering spaces for school events, providing RE lessons, supporting community projects and fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. It is also hoped that the partnership with St Giles School will continue to

St Giles C of E School's Head Teacher spoke to groups of pupils asking for their views on the qualities and skills they would like to see in a new incumbent. Below are their responses.

- someone who is kind, nice, respectful.
- who makes worship interesting but fun and involves children playing parts/acting/leading and participating.
- someone they can talk to and who will listen to them.
- someone who will help them to understand their relationship with God and their place in God's world.





St Giles Church is a longstanding historical and spiritual presence within the community of Killamarsh although the church building itself is located outside of the centre of the village.

We would describe ourselves as a broad church family which provides a warm welcome to both lifelong Christians and newcomers, both from our local community and further afield.

We have a traditional church building located in the older residential part of the village and a large church hall built in the 1960's and situated near a large former National Coal Board housing estate.

The church building itself was extensively refurbished in 2018 with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Church Hall was upgraded in recent years to provide disabled access and facilities.

Our vision statement is 'To be Christ in Church and Community,' and as part of this we seek to work with the vision of the Derby Diocese Diocesan Vision to:

- To see transformed lives:
- through growing church
- and building community

As part of our Mission Action Plan (which follows the Anglican Communion's 'Five Marks of Mission'), we offer a range of different initiatives which seek to engage with the community, to bring the knowledge and love of Christ and to foster growth in our worshipping community.

Our current congregation has reduced in number following the Covid Pandemic and, in common with many churches our demographic is generally older than the parish

as a whole.

We, therefore, recognise that there is potential for growth in the worshipping community across all age groups at St Giles. We are looking for someone who will provide forward-thinking leadership and prayerful discernment in helping us to revisit our MAP and prioritise how we can bring the message of the gospel to more people in our parish. We have a small but enthusiastic PCC and a core group of volunteers who work with drive and energy on our existing mission activities; however, we would like to expand that group to include more members of the congregation and community.

We seek someone who can inspire and facilitate people to become more involved in the life and work of Christ's church and who will recognise and nurture the gifts of the Holy Spirit within our church family.

## **Our identity as a worshipping community**

Our church identity and worship is:

- Mid-way or central in the Church of England tradition.
- Generally traditional and Eucharistic.
- Vestments are worn, the liturgy is generally spoken and the Sacrament in reserved in church.
- Follows and marks the seasons of the liturgical year using Common Worship and celebrates the services of Holy Week and the Triduum in full.
- Seeks to be open and welcoming to people of all ages, including families with young children.
- Encourages a regular time of fellowship and refreshments after our Sunday service.
- Offers a more informal Service of the Word welcoming families in particular and



includes children's activities as part of the worship.

## Our Community

Killamarsh is a large village in North East Derbyshire which borders Rotherham to the north and Sheffield to the north-west and Chesterfield approximately 10 miles to the south. It has a busy village centre and a strong sense of community with a population of just under 10,000 people.

Killamarsh is mentioned in the Domesday Book as 'Chinewoldmaresc.' Although originally a farming community, in the 19th and 20th centuries Killamarsh became a coal mining village supplying coal to the fast-growing Sheffield iron industry.

The village has three schools: St Giles Church of England Primary, Killamarsh Infants and Killamarsh Juniors. There are two churches in addition to St Giles, Killamarsh Methodist Church and Ebenezer Gospel Hall. Amenities in the village include a library, medical Centre, pharmacy, Killamarsh Active Leisure Centre, public houses and a range of shops. The St Giles Church Hall is another much-used facility in the village (see Church Hall section).

Killamarsh has good transport links to both Chesterfield and Sheffield by bus and the Supertram terminus at nearby Halfway. It is a short drive to the M1, making the village popular with commuters.





## **Our vision**

To grow our presence within the community and to become somewhere reliable, forward-thinking and compassionate. To be a safe space for people to feel welcome. To spread the word of God through our acts of kindness within the community, not just through our voices.

## **Our identity as a worshipping community**

Similar to St Giles, our worship is generally traditional and Eucharistic. Our services seek to be open and welcoming to people of all ages including families with young children (we have a small area at the back of the church with resources). A regular time of fellowship and refreshments follow our Sunday service. Our congregation is small, but generous. We are given a lot of support by the community, including by those who do not regularly attend services.

St Matthew's and St Giles share a good working relationship. Both now have only one church warden after previously having two, but help each other out as much as possible.

## Our Community

Renishaw is a village in the north-east of Derbyshire and is part of the civil parish of Eckington. The church of St Matthew's is found on the main road through Renishaw and behind it is a large council estate that was originally built in the 1950's to accommodate the workers of the Renishaw Park Colliery and the large iron works. The village appeared in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Ravenshorn. Originally it was an agricultural village but iron founding may have started here as early as the 11th Century.

The Renishaw Ironworks, founded in the 17th Century, was the main employer in the village until its closure in the late 1990's. Another employer was the Renishaw Park Colliery. In recent years new housing has been built and the village is popular with commuters with its proximity to the M1.

Renishaw has its own GP surgery, pharmacy, primary school, local co-op, miners' welfare, convenience store and community centre. The Sitwell Arms is a popular hotel and wedding venue. To the North West and bordering on Eckington is Renishaw Hall and Gardens, the home of the Sitwell Family for the last 400 years.

For more information, visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renishaw,\\_Derbyshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renishaw,_Derbyshire)



## Worship Pattern

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Regular Services                           | St Matthew's Church                         | St Giles Church                             |
| Holy Communion                             | 10am - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month | 10am - 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month |
| Service of the Word                        | 10am - 2nd Sunday of the month              | 10am - 1st Sunday of the month              |
| Weekday Holy Communion (currently on hold) | 9am - 1st Tuesday of the month              | 9.30am Wednesday                            |

Note: We recognise that both service times and frequency will need to change when a new incumbent is appointed.

## Church Attendance - St Giles' Church

In 2024, St Giles Church had 20 people on the Electoral Roll and a worshipping community of 29.

| Service   | Type   | Attendance (in 2024)          |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Sunday - 10am   | Holy Communion                                   | average 16 adults and 1 child |
| Easter Day  | Holy Communion                                   | 35                            |
| Special Services from Advent Sunday until 23 December | E.g. Christmas Tree Service, Carol Services etc. | 34                            |
| Christmas Eve and Christmas Day                       | Holy Communion                                   | 28                            |

## Church Attendance - St Matthew's Church

St Matthew's Church currently has 14 people on the Electoral Roll and a worshipping community of 13.

| Service   | Type   | Attendance (in 2024)             |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Sunday - 10am   | Holy Communion                                   | Average 12 adults and 2 children |
| Easter Day  | Holy Communion                                   | 22                               |
| Special Services from Advent Sunday until 23 December | E.g. Christmas Tree Service, Carol Services etc. | 88                               |
| Christmas Eve and Christmas Day                       | Holy Communion                                   | 44                               |

## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

### St Giles' Church

| Year | Baptisms        | Weddings | Funerals                  | Burial of Ashes |
|------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 2023 | 15 (& 1 adult)  | 3        | 20 (& 2 at a crematorium) | 2               |
| 2024 | 13 (& 2 adults) | 4        | 15                        | 3               |

### St Matthew's Church

| Year | Baptisms | Weddings | Funerals                 | Burial of Ashes |
|------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2023 | 1        | 0        | 4                        | 1               |
| 2024 | 2        | 0        | 3 (& 1 at a crematorium) | 1               |

We encourage couples and their families to join us for the services when Banns are read and we encourage families to attend at least one service prior to arranging a baptism. Families also attend a preparation session before the baptism service.



## St Giles Church, Killamarsh

### Mission Activities

As part of our Mission Action Plan (see Appendix 2) we offer a number of activities and initiatives which aim to engage with the local community in Killamarsh.

- Weekly Warm Space group in St Giles Church Hall offering a warm welcome to all, a safe space and an opportunity to meet others with refreshments provided.
- Killamarsh Healthy Community Activities hosted in the Church Hall offering well-attended free craft and local history sessions
- Regular community craft events with a Christian theme are held in the Church Hall such as 'Discover Easter' (attended by about 80 people).
- An annual Harvest Lunch held in the Church Hall raising funds for Father Georges in Madagascar (an initiative supported by St Giles Church over a number of years which is on hold during the Vacancy).
- Regular heritage-related activities in the church such as the annual Heritage Open Days.
- St Giles Bells Project which repaired and restored our church bells and which aims to build community links.
- Pastoral visits to nursing homes in the village and Home Communion visits offered to those unable to come to church.



**Warm Spaces**  
ST GILES CHURCH HALL,  
KILLAMARSH

Tea, coffee & biscuits.  
Soups, pastries & toast!  
All Welcome!

Starting Tuesday 22nd October and continuing every Tuesday 1pm until 3pm



A collage of four images: top-left shows hands holding coffee cups; top-right shows a person drinking from a cup; bottom-left shows a coffee cup on a tray with a small plant; bottom-right shows a hand stirring a mug.

- Christmas Tree Festival during which the church family, businesses and organisations in the village decorate a tree in church and present information about their group or business. An opportunity to engage with visitors who are seeing the church perhaps for the first time.
- St Giles Community Shop for a number of years provided affordable new and nearly-new clothing and other items but has recently had to close. The PCC is looking at alternative arrangements to replace this facility.
- New & Nearly New Clothing Sale held annually in the Church Hall to raise funds for the Church with the help of local volunteers.

## **Comments from the leader of our 'Warm Spaces Group' that meets weekly in St Giles Church Hall:**

"Warm Spaces is an event we run in the Church Hall every Tuesday afternoon. We provide hot and cold refreshments free of charge to the vulnerable people in our village. It enables the lonely and elderly an opportunity to leave their homes and mix with friends, both old and new. It is run by a very dedicated team of volunteers who are now well known to everyone who attends.

We originally started the event to run from October through to April, helping with the winter months, but it proved so popular that the people who came asked if we could carry it through all year and that is what we do now.

When asked what people enjoy the most, it is that it gets them out of their houses and really helps them with loneliness.

We usually have around 22-24 people attend on average and, through word of mouth, the event is attracting people from outside the village."

## **Prayer & Bible Study**

Our Mission Action Plan has focused on nurturing and developing prayer and spirituality within our church community.

- Monthly Prayer Group which met at St Matthew's Church on Monday evenings pre pandemic.
- The World Day of Prayer has regularly been marked by an event at St Matthew's.
- Six session course on 'Exploring Prayer' attended by members of both churches.
- We take part in the annual 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative.
- Prayer cards, booklets offered in church for people to take away and books and DVDs available to borrow.
- Regular Bible study and discussion groups held including Lent and Advent courses.

## **Ecumenical links & wider mission**

- Close links with Killamarsh Methodist Church. An ecumenical Good Friday Walk of Witness held annually with members of both churches and people from the village.
- St Giles Church and local schools historically supported the work of Fr Georges and his congregation in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Currently, Killamarsh Methodist Church has the role of co-ordinator for raising funds for Fr Georges.
- Participated in Christian Aid Week with a Church Breakfast to raise funds for this appeal.



## St Matthew's Church, Renishaw

### Mission Activities

As per St Matthew's Mission Action Plan (see MAP section below), we hold events within our community in the hope that we can engage and grow people's relationship with Christ.

**Below are some examples of the church's activities and mission:**

- Strawberry Fayre.
- Christmas Fayre.
- Carols by Candlelight.
- Crib Service on Christmas Eve.
- A Christingle Service in conjunction with Renishaw Primary and also a Festival of Trees.
- Opening of new equipment at Renishaw Primary and also representing St Matthew's at May Day and Christmas Festivities.
- Weekly Tuesday Coffee mornings (average 15 attendees) / 1st Saturday in the month coffee morning (average 25 plus attendees).
- Annual Macmillan Coffee Mornings raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

- The church was opened after the floods in 2023 to welcome members of the community who had been affected.
- Strong links to Renishaw Primary School, welcoming the school to dedicated Harvest festival services; D-Day and Armistice Day services at Renishaw War Memorial; inviting the local community to a 'Discover Easter' event which was attended by around 60 people.
- Christian booklets such as 'Meet the Cast' and other literature sent out to all of the pupils at Renishaw Primary for Easter and Christmas.
- Links to the local WW1 History Group and providing a space for local crafts and history groups to hold their events.

Some quotes from people attending Coffee Mornings and other special events at St Matthew's

"I look forward to coming, it's a chance to get out for a couple of hours and have a bit of company"

"I meet up with my friend and we have a chat. The church is halfway between our homes, so it's not far to walk".

"I enjoy all the events at church. Everyone is so welcoming and it's nice and warm, I wouldn't miss it. It's such a friendly atmosphere"

"Some days I wouldn't see anyone, so it's nice to come here. I know everyone so I feel comfortable".



## St Giles Church & St Matthew's Church

- A ministry team covering both churches including two licensed Readers and a retired Priest with PTO.
- Several regular visiting priests who assist with services and baptisms.
- Church members assist with readings, intercessions, administration of the chalice, altar serving and home communion visits.
- Two church wardens at both churches but sadly, following the death of two of our long-standing church wardens in 2024; we currently have one church warden at each church.
- One Parish Safeguarding Officer and one deputy responsible for safeguarding in both churches.
- Part-time Parish Administrator for both churches (role currently unfilled and due to be advertised).
- Supplementary administrative work carried out by PCC Secretaries, Church Wardens, Gift Aid Administrators and Web Editor.
- A treasurer who covers both churches.



Ben  
Reader



Jenny  
Church Warden



John  
Reader



Ann  
Church Warden



Revd Mike  
PTO

## St Giles Church, Killamarsh

### The Church Building

St Giles Church is a Grade II\* listed building refurbished in 2018 with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Killamarsh is recorded in the Domesday Book. There is no mention of a church at this time but there is evidence that this was a Christian community well before the Norman Conquest, as we have an earlier stone preaching cross just outside the present building.

The present church was started in the 12th century with the tower added in the 15th century and alterations made in the 19th century including the rebuilding of the chancel in the 1840s, a new high pitched roof for the nave and the addition of the north aisle and vestry in 1895.

(Excerpt from the heritage booklet entitled [‘The Parish Church of St Giles, Killamarsh – An Introduction & Guide’](#) produced by Mr John Hall, Reader and PCC Secretary)

### The Churchyard

As you leave the church, on your left is an 18th century memorial on the south wall to a 103 year old parishioner John Wright. If you then continue along the path, you will see the village stocks. Turning back to take your leave of the church, you will pass the preaching cross, a reminder that the Christian faith has been proclaimed here for centuries.

(Excerpt from the heritage booklet entitled ‘The Parish Church of St Giles, Killamarsh – An Introduction & Guide’ as above)



## The Church Hall

The Church Hall is a real asset to both the Church and local community, with a central location and a car park. Located on Sheepcote Road and next to the Rectory (S21 1DU), the hall has recently undergone a facelift which has given the space a more modern appearance.

The hall has a sprung dance floor, stage, modern kitchen facilities and toilet facilities including a disabled toilet. The former bar area was converted recently and is now an office for our parish administrator.

Currently we have regular bookings every weekday including

- Killamarsh Monday Dance Club.
- Michelle stepping out dance group.
- Gareth Kickboxing group.
- Killamarsh Dreams.
- KTR Karate.
- Warm Spaces.

The hall is also let for children's birthday parties on a regular basis and, since being redecorated, is attracting many new and returning people to use the hall again. All Church-led social events happen in the hall including the popular 'Warm Spaces' on a Tuesday afternoon offering a warm and safe space to enjoy fellowship together.



## St Matthew's Church, Renishaw

### Church building

St Matthew the Apostle, Main Road, Renishaw was consecrated in its current location in 1903. The interior of St Matthew's Church has changed over the years. A removable screen was installed portioning off part of the Church, making the main interior of the Church more manageable to heat in winter. The smaller side (Lady Chapel) was carpeted and is used as a community room where coffee mornings, external craft groups, craft fayres (i.e. Christmas Fayre/Harvest lunch etc.) are held.

The church has extensive grounds to the rear where our well-attended and successful Summer Fayres are held. There is also a small memorial plot.

We have a newly refurbished kitchen which we hope will increase demand for rental of the community room.

St Matthew's has a WW1 memorial within the church, and inside the porch a plaque is on display dedicated to the fallen. The church clock is also a memorial to those who died during WW1.



## What we will do for you

- Pray with you and for you.
- Honour your day off.
- Expect you to take your full annual leave, attend Clergy Conference and take time for Retreat and ongoing personal development (CMD).
- Pay your expenses in full.

## Mission Action Plan

See Appendix 2.

## Communication

Website – <https://www.stgiles-killamarsh.org/>

The website covers both St Giles and St Matthew's churches.

We maintain 'A Church Near You' pages for both churches.

Facebook page – St Giles Church, Killamarsh (includes St Matthew's Church).

A printed Monthly 'Pews News' (also available on our website).

Church-related news items published in local Doorsteppa publication.

## Finance

In common with many churches we have experienced financial challenges especially with the fall in church attendance post Pandemic and reduced levels of regular giving along with rising costs during the Cost of Living crisis. However, St Giles Church has recently received a bequest of £90,000 which does not have restrictions on its use.

| <b>Common Fund</b>                      | <b>St Giles Church,<br/>Killamarsh</b>                           | <b>St Matthew's Church,<br/>Renishaw</b>                        |
|---|--|---|
| Common Fund Request 2024                | £12,311  | £11,967   |
| Common Fund Paid 2024                   | £8000  | £2000   |
| Common Fund Request 2025                | £12,681  | £12,326   |
| Common Fund 2025 'hoped for' commitment | 65-70% including £100 monthly standing order to Diocese of Derby | 20-25% including £50 monthly standing order to Diocese of Derby |

See Appendix 3 – Finance for further details.



The Rectory is located on Sheepcote Road adjacent to the Church Hall, on the same road as St Giles Primary School and just off the main road that runs through Killamarsh.

It is a large four bedroom property with a living room, bathroom and downstairs lavatory, dining room and study.

Responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Rectory rests with the Diocese of Derby. During the vacancy, the Rectory has been redecorated, new carpets fitted and kitchen appliances replaced.

## How to Apply

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and to prayerfully consider whether this might be where God is calling you.

If a conversation would be helpful, please get in touch with one of the following:

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