



# Title Post

**Parish of: All Saints' and St Mary's Sawley**

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# General Information

<b>Parish:</b>	Sawley
<b>Deanery:</b>	South East Derbyshire
<b>Archdeaconry:</b>	East Derbyshire
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.parishofsawley.org">www.parishofsawley.org</a>
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Anne was Ordained in October 1995 and has been in post for 2 years. Areas of responsibility - Assistant Area Dean, Chaplain to local care home, school governor, Trustee of Long Eaton and Sawley Food Bank. Trained an SSM Curate.

## Ministry to date:

### **2013 – 2023 –Rector of the Benefice of Hutton and Locking- Bath and Wells Diocese**

Focus on children and young people – building links with local schools, school governor, launched Messy Church, supervised after school club worker.

Discipleship – Alpha, developed different ways of praying,

Enabling others – Ordinand on placement, encouraged lay ministry, supervised Reader in training

Community engagement – started a warm space

Chaplain for Discerning Calling and Assistant Area Dean.

### **2007 – 2013 Priest – in – Charge of the Benefice of Hutton and Locking - Bath and Wells Diocese**

Trained an SSM Curate.

### **1999 – 2006 - Minister to the Parish of South Gillingham, Kent – Rochester Diocese**

Ministry included preaching, leading worship, launched a successful lunch club, starting a family service, running Alpha, visiting and schools' work.

### **1995 – 1998 Curate at St John the Evangelist, Wembley, London – Willesden Area London Diocese**

This was a multi-cultural, multi-faith parish.

## The context: Sawley

Located in South East Derbyshire on the Leicestershire/ Nottinghamshire borders Sawley is predominantly a residential area. There is a population in excess of 14,000 and this is concentrated in the 30-44 age-group. The majority of housing is privately owned, with around 25% of accommodation in private or social rentals. The population is mainly white British and there are only 4% from other ethnicities. The church is part of the Estates Network. Deprivation is low.





- People are employed in a range of careers from professional and administrative (29%), to skilled trades
- Sawley is close to national and international transport routes, including the M1, M42 and East Midlands Airport. Long Eaton station, located in the parish, has direct trains to London and across the country. There are regular bus services into Long Eaton, Nottingham and Derby.
- Sawley has one Primary Academy and an Infant and Junior Academy, a Medical Centre, Parish Council, W.I. and Uniform groups.

## The Churches

We see ourselves as one Church, two buildings

All Saints has parts of which date from 11th century but it has been well-maintained and developed. It has capacity for 170 people.

St Mary's is a chapel-of-ease on the boundary with Long Eaton.

The churches are open Evangelical. Teaching and preaching is important.

Electoral roll number(s): 120 about a third attend from outside the parish.

# Pattern of Sunday worship

**St Mary's** 9am CW Morning Prayer/Holy Communion - 12 - 20 attend

## All Saints

10.30am 1st Sunday - Crafty Chatty Church in hall/ All - Age in church 50 - 70 attend. (Café style & All - Age.)

2nd & 4th Sundays Family Worship with Sunday Club 40 - 50+

3rd Sunday Family Communion with Sunday Club 40- 50+

There is Holy Communion every week in one of the churches – either Sunday or Wednesday.

**Weekday services at St Mary's:** Wednesdays at 9.30am CW Morning Prayer/Holy Communion 10 – 20 attend.

**Occasional Offices 2024 figures:** 5 baptisms, 10 weddings, 13 funerals in church, 2 funerals at crematorium, 9 interments.

**Team Members:** Revd Sam Dennis SSM Associate Minister , Paul Cavill (Reader), Chris Wilkins (Reader).







## Church life

- There is extensive lay involvement both in the church and in the community. Including church - 2 churchwardens, welcomers, readers, Intercessors, musicians, tech team, Sunday Club leaders, refreshments, homegroups leaders, Youth Café, Youth Saints, Buildings group, Events team, Eco Team, Treasurer, Fees Officer. Community– involvement in Food Bank, Wellbeing Café, Manna Affordable Food Boxes, Open the Book, Real Christmas/Easter, Experience Easter, volunteer Administrator.
- We have 4 homegroups and have just finished Alpha which is becoming a new group. We have a monthly church prayer meeting.
- Parochial organisations: Long Eaton and Sawley Food Bank, uniform groups, Canaan Trust, Parish Council, Knit and Natter group, Sawley Friendship group, Singing for the Brain.
- There is a Methodist church in the parish who we have contacts with. We are part of Long Eaton Churches Fellowship.

## Mission and Ministry

- Schools - We are involved in our three schools, taking assemblies, Open the Book and welcoming classes into church
- Care homes - We hold a monthly service in the local Care Home.
- Youth Café - attracts youngsters in the community
- A dementia Wellbeing café is run by the church.
- Manna Affordable Food Boxes are run by the church for the local community.
- Food and Friends a community warm space is held every Friday.



## Opportunities for development

We have been focusing on Growing Faith and it would be good to look at how best we engage with families with young children. We have started a new youth group, which we want to grow and develop. We also have an area of ex- council/social housing which it would be good to reach out to.

## Future plans

A church run after school drop for parents at the Junior School starts in January 2026. We are also looking at how we can gather the men together for events, socials etc. We are working towards an Eco Church Gold Award. The Mission Action Plan is being reviewed and renewed in November.

## Vision and Priorities

Our vision is to reach out to all ages and be welcoming to everyone with the love of Jesus and we seek to do this by being a prayerful and welcoming church at the heart of the community.

We are currently reviewing our Mission Action Plan and see are priorities as:

- building up in teaching, prayer and pastoral care the current members
- Seeking to grow the existing church through Alpha
- Occasional offices
- Community events





## How does the incumbent understand the role of training?

Anne sees the role of TI as offering support, training and guidance in all areas of ministry.

- To allow the curate to take initiative and give support in exploring new areas.
- To encourage the curate to find their own identity as an ordained person in ministry.
- To help the curate to grow in confidence, to grow spiritually and to flourish in what they do and who they are.

## What is the likely role of the curate in future plans?

To begin the curate would be involved in all aspects of church life, and then together we would seek to discern areas for development with a focus on Growing Faith.





**If you would be interested in exploring this post further, please contact either:**

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