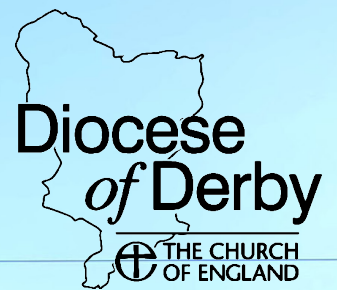


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Full-time Priest-in-Charge / Vicar of St Barnabas Church, Derby

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

The Venerable Matthew Trick

Archdeacon of Derby City and South Deryshire



I recall being invited to speak at St Barnabas' carol service and being amazed at the number of congregation members playing a part both up-front and in ministries of hospitality. A lot about a church can be revealed by the energy around post-service refreshments. St Barnabas' (Barneys) is a place where people of diverse background engage enthusiastically and compassionately with each. Barneys feels like a family.

After years of faithful and fruitful leadership, St Barnabas' is looking for their next vicar following the retirement of Revd Derek Honour. This single-church parish offers a wonderful opportunity to lead a church family in making Jesus known and serving the needs of their parish. Thanks partly, to the proximity of St Barnabas' to University of Derby sites and halls of residence, there is a real opportunity here to grow the church community in number and discipleship.

This is not a role without challenge, but you will be well supported by the Barney's Leadership Team including a paid administrator and children's worker. There is also a wonderful wider deanery to both contribute to and receive from. The Diocese of Derby will invest in your continued development with training grants, retreat grants, access to discretionary funds when needed, the support of excellent colleagues in the Parish Support Team and an annual programme of Ministerial Development Review focused on your vocational growth.

Thank you for reading this far, as you read further be assured of my prayers and those of the benefice. If an informal conversation would be helpful, please email me (matthew.trick@derby.anglican.org).

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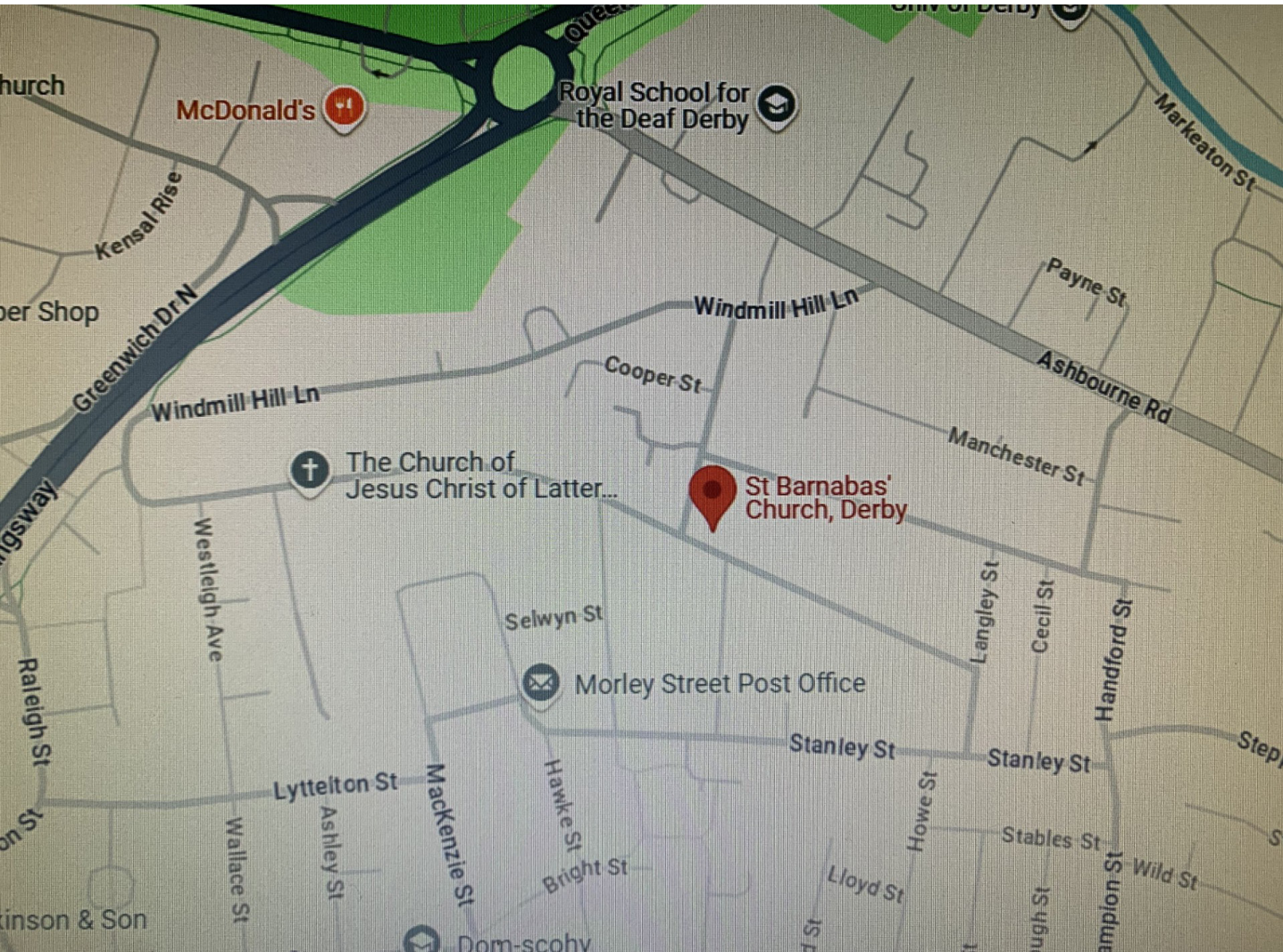
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We are looking for someone who:

- Knows Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Is prayerful, and is filled and led by the Holy Spirit
- Believes in the ultimate authority of the Bible and the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Believes in the Body of Christ and is committed to growing disciples
- Has a pastoral heart and seeks to build a loving and serving Christian community
- Understands the importance of children and youth as being a valuable part of today's Church
- Has a heart for the poor and marginalised
- Is committed to engaging with the local community and sharing the Gospel through appropriate means of evangelism, eg The Alpha Course, Messy Church, etc
- Has a love for God's creation and understands the importance of caring for all that God has made
- Is a good communicator and is able to delegate responsibility



Location and Map



Electoral Roll for St Barnabas and Demographic information of the parish

Electoral Roll	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
In parish	11	13	13	13	11	11
Outside parish	33	35	33	31	28	32
Total	44	48	46	44	39	43

The following information was sourced from the 2021 Census for the Parish of St Barnabas, Derby

(Source: Church of England Data Service Team)

General Information	
Deprivation	The parish ranks 1255 out of 12239, where 1 is the most deprived. This means that the parish is among the most deprived in the country.
Parish population	5654
Parish number of occupied households	2391
Area (square miles)	0.3
Population density (people per square mile)	18,286

Religion	Percentage
No religion	51.5
Christian	35.6
Not stated	7.8
Muslim	2.7
Other religion	0.9
Sikh	0.6
Buddhist	0.6
Hindu	0.3
Jewish	0.0

Ethnic group	Percentage
Asian	4.6
Black	5.0
Mixed	3.9
White	84.6
Other	6.9

Age	Percentage
5 - 19 years	15.5
20 - 29 years	33.0
30 - 44 years	20.3
45 - 69 years	19.7
70 years and over	6.9

School Links with Ashgate Primary School

St Barnabas has a strong link with Ashgate Primary School. Our children's and youth leader, Jen Allen, provides a lunch club on alternate Fridays offering a story/lesson and a craft with some of the children.

Every year, the Christmas cards which we deliver around the parish have been designed by children at the school and in December, KS2 children have their Christmas performance at St Barnabas to which all their parents are invited.

Quotes from children at the Lunch Club:

"Lunch Club is great – I love it"

"Jen is really kind and caring and she always has lots of fun things for us to do which helps us learn"

"I love Lunch Club – it makes Friday fun"

"It's fun learning about new things and about Jesus every week. The games are good for boosting your mood"

"I like learning about Jesus. We do fun activities"

"It's fun. I like how we learn different facts about Jesus and what his family did"



Photo by David Rogers



Church Description

Our Mission Statement is 'To know Jesus as Lord and to share His love with our local community'

We are an evangelical, charismatic Anglican church, believing in the ultimate authority of the Bible and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The heart of St Barnabas is to:

- Be a worshipping people, honouring God
- Live by God-given values and the example of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Welcome everyone and anyone
- Love the poor and marginalised
- Be a generous and giving church
- Walk with Jesus and encourage one another
- Introduce Jesus to others – friends, family and community

As a church PCC and Leadership Team, we have unanimously confirmed our commitment to the Bible as the Word of God and our guide for life. We resolve to follow Jesus' example to love our neighbours, and we recognise our need for God's help to resist temptation to sin and our need to assist each other in living life God's way.

We uphold the biblical view of marriage as the foundation of a Godly, healthy community. We only support affirmation or blessing of individuals who honour God's rules for relationships as given in the Bible and the Church of England's traditional doctrine of marriage.

We are a Fairtrade church and have been awarded Silver Eco Church. We aim to be good stewards of our finances and reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible. This is helped by the 100 solar panels and by using a renewable energy supplier. All the products we purchase for the church are ethical and fairly-traded including our tea and coffee, cleaning supplies, toilet rolls, etc.

Background information to St Barnabas

St Barnabas was built in the 1880's after a mission hall was planted here by AH Prior, the curate at St John's, our neighbouring parish. He had the vision to begin something for the people of the recently built estate of worker's terraced housing springing up in the area. The church was finished in 1885, but it was a scaled-down version of the original plans because finance ran out. The spire was never added – the money was spent on the vicarage instead.

In 1992 there was a fire in the building which caused serious damage and the building was closed for over a year while repairs took place. The congregation met in the under-croft rooms or in a local hall owned by the church, which was then sold. The repair work provided the opportunity for a complete re-ordering of the interior, including carpeting and comfortable chairs!



The Church Building

St Barnabas Church is a well-maintained Victorian building and offers an attractive interior with excellent facilities, including:

- Large entrance hall with electrical heaters, LED lights, fitted carpet, kitchen, toilets including an accessible toilet, upstairs office, toy storage room. The hall can be hired out privately for community events/parties.
- Worship area with new heating system, carpet, comfortable chairs, data projector system, stage area, sung worship area and font dating possibly from the 8th Century.
- 100 solar panels fitted in 2014 to the top south facing roof generating up to 25kWh of free renewable electricity providing between £3K and £4K income per year.
- An under-croft providing 3 meeting rooms, toilets and a small kitchen (for drinks and snacks only). It has its own exterior door and windows at the rear.
- Our Vaillant heating system installed by Gascoynes of Derby in 2021, uses Caspian fan convectors that pump warm air out. This heating system has markedly reduced the humidity in the building, enabling us to re-decorate the interior of the worship area (currently being carried out). The new paintwork will last much longer than hitherto.
- A small, maintained memorial garden, together with grassed areas to the front and sides of the church with planted shrubs and trees. None of the trees have a preservation order attached to them and they have been recently pruned back.



Our Sunday worship pattern is as follows and we value the Anglican format for services:

1st & 3rd Sundays:

- 9 am Formal Said Holy Communion (a small number attend)
- 10.30 am Morning Worship with prayer ministry on the 1st Sunday & testimony time (members of the congregation are able to share their experiences of being aware of God's presence in the normal activities of their life during the past week)
- Breakfast Club for children (3rd Sunday of each month)
- Sunday Club (1st Sunday of each month)
- 5.45 – 7.15 pm Youth Group (1st Sunday of each month)

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays:

- 10.30 am Family Communion
- Sunday Club for children

We aim to make all visitors welcome and to make our services amenable and applicable to any of the local community who may join us; we use a data projector, as a large screen is a comfortable and familiar form of communication for everyone.

We have recently welcomed many adults and children from Nigeria; many of whom attend regularly. We also have several local residents who are vulnerable adults and attend most weeks and with whom we have developed a loving, caring, relationship over the years. The number of teenagers and young adults attending is very few.

Numbers of attendees on a typical Sunday:

- Formal 9 am service: between 5 and 8 people
- 10.30 am service: an average of 40 adults and 14 children

Sung Worship

At each 10.30 am service, we have a faithful group of musicians who lead our sung worship and play for us each week. Their gifts and abilities include keyboard, guitar, flute, drumming and vocals, and we are delighted to recently welcome back two professional musicians who play a range of instruments and vocals. We use a variety of music styles for our hymns and worship songs – some familiar hymns and some more modern songs.

Sunday roles and responsibilities

For each Sunday service, there are a small, faithful group of people who regularly give their time to serve in the following ways:

- Opening and closing
- Welcoming
- Operating the data projector and sound desk
- Sacristan duties
- Preaching*
- Leading prayers and reading
- Counting and banking the collection
- Serving refreshments

* Currently, we have three members of St Barnabas who preach regularly, including our local ordained minister, Rev'd Bill Day. In addition, we are grateful to other clergy members with permission to officiate who are willing to come and preach during our time of vacancy.

Life Events Ministry (Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Thanksgiving and blessing	1	0	2	0	4	1
Baptisms	1	0	1	2	9	2
Weddings	0	0	0	0	0	2
Funerals	3	2	1	0	1	5

Mission & Ministry Activities

The following groups meet regularly throughout the year except during August, when we stop all activities to give group leaders a time of rest.

Mondays

- 7 pm - 8.30 pm Maintenance Team (1st Monday of each month to carry out maintenance jobs, including checking the fire alarms, emergency lighting and general maintenance, eg door repairs, replacing lightbulbs, putting up shelves/signs and any other small jobs that members of the congregation have pointed out to us)
- PCC 7.30 - 9 pm (alternate months)
- Barney's Leadership Team (BLT) (alternate months)

Tuesdays

- 9.30 – 10 am Prayer Meeting (weekly)
- Rainbows (led by the Girlguiding Association, weekly term time)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

- 2 – 4 pm Open Door Drop-in for anyone who wants to come along for company, refreshments, cake and conversation.

Thursdays

- 9.30 – 11.30 am Parent/Carer Toddler Group (weekly term time)
- 7pm - 8.30pm Men's Group (alternate months) A relaxed evening with fish & chips, social and spiritual discussions and talks.

Fridays

- 5.15 – 6.45 pm FAB Club for children aged 4 – 12 years (weekly term time). A fun time with stories, crafts, games and refreshments.

Every 3rd Saturday

- 10 – 11 am Litter picking around the parish.

House Groups

There are currently two house groups running: a smaller group which meets together once a month and a larger group which meets together every two weeks.

Messy Church

Messy Church currently happens four times a year: Christmas, Easter, summer and harvest. A committed team support this ministry and approximately 70 – 80 parents/carers and children attend from church and the community. Several church members have craft skills which they adapt to enable the children to participate in a range of craft activities. Other church members prepare a simple meal and there is also a Bible story with illustrations and interaction to engage everyone. These are noisy, happy, family fun times.

Church walks

From April until October, monthly church walks are organised on a Sunday afternoon offering fellowship, exercise, and refreshments.





Ministry Team

Barney’s Leadership Team (BLT)

BLT was originally set up to support the vicar at that time to seek guidance through prayer and discussion for areas of development and ministry at St Barnabas, and it has continued to this day. The current team of ten (clergy members, churchwardens and those who are responsible for areas of ministry within the church) meet six times per year.

PCC

Our PCC currently consists of our two churchwardens, six elected representatives including our treasurer, one Ex-officio member (Rev’d Bill Day) and Rev’d David Bracewell, who has been invited as a co-opted member to support St Barnabas during this time of vacancy. This membership of ten meets six times per year.

Churchwardens

We have two churchwardens: Lisa Lawrence and Peter Lunn who faithfully give a great deal of their time in undertaking all the duties necessary in maintaining the smooth running of St Barnabas and in addition, all the extra responsibilities now needed during this time of vacancy.



Treasurer

Cynthia Shumba has been our treasurer since January 2024 and has extensive financial background and qualifications. Cynthia uses the Xero accounting system and works closely with our Accountants Bates and Weston.



Children's and Youth Leader

Jen Allen has been employed on a self-employed basis since September 2013 and currently works 16 hours per week. Jen has responsibility for organising all the children's and youth activities including Sunday Club, Breakfast Club, toddler group, FAB Club, lunch club and youth events. She is supported each week by a faithful group of volunteers, and we have a growing number of children attending these groups on a regular basis. Our children's work and provision is one of our key strengths here at St Barnabas. Jen is also our parish safeguarding officer.



Administrator

Louise Latham has worked as our church administrator since November 2009 on a self-employed basis for 13 hours per week. As from January 2025, Louise is now working 24 hours per week and is formally employed by the Church. Louise's tasks include the monthly rotas, weekly news sheet, emails and correspondence, church logbook, baptism, wedding and thanksgiving registers, annual church report, website updates, management of the office budget and church diary. Louise is also our safeguarding administrator and is an invaluable member of the church leadership



Cleaner

Sarah Martin has been employed on a self-employed basis since 2018 for 3 hours per week. She faithfully cleans the church each week including all the floors, toilets, kitchen area, worship area, hall, and undercroft. In addition to Sarah, there is a small cleaning team who meet once a month to clean the silver and brass items, candle sticks, glass and wooden furniture.



Vicarage

The vicarage is a large Victorian house which has been extensively renovated and upgraded to be energy efficient. It includes 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, dining room, study, cloakroom, kitchen and breakfast room. There is a sizeable drive and single garage. There is a very pleasant mature, partially walled, secure garden to the rear of the house with a lawn and fruit trees.



Mission Action Plan

Our Mission Statement 'To know Jesus as Lord and to share his love with our local community' is demonstrated through our services and activities.

Our strengths:

- Welcoming – visitors often remark that they feel welcomed
- Diversity – we have church members from many countries of the world, a wide age-range, different lifestyles, family structures, some with learning difficulties and/ or disabilities.
- Children's teaching and activities – this is one of our growth areas and primary strengths.
- Spiritual growth – there is a desire to help each other grow in our faith and walk with Jesus day by day.
- Generosity as a giving church
- Families – Messy Church attracts a growing number of children and their parents from the community and our toddler group is a welcoming and safe space for parents/carers and their little ones.
- Community service – litter-picking is a positive way of showing Jesus' love for the community.
- Supporting our mission partners

Mission Partners:

We have local and overseas mission partners who we are committed to and support.

Our primary local mission partners are:

- Upbeat Communities
- Betel
- Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy
- FEE (Food & Education Enterprise)
- Ed Ravenhall (YWAM Director for Africa)

Our overseas mission partners are:

- Kagando Hospital
- YWAM Arusha, Tanzania
- YWAM Karamoja, Uganda
- St Barnabas Community Outreach, Uganda
- YWAM Awasi, Uganda

Potential areas for development:

- Youth Work – there are many youths in the area and there is a great potential to reach out to this specific group of young people.
- Evangelisation – apart from Messy Church which reaches out to 70 or 80 family members from the community, most of the evangelisation is carried out on an individual basis. There is the potential for a broader approach to the community through groups such as Barney's Men and Alpha.

Finance

Finances	2022	2023	2024
Common Fund ask	£28,447	£28,447	£24,423
Common Fund paid	£5,010	£14,223	£10,000
Total Income	£95,114	£95,522	£87,527
Total Expenditure	£116,373	£99,798	£70,058
Restricted Reserves	£1820	£1820	£20,000
General reserves	£20,813	£5,946	£10,000

One of our priorities is to be a generous and giving church following Jesus’ clear teaching on this: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38).

We therefore give away 18% of our income as regular monthly giving to our mission partners, with the aim of reviewing this each year and increasing it when possible, believing that ‘We are ourselves to be those who are generous, who trust that when we give away, more will come back’ (Justin Welby ‘Dethroning Mammon’ Pg 25)



Safeguarding

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.

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