

Priest in Charge of Bakewell with Over Haddon, Ashford-in-the Water with Sheldon, Rowsley and Longstone with Wardlow

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

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Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales



I am delighted that you are interested in finding out more about this unique and exciting post. We are looking for an enthusiastic priest with a pastoral heart and passion for maximising missional opportunities in rural communities with significant numbers of visitors. Someone who can work collaboratively within a new grouping maintaining the identity and diversity of the churches' identities, theology and traditions while reaching out to those currently beyond the churches reach.

We are praying for someone who will work inclusively, love people, recognise and seize opportunities, balance tradition and innovation, engage creatively and missionally, sustain existing church life, develop lay ministries and form new partnerships aiming in all things to bring new people to faith.

There is significant potential for mission building on the work with schools, reaching out to the growing community of newly retired people moving into the area and through developing outreach in the areas of tourism, pilgrimage, the environment and agriculture.

We are seeking a leader who can inspire others to use their gifts and work in partnership to transform lives through growing church and building community. This role brings Longstone and Wardlow into the existing Bakewell benefice so investing in relationship building, considering how best practice might be shared and what can be done together will be of vital importance to release energy for missional community engagement. We are praying for someone with the imagination and creativity to experiment with new and different models that in time will enable sustainable mission, ministry and governance.

You will find a willingness and energy to work in partnership with others and an aspiration to look outwards and grow the churches through generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love. You will find supportive engagement from retired clergy and laity and collaborative team working will be of fundamental importance.

At a pivotal time in the life of the Diocese of Derby, this role offers an innovative opportunity to work and model a new way of leading churches into growth through partnering across boundaries. Together we are committed to deepening relationships with God, serving our local contexts, challenging injustice and making new disciples. These churches have real potential to make a difference in our desire to prioritise growing younger, being greener and becoming more diverse.

So do read on and if you are wondering whether this might be where God is calling you, please contact me and request an informal conversation so I can answer any questions and we can begin exploring the possibility together.

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Revd Mark Griffin

Assistant area dean

The Bakewell Benefice stands in the south of the Peak Deanery, its busy market town of Bakewell and attractive partner villages are a considerable draw for locals and those from further afield, attracting a significant number of visitors. It is beautiful part of the world and a benefice that is moving forward into God's future.

The Peak Deanery stands at the north of the Diocese of Derby, and as well as looking south, parts of the deanery look towards Sheffield and Manchester. It has three larger towns – Bakewell, Buxton and Glossop, as well as a number of villages – some housing commuters, others more traditional rural based Peak villages but all with their own unique characteristics from centres of walking like Edale in the High Peak to estate villages like Edensor in the White Peak.

Although geographically large, the deanery works well, continuing to develop collaborative ministry and offering a sense of identity in a varied landscape. The clergy chapter meets about six times a year, giving collegiality and connection amidst the challenges of parish ministry.

You will find a supportive and encouraging group of lay and ordained colleagues in Peak Deanery as we share the task of building the Kingdom in our deanery.

Community Summary

We are a group of seven churches serving a total population of 5,805 people in the heart of the Peak District National Park.

Our parishes lie within commuting distances of several major cities. Bakewell is 13 miles from Chesterfield; 17 from Sheffield; 28 from Derby. Trains run between London and Chesterfield frequently, with typical journey times of less than two hours.

The Peak District is a treasured landscape of exceptional natural beauty, and home to some of England's finest stately homes. 31 million visitors come to Derbyshire every year and Bakewell is a top place to visit, especially at Christmas and many people come to sample a famous pudding or tart. Some visitors appreciate the architectural and historical significance of the churches which we aim to keep open as much as practicable. Others find a quiet escape from the busy world and a chance for peaceful reflection. Whilst others seek connections with their family history in our churchyards or learn about and experience our cultural heritage and customs – especially our annual Well Dressings.

Nearly 90 per cent of the National Park is farmland (there are around 1,800 farms) and agriculture provides one in every ten local jobs. The Agricultural Business Centre in our market town of Bakewell hosts one of the UK's top livestock markets, a farmers' market, and the annual Bakewell Country Festival, all of which link farming with other industries including the tourist economy.

Some residents commute into our nearby cities, but the Peak District has relatively high rates of home working. Rates of self-employment are double the national average, and a relatively large proportion of residents are employed in professional and senior managerial capacities. The largest sectors of employment are hospitality (26%); manufacturing (13% including food, drink and craft-based industries); and wholesale and retail (12%).

The attractiveness of the Peak District to young families is tempered by the lack of affordable housing, especially as many of our smaller homes are now holiday lets. However, the area is also very appealing to 'empty-nesters' and retirees wishing to escape to the country. For these reasons, our parishes have a higher proportion of over 45 year olds, and a lower proportion of under 45 year olds, than the diocesan and national averages. On the other hand, between 50% and 60% of the residents of each of our respective parishes identify as Christian – more than the national average of 46%.

These factors provide us with local populations that have an inherently greater than average potential interest in attending church, with relatively more time to offer their talents and expertise to worship and to mission. Moreover, our more senior demographic provides us with an opportunity to develop distinct and focussed approaches to pastoral care.

Our parishes are served by four Church of England primary/infant schools; a Methodist primary academy school; an 11-18 secondary school with 1,400 pupils; and a 3-13 independent preparatory school with 123 pupils.

Our Shared Vision

The existing Benefice of Bakewell with Over Haddon, Ashford-in-the-Water with Sheldon, and Rowsley, is joining with the parish of Longstone with Wardlow, to create a new grouping of churches.

Although we are a new grouping, we are no strangers – we share much in common and already have a long history of working together.

We are delighted to introduce you to our churches and to our communities. We hope you will discover in these pages an exciting opportunity to inspire and lead us in our worship, in our congregational life, and in the delivery of our missional and pastoral priorities; and to discern together with us how and where God is calling us.

The key tasks of our new Priest-in-Charge will be to:

- Extend our existing work with schools, children, young people and families.
- Explore with us a new model of sustainable governance.
- Expand our community engagement and pastoral care networks across the grouping
- Maintain the churches worshipping identities while also forming new worshipping communities
- Help us reach out, share our faith and deepen our discipleship
- Engage with the tourism industry supporting visitors in becoming pilgrims.
- Reach out to the newly retired moving into the area.
- Pioneer opportunities connected to rural life, agriculture and care of creation

We look forward to the opportunity of meeting you so that you can get a better feel for who and what we currently are and how we could work to achieve even more together.



Ministry and Governance Teams

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Within the grouping there are currently three clergy with PtO, one LLM (reader) and one person training as a reader.

Each church has at least one warden and all the other roles are filled within each PCC with the exception of Rowsley, which lacks a PSO and PCC Sec, and Longstone which lacks a PSO. Ashford and Bakewell are able to offer the support of a church administrator.

Longstone is technically a Local Ecumenical Partnership Anglican/Methodist. This link needs exploring and developing as it is currently operating almost exclusively as an Anglican parish church.

The churches are aware that maintaining each church as a parish church with its own PCC is not going to be sustainable in the future. There is a willingness to consider together different governance structures and to explore and experiment with new ways of partnering together.



Typical Worship Patterns

Month A

Sunday	Ashford 9.30am	Bakewell 10.30am	Longstone 10.30am	Over Haddon 10.30am	Rowsley 10.30am	Sheldon	Wardlow 10.30
1st	Morning Worship Lay-Led	Holy Communion	Holy Communion Evensong 6pm	No Service	Holy Communion	No Service	Holy Communion
2nd	At Longstone	Holy Communion	Holy Communion Joint with Ashford at Longstone		Morning Worship Lay-Led	No Service	No Service
3rd	Holy Communion	Morning Worship Lay Led Evensong 6pm	Holy Communion Joint with Rowsley	No Service	Holy Communion Joint with Longstone	No Service	Morning Worship Lay-Led
4th	Holy Communion joint with Sheldon at Ashford	At Over Haddon	Morning Worship Lay-Led	Holy Communion joint with Bakewell at Over Haddon	Morning Worship Lay-Led	At Ashford	No Service
5th	Whole-Benefice Service (rotating location)						

Month B

Sunday	Ashford 9.30am	Bakewell 10.30am	Longstone 10.30am	Over Haddon 10.30am	Rowsley 10.30am	Sheldon	Wardlow 10.30
1st	Morning Worship Lay-Led	Holy Communion	Holy Communion Evensong 6pm	No Service	Holy Communion	No Service	Holy Communion
2nd	Holy Communion Joint with Longstone at Ashford	Holy Communion	At Ashford		Morning Worship Lay-Led	No Service	No Service
3rd	Holy Communion	Morning Worship Lay Led Evensong 6pm	Holy Communion Joint with Rowsley	No Service	Holy Communion Joint with Longstone	No Service	Morning Worship Lay-Led
4th	Holy Communion joint with Sheldon at Ashford	At Over Haddon	Morning Worship Lay-Led	Holy Communion joint with Bakewell at Over Haddon	Morning Worship Lay- Led	At Ashford	No Service
5th	Whole-Benefice Service (rotating location)						

Colour-shaded services are held jointly at one of the churches

Parish Stats

Parish	Population	Deprivation	USAA	USCA	Weddings
Ashford-in-the-Water: Holy Trinity	422	88%	33	0	5
Bakewell: All Saints	3,756	82%	54	2	7
Longstone: St Giles	1,001	91%	29	1	1
Rowsley: St Katherine	549	76%	12	0	1
Sheldon: St Michael & All Angels	77	88%	N/A	N/A	0

Finances

	Total Income	Total Expenditure	Common Fund Ask	Common Fund Paid	Restricted Reserves	Unrestricted Reserves
Ashford-in-the-Water: Holy Trinity	£66,639	£47,091	£23,417	£23,417	£59,377	£52,140
Bakewell: All Saints	£174,536	£274,574	£49,097	£49,097	£129,924	£85,715
Longstone: St Giles	£43,863	£39,939	£21,852	£10,926	£165,688	-
Rowsley: St Katherine	£60,761	£21,498	£8,815	£5,040	£41,252	£32,148
Sheldon: St Michael & All Angels	£3,658.92	£3,584.34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 1: The Ecclesiastical Parish of Bakewell All Saints includes the Civil Parish of Over Haddon
 - Expenditure is high, because of payments for Bakewell's organ refurbishment, which was mainly paid over the last year, but which had been raised over several previous years.
 - Bakewell has always paid the requested common fund amount and would plan to do so this year. However, we have recently lost a number of our more generous givers, with the result that this year's income is greatly reduced and a general fund deficit is expected.
- 2: The Ecclesiastical Parish of Longstone St Giles includes the Civil Parish of Wardlow
 - Separating Wardlow's and St. Giles's attendance numbers is not practicable because the two interact.
- 3: Total Income for St Katherine, Rowsley includes legacy of £48,555; Total Expenditure includes building works of £11,175 from reserves.
- 4: St Michael & All Angels, Sheldon, is acting as a festival church.



Holy Trinity, Ashford-in-the-Water

Ashford-in-the-Water – mentioned in the Domesday Book – lies in the rural heart of the Peak District National Park, and is typically described as a ‘chocolate box village’. Although small, the village has a shop, post office, two pubs, a 5-star hotel, and one of the oldest cricket clubs in the country. The village hall (the ‘War Memorial Institute’) hosts a full schedule of regular activities including snooker, crafts, taekwondo, a play group, and the Women’s Institute.

Our attractive Grade II listed church sits prominently in the centre of the village. The oldest part of the building dates from ca. 1205, and it was substantially restored in 1868-70. The building is wheelchair accessible, and includes a disabled toilet with baby-changing facilities. There is street parking as well as a small nearby free car park.

The finances are sound, and congregational giving has consistently underwritten the church’s Common Fund obligations. The fabric is in good order, and bequests from parishioners have enabled specific refurbishments and restoration work. People care passionately about the church and its work and several church members have been awarded Bishops Badges for their dedicated service.

A relatively high proportion of our members travel in from surrounding communities. A recent congregational survey confirms that our members are attracted by the warm welcome offered; and by our traditional sung worship services with organ and robed choir. They report that our worship is spiritually engaging and provides an opportunity for learning, spiritual reflection, and exploration of our beliefs; and some explicitly comment that this has led to an increase in their faith.

Periodically we hold group meetings during Lent, and have recently offered the CofE's 'Living in Love and Faith' course, which participants found to be powerful and thought-provoking, helping them to better appreciate different perspectives and experiences.

Our visitors' book attests to the large number of tourists that explore our church (it is kept open every day during daylight hours) and how much they enjoy their visits. We host a 'virtual visitor centre' via which they can view on their smartphones the points of interest and facilities in the village; the history of the village and the church; and details of 'what's on'. A bookstall provides post cards and locally-themed items, as well as pamphlets and published books about the church and village authored by one of our churchwardens. We frequently attract visitors to our services, some of whom return every time they are in the area – including couples who were married and return to have their children baptised.

We have strong community connections and periodically hold services and events in the village War Memorial Institute including Remembrance; our Harvest Supper; and Carols around the Christmas tree. A high proportion of our members routinely volunteer time and talents to other village organisations including the War Memorial Institute, our local school, and our local nursing and residential home. Annually, we host students from the Lady Manners Secondary School in Bakewell to provide them with an opportunity to perform the instrumental music that they are learning for their examinations. Our church hosts a centre of excellence for the learning of bell-ringing, through which aspiring ringers from many Peak District towers have been trained by our outstanding teachers, who are also prominent leaders in the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.

Our acclaimed church Flower Festival and village Well Dressings, and the associated special church services, attract thousands of visitors each year. The village and church work closely together, helping us to cement strong bonds with the community; and the Flower Festival routinely raises 000's in donations for local, national and overseas charities, and for maintenance of our church building.

We seek to become an ever-open door that shows God's love to all through creative worship and caring fellowship; and to grow as a warm, faithful, welcoming and inclusive Christian community that more broadly and deeply serves its community and the world beyond. We believe that we might most plausibly attract new members by building upon our strengths: our location (an accessible building in an attractive village in a much-visited National Park); our connections (especially with the agricultural and retired communities); our choral tradition; and our inclusive and generous welcome.

Find out more about us at
ashfordparishchurch.com

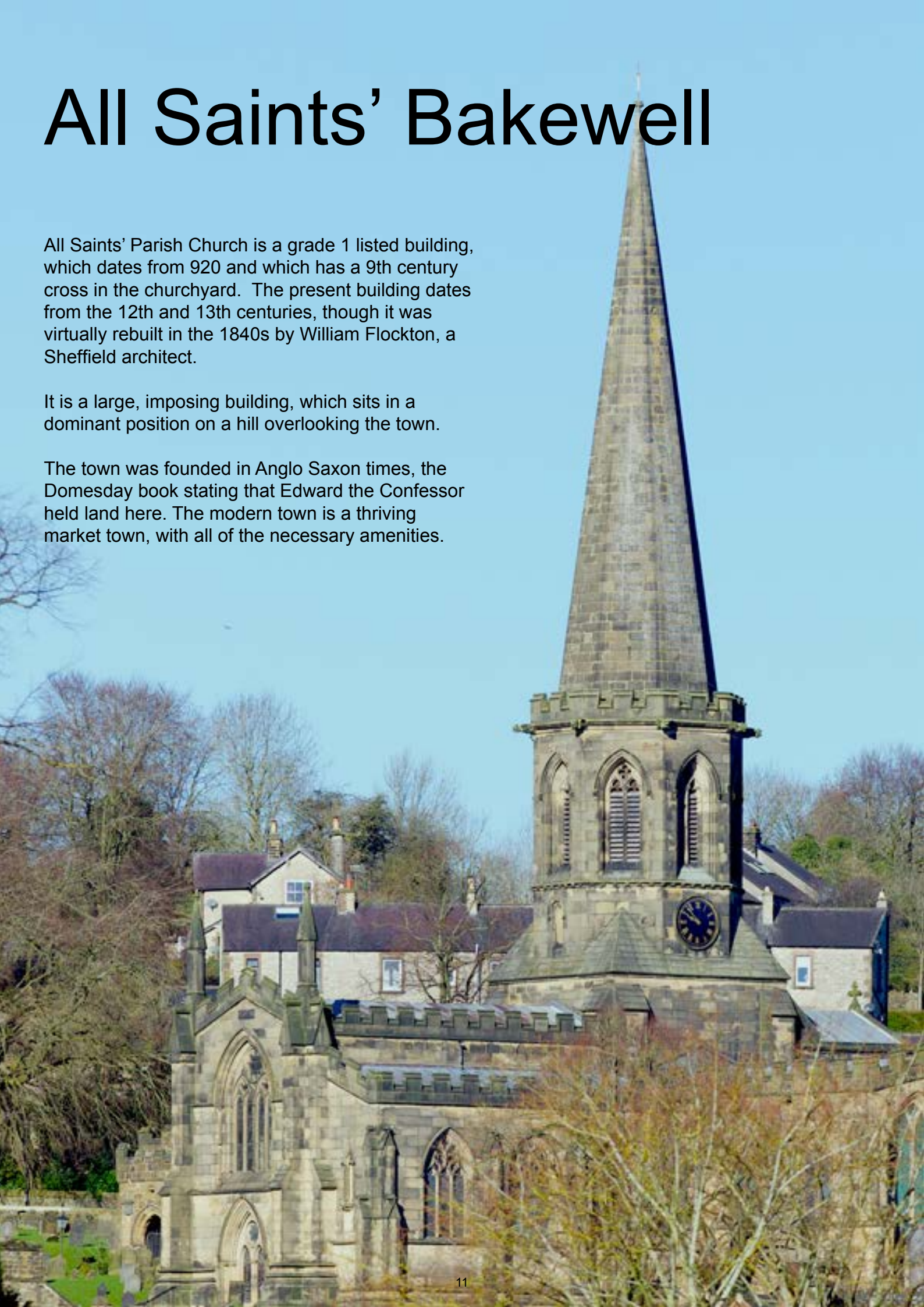


All Saints' Bakewell

All Saints' Parish Church is a grade 1 listed building, which dates from 920 and which has a 9th century cross in the churchyard. The present building dates from the 12th and 13th centuries, though it was virtually rebuilt in the 1840s by William Flockton, a Sheffield architect.

It is a large, imposing building, which sits in a dominant position on a hill overlooking the town.

The town was founded in Anglo Saxon times, the Domesday book stating that Edward the Confessor held land here. The modern town is a thriving market town, with all of the necessary amenities.



The church building is generally in a good state of repair; the roof and boilers have been replaced within the last few years. Consideration is being made to reordering the building to make maximum use of its space, but also to showcase its large collection of Saxon stones (arguably the largest in the country) and the impressive history of the building. The organ is an imposing instrument, one of the two largest three-manual instruments in the diocese of Derby and of almost cathedral proportions. It has been very recently refurbished.

The building comprises the church itself, the vestry, Sacristy, St George's chapel and toilets, together with the "Newark" and kitchen, attached to the Vernon chapel which is dedicated to the memories of the Vernon and Manners families of Haddon Hall. The smaller and more intimate setting of the Newark is perfect for informal services and group activities. It also houses a used book stall, which, together with card sales, provides a welcome addition to church funds.

The churchyard was closed in the early 1950s and burials now take place in the municipal cemetery, a short distance from the church. The churchyard is kept in good order, both by the council and by parishioners. An area is retained for "rewilding" and we are slowly moving towards an eco church. We have a dedicated, regular core congregation, most of whom tend to be older in years, and the congregation increases during the summer months when we are joined by many visitors to the town. Services vary from the sung Eucharist tradition, and evensong to the more informal lay-led services of Morning praise. Worship is supported by a dedicated team of bell ringers who also support the steeple keeper in maintaining the tower, church clock and 12 swift boxes.



The church remains open daily during the hours of daylight and visitors are numerous. We provide informative tours for a variety of groups. The church is on the route of the Peak Pilgrimage, which runs from Ilam to Eyam and many pilgrims call in. The church has a good deal of information boards, leaflets and a guide book for the assistance of visitors. We are in the process of looking into a digital information system. Wifi is already available in church, as are card readers for donations and payments. We have an efficient audio system and a screen.

All Saints' plays a prominent role in the community life of the town, especially around key festivals. We support the ecumenical street nativity, Good Friday Passion, offer Ashing on the street and parade through the town at both remembrance and Palm Sunday. For the past 17 years, we have hosted an extremely popular Christmas Tree Festival actively involving local businesses, charities, organisations and schools. A close working relationship has developed between the church and the museum/historical society, with a view to promoting their heritage and common history. The acoustics of the church are superb so that the church is in demand as a concert venue. Many different types of concerts have been held, from chamber music and organ recitals, to choirs, folk and jazz.

The local care homes are visited regularly with the Eucharist being offered to residents and to the housebound. Group activities outside of services are well supported; for example we have an art group, an extremely successful pub quiz team, a walking group, a morning prayer group, and home discussion groups. Talks/lectures, Lent reflections and courses are regularly held.

Find out more about us at <https://bakewellchurch.co.uk>





St Giles', Great Longstone

The Parish of Longstone St Giles', includes the villages of Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Hassop, Rowland and Wardlow. The villages are served by six pubs, one small general store and two small business parks. There are also several farms. Within the Parish there is a Roman Catholic Church, a Methodist Chapel (which is used as a Pilgrimage overnight stay) and a Congregational Chapel. A local Ecumenical Partnership has been agreed with the Methodist Church in the village and the Covenant was signed in March 2014. The local Chapel closed five years ago and its congregation now regularly attends at St Giles' and are fully involved in church life.

Congregation members are involved in village life and the Village Hall is very active with a good range of well supported events. There are annual Well Dressings held at Great Longstone and Little Longstone. The “Carols on the Green” has become a firmly established annual event organised jointly by the church and parish council and attended by 200 people. An annual Flower Festival held in the church has become established on the village calendar with funds being raised for the church and local charities. An “Open Gardens” charitable event takes place throughout the village for a weekend during July (as part of the Village Week). A daily morning service is lay-led during Lent. There is a Toy Service before Christmas and presents are given to the local hospital.

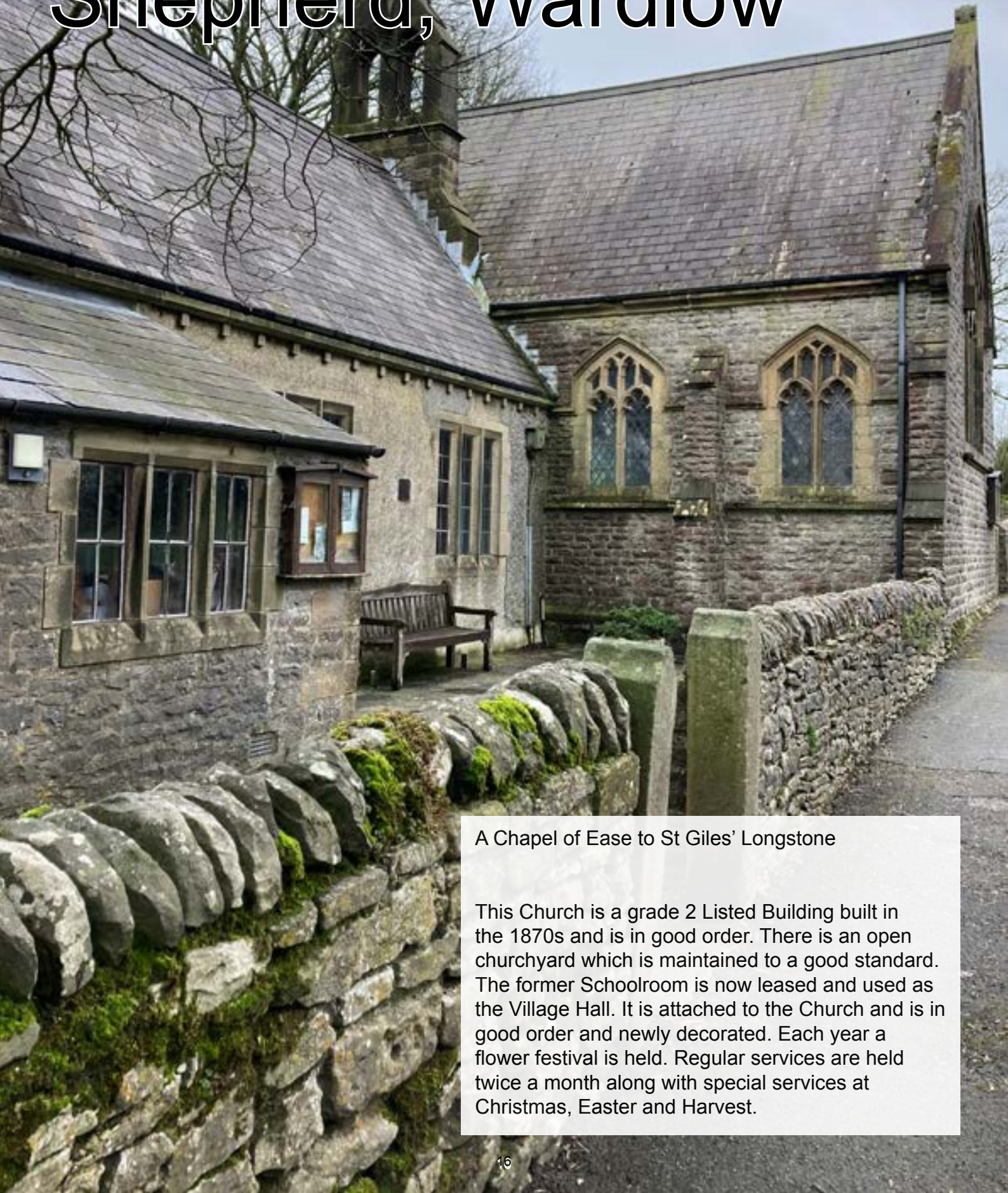
Each week we run ‘a Walk on the mild side’ in partnership with the Derbyshire Dales health walking programme. We enjoy companionship in the outdoors and a cup of coffee and an occasional poem or prayer in the church afterwards. We are a collection point for the Matlock Food Bank, which we support. Thornhill House is the village Care Home, the inspiration of a late senior member of the congregation, and a weekly service is held there.

St Giles’ is an Anglican Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership but offers worship and prayer of a liberal, broad-church nature within the structure of the Anglican Eucharist. Our church has a strong choral tradition although the choir is currently quite small. Organ playing and choir training has been carried out on a voluntary basis for the last 50 years. St Giles’ choir regularly attends choir practice with Holy Trinity Ashford’s choir on Thursday evenings.

St Giles’ Church is a 13th/14th Century Grade 1 listed building. It was sympathetically restored in the late 19th Century and is in good order. The heating system is in good order, but the lighting and electrics are being looked at. The south aisle roof has been replaced in the last ten years, and the lead is being replaced on the Vicar’s Vestry. The church has six bells which are regularly maintained as are the clock and the organ. An extension was completed in 1998 to give kitchen, storage and toilet facilities. The main roof lead was replaced in 2014. There is a closed churchyard and an open churchyard in Great Longstone, both of which are maintained to a very high standard. A new sound system was installed and an iPad with recorded music is played.



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Wardlow



A Chapel of Ease to St Giles' Longstone

This Church is a grade 2 Listed Building built in the 1870s and is in good order. There is an open churchyard which is maintained to a good standard. The former Schoolroom is now leased and used as the Village Hall. It is attached to the Church and is in good order and newly decorated. Each year a flower festival is held. Regular services are held twice a month along with special services at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.



St Katherine's, Rowsley

Rowsley village sits near the confluence of the rivers Wye and Derwent, and the A6 passes through it providing good road links locally and beyond. There is a Village Shop/Post Office; a Village Hall catering for various sporting activities and events including a volunteer-led weekly 'Warm Hub'. We have allotments, a "GRowsley Plant Swap" and a community Apple Pressing Day. Rowsley is now recognised as a hot-spot for swifts, and also for house martins and swallows. The Grouse and Claret pub, the Peacock Hotel, and the Peak Village shopping centre attract many visitors. The Recreation Ground hosts cricket and football matches and some summer car boot sales, and there is a dedicated children's play area.

St Katherine's Church, Rowsley was built in 1855, on a site given by the Duke of Rutland, and is a Grade 2 listed building which is generally in good condition. The lighting has been updated; the heating and the sound system are checked and up to date.

St Katherine's is a friendly and welcoming church and our congregation is mainly elderly but committed. All our services are from Common Worship, and we would be content to move from two services of communion a month to one. Cleaning sessions, a churchyard working party, and coffee after some services, all create fellowship. There is a small but active house study/Lent meetings group, and quiet days enable us to explore our faith further. Our annual Well Dressing Service is held in the village square, outside the Peacock Hotel, while the School Well Dressing Service has successfully taken place in Peak Village.

St Michael and All Angels', Sheldon



Highlights of village life in Sheldon include the fell race, tractor runs and Sheldon Day. Our church is a very important part of Sheldon and much loved by our residents. We have recently reduced the number of services we hold each year and experimented with doing things creatively such holding our harvest festival service in the pub followed by the harvest supper. Our biggest service is the village nativity we hold walking through the village finishing in a barn for mulled wine and mince pies. A lot of our community help to create the Flower and Christmas Tree Festivals which both bring visitors to the village and the church. We welcome change and a new chance to create a fresh chapter to grow both in church and community. We are a warm and friendly if small group and look forward to working with the rest of the benefice which is very important to us, as a team growing in our faith and creating a safe and happy environment for everyone.

Saint Anne's Over Haddon



Over Haddon is a small village (population just over 200) two miles south west of Bakewell, overlooking Lathkill Dale, which is a Nature Reserve and very popular with walkers. The village has lost its school, post office and shop during the past half century but has a lively public house and village hall, with attached children's playground, allotments and community garden. There is a large public car park, with toilets, 100 yards from the church.

St Anne's church is a listed building, in "Victorian gothic" style, opened in 1880, and is set back from Dale Road within its own churchyard, which slopes south towards Lathkill Dale. All of its original features are intact and its fabric is in reasonably good condition. About 30 years ago a small extension was built (in identical style) off the north side of the chancel, providing kitchen and toilet facilities and a rear entrance giving disabled access. The churchyard is still in use and its upkeep is paid for by a local charity set up about 20 years ago, called "Friends of St Anne's," which also contributes to fabric improvements.

Currently, we hold regular services twice a month, one (a Communion) jointly with the Bakewell parish church and the other an informal service which is congregation-led (in effect, by the two churchwardens). A high quality electronic organ was donated a couple of years ago by a local resident, and a local person plays when the Bakewell

organist is not available. Other important services include the Christmas carol service and the Remembrance service outside the village war memorial, both of which are well attended. There is also a wells dressing blessing service, when the church holds a flower festival.

Despite having a small local congregation the church engages with the life of the local community. As well as regular and festival services there remains a clear need for “rites of passage services.” During the past year there have been three baptisms, a wedding and two funerals in the church. Access to the church is maintained at all times, which is very popular with visitors, as attested by the visitors book, and it is on the route of the “Peak Pilgrimage” between Dove Dale and Eyam. It is also cleaned regularly and a rota of ladies maintain displays of church flowers.

About ten years ago, at a public meeting in the church chaired by the vicar, it was agreed that the church interior needed substantial re-ordering to adapt to the needs of the 21st century. Since then plans have been drawn up and further meetings held. The most urgent need is for a new heating system and some re-plastering of walls, but further possibilities include the provision of information panels and hospitality services to make use of the strategic position of the church on an important tourist route.





Schools

Bakewell C of E Infants' School

At the heart of our school is a deeply rooted Christian vision: to be a light for others, so that people may see God through the good we do. This guiding principle shapes every aspect of our school life. Our ethos is built on the belief that every child is unique and capable of shining brightly, regardless of their background or circumstances. We strive to create an inclusive, nurturing environment where all children are encouraged and supported to be the very best version of themselves—academically, socially, and spiritually.

Our school is a vibrant and joyful community, enriched by the presence of wonderful children and supportive families. Christian values are at the core of everything we do, fostering a culture of kindness, respect, and compassion. We are proud of the safe and welcoming atmosphere that permeates our school, where every member of the community feels valued and included. Our children consistently achieve great things, not only in their learning but also in their personal development, and we celebrate their successes with genuine pride.

We are blessed with a longstanding and meaningful relationship with our local church, which plays a vital role in the life of our school. This partnership is expressed through regular visits to the church for worship and celebration, as well as weekly assemblies led by church representatives within the school. The church is actively involved in key school events such as the summer fair, Easter bonnet parade, and Christmas nativity play, helping to strengthen the spiritual and communal bonds between us. Additionally, the presence of church representatives on our governing body has been invaluable in ensuring that our Christian vision and values remain central to our decision-making and school development.

The local church is a cherished and integral part of our school community, and we are excited about welcoming a new vicar who will continue to nurture this special relationship. We hope for someone who will take an active role in school life, including participation in worship, events, and governance. It is important to us that our new vicar is approachable, supportive, and able to connect meaningfully with both staff and families. Most importantly, we seek a vicar who can inspire and engage our young children—someone who brings faith to life in a way that is joyful, relevant, and accessible to our infant school pupils.

As a school, we are proud of our Christian foundation and the strong sense of community that defines us. We look forward to continuing our journey with a new vicar who shares our vision and values, and who will walk alongside us in faith, service, and celebration. Together, we hope to continue shining brightly bringing light, love, and hope to all those within and beyond our school.

Link to school website: <https://www.bakewellinfantschool.com>

Rowsley C of E Primary School and Stanton C of E Primary School

(Peak Tor Federation)

We feel that it is essential for our children to see what it means to be a Christian. We have welcomed our links with the local churches and with the last incumbent. These links have taken the form of collective worship and four church services a year for each school – Harvest, Christmas, Easter and end of year Leavers' service – and have formed a valuable connection between the children and the church.

We would hope that a new vicar will continue this relationship and will be approachable, dependable, committed and have a sense of humour.

Link to school websites: <https://www.rowsleyprimary.co.uk> <https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk>



Longstone C of E Primary School

At Longstone CE Primary School, our Christian vision is at the heart of everything we do: “Nurture, Ignite, Shine” — we nurture every child, ignite a love of learning, and help each one shine brightly in their own unique way.

We believe that every child is wonderfully made and has the potential to flourish. Our ethos is rooted in kindness, inclusion, and respect, creating a safe and joyful environment where children feel valued and supported — academically, socially, and spiritually.

Our school is a warm and welcoming community, filled with caring children, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Christian values guide our daily life, helping us build strong relationships and a culture of compassion and encouragement. We celebrate the achievements of our children not just in their learning, but in their character — their resilience, empathy, and sense of responsibility. We are proud of the way our pupils grow into confident, thoughtful individuals who care for others and make a positive difference.

We are blessed with a close and meaningful relationship with our local church – St Giles’, Great Longstone – which plays a vital role in our school life. Children regularly visit the church for worship and celebration, and we welcome church leaders into school to lead assemblies and support our spiritual development. The church is a joyful presence at key events such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest etc. Church representatives also serve on our governing body, helping to ensure our Christian vision remains central to our decisions and direction.

Our school community is excited to welcome a new vicar who will continue to nurture the special bond between church and school. We hope for someone who is approachable, enthusiastic, and able to connect with children and families alike. We would love a vicar who brings faith to life in a way that is joyful, relevant, and accessible to our pupils — someone who can inspire, guide, and walk alongside us in our journey of learning and growing together.

Link to school website: <https://www.longstone.derbyshire.sch.uk>

St Anselm’s Preparatory School

The last incumbent of All Saints’ visited our school once or twice a term and welcomed us and our wider community of parents, grandparents, friends and staff to the church for our special services of Ash Wednesday, Harvest, St Anselm’s Day and Christmas carol service, as well as preparing a number of pupils for Confirmation.

We would hope that this will continue and that the next incumbent will be kind, generous of time for young, old and everyone in between and have the ability to engage with children.

Link to school website: <https://www.sanselms.co.uk>

Lady Manners School

We have appreciated the support and close contact we have had with All Saints’ Church, both by way of termly assemblies and services tied to Christmas, Easter and Commemoration of school.

We would look for this contact to continue and would like the new incumbent to meet the students in a social, as well as a religious, setting. We would like them to be approachable, friendly, caring, with a sense of humour – and like teenagers!

A large, two-story stone house with a grey tiled roof, situated on a grassy hill. The house has multiple windows and a small entrance porch. A large tree is on the left, and a smaller tree is on the right. The foreground is a well-maintained lawn.

Bakewell Vicarage

The four bedroom detached vicarage is located in a secluded location at the end of a private road, close to both All Saints' Church and Bakewell town centre. The address is The Vicarage, South Church Street, Bakewell, DE45 1FD.

The accommodation comprises; entrance hallway, cloakroom, study/office, downstairs W.C., lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, utility room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom and shower room. Attached garage. Large gardens. Ample parking.



How to Apply

Thank you for reading our profile.

As you continue exploring and discerning whether God is calling you to serve among us, we are holding you in our prayers. If you were to be appointed, we can assure you of our support, friendship and good humour. Like all churches we have faced many challenges but look forward to welcoming a spiritual leader who will guide us, recognise opportunities, and work with our strengths to overcome our weaknesses. Someone who will encourage us on our journey as we discern God's path for us all, as we seek to know Christ and make him known.

We look forward to hearing from you and if you have any specific questions or would value an informal pre-application conversation then please contact Archdeacon Nicky.

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The Diocese of Derby is committed to promoting equality. Applications are invited from qualified candidates from all backgrounds, and particularly from those with life experiences and ministry which reflects the valuable diversity of our communities. If you have a disability or are neurodivergent, we encourage your application. We particularly welcome applicants from UKME /GMH backgrounds. All appointments will be made on the merit of skill and experience relative to the role.

The Diocese of Derby is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. [Click here for further information on our commitment to safeguarding](#). All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Check. Your data is processed in line with our [Privacy Notice](#).

Be assured you are held in our prayers as you discern whether God might be calling you to this role.