

Hertford Benefice

Hunmanby, Muston, Folkton, Willerby, Ganton

*Worshipping God
and
serving our communities
in rural North Yorkshire*



Greetings in Christ's name!



Thank you for prayerfully discerning God's calling to the Hertford Benefice and also to the East Riding Archdeaconry in the Diocese of York. We trust this profile will begin to give you an understanding of the churches and parishes, but above all, we welcome you to come and meet us here!

This post has become available at a very significant time in the life of the Diocese.

We have committed together in *Living Christ's Story* to being people who tell the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and who also tell the continuing story of what Jesus has done through His church, which includes what Jesus has done and continues to do through each of our own lives. These are times that require us to be simple, humble and bold.

To make the vision of *Living Christ's Story* a reality, our diocesan goals are:

- Becoming more like Christ
- Reaching people we currently don't
- Growing churches of missionary disciples
- Transforming our finances and structures

You can explore this vision and our commitment to this journey on our Diocesan website.

The churches here are embracing this vision and share a commitment to grow in faith and numbers. As you will see the five villages vary considerably in their size and scale of ministry. It is acknowledged by all that Hunmanby has an extra significance, but we are seeking a Minister who will work to see our diocesan goals realised across the benefice. It is a good place to live and minister and you will find not only a supportive benefice but also deanery which actively encourages collaboration across it.

As a Diocese we pray together the prayer of Teresa of Avila, "Lord, what do you want from me?" This is our prayer for *Living Christ's Story*. We pray this prayer particularly for you in this time of discernment. We hope that you will hear Christ's call clearly and we look forward to prayerfully sharing this discernment with you.

Please do contact Archdeacon Andy Broom by phone (01482 881659) or email (ader@yorkdiocese.org) if you have any questions or would like a fuller picture than the Profile offers. We want to do all we can to support you as you explore and discern this call.

With our prayers,

+Eleanor

(Bishop of Hull)

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Welcome

We send greetings to you in the name of Jesus from the five parishes that make up the Hertford Benefice and thank you for taking time to read our profile document. Our vicar retired in the summer of 2023, and we are asking God to bring us the right person to lead us in extending His kingdom here in beautiful North Yorkshire. It is a lovely place to live and work, sitting on the edge of the Wolds and close to the coast. We are praying for all who read this document and look forward to hearing from you.

Vision / Mission Statement

Our vision is to grow in numbers, faith and obedience. We want to be a beacon of light along the East Coast, to draw others to Christ and to continue our long tradition of worship and biblical teaching.

The Diocese of York's Living Christ's Story helps us to focus on how we grow younger and understand the challenges of reaching young families. We want our worship and church life to be relevant and challenging, as we continue our journey of faith becoming more like Jesus and playing our part in extending the kingdom of God.

We are a relatively new benefice and recognise the scope and opportunity for greater collaboration. During the vacancy the churchwardens have started meeting together for the first time and we hope our new Vicar will develop this shared partnership further. We are broad in our ways of doing church (as you will see from the individual church descriptions) and do realise that we need a vicar who would enjoy the variety and thrive on it.

One area that we recognise needs addressing is the appointment of a paid benefice administrator. This is being done by a volunteer during vacancy, but we intend to offer this support on an ongoing basis to the incumbent.

The Benefice at a glance

Parishes

Village	Population	Church Attendance	Services per month	Income from Offerings*
Hunmanby	3,617	75	9	£53,023
Muston	439	10	4	£10,700
Folkton	506	7	1	£2,607
Willerby	740	15	4	£8,191
Ganton	215	14	5	£13,744

* This does not include income from grants, legacies, fund raising or fees etc.

Occasional Offices

Village	Christenings	Weddings	Funerals
Hunmanby	4	6	6
Muston	1	2	1
Folkton	1	0	2
Willerby	2	1	1
Ganton	1	1	1

Current Pattern for Vicar

(Typical Month)

Week	Hunmanby	Muston	Folkton	Willerby	Ganton
1	8am HC 11am All Age	9.30 HC			
2	11am HC 6pm EW		9.30 HC		
3	11am MW				9.30 HC
4	6pm HC	9.30 HC		11am HC	
5	Joint benefice Holy Communion				

Person Specification

Things we would like in our new Vicar:

- Evangelical, Charismatic who believes in the absolute authority of Scripture and will preach and teach the same.
- Have a vision for preaching the Gospel to all in a rural setting and experience in helping small congregations to share their faith and grow in numbers.
- Have a vision and a heart for reaching children and young families and for work in the schools.
- Have life experience, relevant to the management of people, both paid and voluntary and the skills to negotiate the challenges of diverse village communities.
- Outgoing, confident personality who will engage in village life in all the parishes and be an active and recognisable presence in the whole benefice.
- Bringing creativity, energy, and flexibility to the church life of the benefice.

Our Churches

All Saints, Hunmanby

'Here to worship the living God and share His love with others'



Community

Hunmanby is a large village, of around 3,500 people. It is 1.5 miles inland and 9 miles equidistant between Bridlington and Scarborough. There are a good range of shops in the village, plus a doctors' surgery, a dentist and a chemist. There are also several pubs, food outlets and a railway station.

The village has historically been a popular place for new retirees. We are now seeing many more young families living here. There is a County Primary School in the village, and CofE schools in Staxton and Scarborough. These feed into good High Schools in Filey, Scarborough and Norton, which are served by school buses from the village. The population is predominantly white British, with a very small minority from ethnic groups. Population at last census = 3,617.

Buildings

Hunmanby Church is over 900 years old and a Grade II* listed building. It is in a good state of repair, having recently had a large roofing project completed. There are several maintenance projects that need to be done when finances allow. More details of the extensive history of the building are available on the church website.



The church hall (known as The Spring) is in the church grounds, it is a fully equipped café and a multifunctional space. See ‘The Spring’.

Who we are

Congregation

Electoral roll = 87

The church at Hunmanby is a warm and friendly fellowship of believers seeking to know God better and develop as disciples of Jesus. We desire to see the people in our village come to know who Jesus is and worship Him. Village church is a great model of Christian community, with the majority of members living within walking distance.

We have been much influenced by the legacy of John Wimber, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Toronto Blessing and, through previous incumbents, affiliated with the New Wine Network of Churches. We are an outward looking church that doesn't want to stand still. We keen to hear what God is saying and how He is working in other places.

We have long been praying for a move of God in this area and are part of the East Coast churches which are committed to mission and growth. We are involved in a cross denominational move of the Holy Spirit in these coastlands and we would want our vicar to be part of this.

Colleagues

- 1 lay reader:

Julie is also licensed as chaplain at a women's prison and is not available on Sundays.

- 2 church wardens:

Chris manages all the services

Jane who is also Worship Leader and ALM



We currently have a PCC of 10



Jennifer is our treasurer

Naomi leads our Pastoral team

Sarah is Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice.

Andrew is our PCC secretary.

What we do

Week	Time	Type	Liturgy	Attendance	Robes	Music
1	08:00	Communion	CW	8	N	None
1	11:00	All Age	CW	60	N	Worship Group
1	17:00	Worship Hour	None	30	N	Worship Group
2	11:00	Communion	CW	60	Y/N	Worship Group
2	17:00	Evening Worship	Various	25	N	Worship Group
3	11:00	Morning Worship	CW	60	N	Worship Group
3	17:00	Worship Hour	None	30	N	Worship Group
4	Morning	Ecumenical	Various	70	N	Various
4	17:00	Communion	Various	25	N	Worship Group

There is a monthly joint service with the village Methodist church which alternates between venues.

Other services - Average p.a

Funerals – 6

Weddings - 6

Christenings - 4

Worship

The church has had a worship leader and worship group for over 20 years. Morning services have some liturgy (CW), with a mix of modern and more traditional hymns. Evening services, which are currently held at 5pm, are informal with longer times of worship and minimal liturgy. Two evening services a month are led by the worship group in the Spring. These are informal times of worship, sharing and prayer ministry.

We have a laptop using EasyWorship and a projector. All song words, Bible readings and liturgies are projected. There is a sound system installed in the church building allowing feeds from various devices.

Prayer

All our ministry is built on a foundation of prayer. There are prayer meetings every Saturday morning in church. There is always pre-service prayer for those who are leading, and regular prayer ministry offered after services by the prayer ministry team led by Phil and Ann. The church operates a prayer chain for emergency prayer requests, we have held days of prayer and prayer meetings for specific issues. There has been a series of services in the deanery offering prayer for healing, and our housegroups and pastoral group also include prayer. We know that God answers prayer and have seen amazing examples of this for which we give thanks.

The Spring



The Spring has been a number of different things over the past 20 years. It has been a successful Christian Café, a Community Hub funded by the local council, a warm space, and a general meeting place for the church and the wider community.

There has historically been an employed Manager and a staff of volunteers. Following the current managers recent retirement we have decided to make no decisions on the long term future while we are in vacancy and use it for church and outreach events for the time being.

Children's work

Our work with children has been revamped since the pandemic. It takes place in The Spring and all our workers are 'safer recruited'. There is currently no youth work, and no young people in the church, although we would like this to change.

'Sunday JAM' (Jesus and Me) - This group commenced in January 2022 and is designed for school children aged 4 - 12 years. It runs on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month from 10.50am to 12 noon. The ethos of the group is 'Fun, Food and Faith' - with the children enjoying a drink and snacks on arrival and learning about the stories of Jesus in a fun and creative way! The children also engage with the All Age Parade Services, and other festival events such as Easter and Christmas.

'Happy Little Lambs' - We continue to reach out to young families through our newly formed group for under 5's.

Schools

There is a good relationship with the village Primary School and the Vicar has always been welcomed to take assemblies. The school hold a service in the church for children and parents at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. *See Willerby for Hertford Vale school.*

Pastoral Team (NT)

We have a small pastoral team that works alongside the leadership to serve our community by offering care and support as need arises. We do this in any number of ways including visiting, listening, offering prayer, encouragement and support. All this is undertaken in accordance with UK law and the church's current policies and guidelines.

Courses

We have previously run Alpha Courses, there has recently been a Start course and a Lent course from LICC.

Mission

We currently support CMS mission partners, who visit the church when on furlough. The church has, for a long time, been involved with the persecuted church, specifically through Release International. We have a Tear Fund representative and fundraise for them through events like Quiz evenings, held in the Spring. We also support other organisations including CPAS, The Leprosy Mission, Christian Concern and a church in Nigeria.

House Groups

There are currently 4 well attended house groups operating within the church and we could do with more. There is currently a shortage of leaders. They study a variety of programmes having recently completed the Love Your Church study.

Website

We have a church website administered by Peter. Each week, the morning service is audio recorded and subsequently edited and made available on the website.

[All Saints Church Hunmanby \(allsaintshunmanby.org.uk\)](http://allsaintshunmanby.org.uk)

Finances

Last financial year income from offerings - £53,023

Contribution to freewill offer - £46,200

There is other income from grants, legacies, fund raising and fees etc.

We pay all our bills, our full parish share and we give 10% to mission. We do not have any substantial amounts in the bank.

All Saints, Muston



Who we are

Population at last census = 439

Electoral Roll = 22

All Saints Muston is part of the original Benefice of Hunmanby and Muston. Muston is a much smaller village, the population being made up of the village and outlying farms. Muston is 1.5 miles down the hill from Hunmanby.

It is thought that there has been a church on the site since 1410. The current church is 160 years old, having been rebuilt after a storm. A room that was built on to the back 45 years ago that can be used for small meetings and refreshments.

Muston has a PCC of 6 members.

Congregation



The congregation whilst small are a faithful group who are loving and caring. The wider village community are very supportive of the church not only for special events and fundraising activities but for any area of need that the church may have, Muston is truly a village church at the heart of the community.

What we do

Week	Time	Type	Liturgy	Attendance	Robes	Music
1	9.30	Communion	CW	16	Yes	Organ
2	10:00	Morning Prayer	CW	10	No	Organ
3	10:00	Morning Prayer	CW	10	No	Organ
4	9.30	Communion	CW	12	Yes	Organ
5		Joint				

Other services - Average p.a

Funerals - 2

Weddings - 1

Christenings – 1

Services at Muston are usually Common Worship and we are fortunate to have a resident organist to supply the music.

Finances

Last financial year income - £10,700

Last financial year freewill offer - £4,200

All bills are paid on time and the giving is regular and covers expenditure.

St John the Evangelist, Folkton (with Flixton)



Who we are

Population at last census = 506, Electoral Roll = 12

Folkton and Flixton are two linear villages about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile apart and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Hunmanby. Folkton is the smaller with the church, a Norman church in a good state of repair. Flixton being the larger community has a pub, some industrial units, caravan sites and a small hotel. A village hall with playing fields lies between the two villages and has been used by the church in the past for special services, with encouraging attendance. Both villages are surrounded by fields and outlying farms.

The church has one service a month with attendance of 6 or 7. There is a local preacher, previously Methodist, who is willing to take services in the benefice.

What we do

Week	Time	Type	Liturgy	Attendance	Robes	Music
1	None					
2	9:30	Morning Prayer	CW	6	Y	CD
3	None					
4	None					
5		Joint				

Other services - Average p.a

Funerals - 2

Weddings - 0

Christenings - 1

Finances

Last financial year income - £2,606.98

Contribution to freewill offer - £5,000 (surplus made up from funds)

St Peter's, Willerby Staxton



Who we are

Population at last census = 740, Electoral roll = 12

This well maintained rural village church is situated in the Parish of Willerby, Staxton. Surrounded by beautiful countryside with farmland and the River Hertford flowing through the valley. The church is in close proximity to the seaside resorts of Scarborough and Filey.

Staxton is home to the Hertford Vale Church of England School with approx. 120 pupils. We have an active Village Hall with events such as Bangers and Mash and Yoga. There is a sports field with a village cricket team. There are plenty of beautiful walks taking views from the Wolds to the coast. The A64 give easy access to Scarborough and York.

What we do



The church dates back to the 11th century and is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1084. The oldest parts of the present church date from the 13th century. St Peter's Church is in a very good state of repair, well maintained and most welcoming. Our congregation is small but enthusiastic. We have two church wardens, treasurer and secretary. Church warden Kath Stanforth is our Deanery Representative.

Week	Time	Type	Liturgy	Attendance	Robes	Music
1	10:00	Communion	CW	15	Y	CD
2	10:00	Morning Prayer	CW	15	N	CD
3	10:00	Morning Prayer	CW	15	Y	CD
4	11:00	Family Communion	CW	15	Y	CD
5		Joint				

Other services - Average p.a

Funerals - 1

Weddings - 1

Christenings - 2

While we are very traditional, we know we need to move forward, attract more people and grow in Jesus' name.

Finances

Last financial year income - £8,191

Contribution to freewill offer - £3,000

Hertford Vale CofE School

The school is a big part of the village and an integral part of the church. The children regularly visit the church as well as decorating it for Christmas, Easter, and Harvest services. Along with Folkton and Ganton churches we present every school leaver with a Bible. Previous vicars of the village have been very involved at the school, taking assemblies, encouraging the children to attend church and being on the board of governors.

The Head Teacher Mr Andrew Barber would like the vicar to:

- Be a recognisable and accepted part of the school's life, engaging with all members of staff and children.
- Sit on the governing body.
- Provide children's services both in school and in church.

The school's values are love, peace, kindness, respect and resilience.

St Nicholas, Ganton



Population at last census = 215

Electoral roll = 39

Ganton village is on the western edge of the Benefice 8.2 miles from Hunmanby (14 minutes drive), it straddles the A64 with the major part of the village lying on the south side of the road. To the north there is a minor road leading to a golf club and a farm only and to the south the road leads to Foxholes and the Wolds. It is 9.9 miles west of Scarborough and 14.7 miles east of Malton.

There are 95 houses between the villages of Ganton and Potter Brompton (a hamlet situated just to the west of Ganton), including all the outlying Farms and the accommodation at the golf course.

There is a pub, The Ganton Greyhound and there is the Ganton Cricket Pitch – (the village have a very active team who compete in the Beckett League) where cricket is played throughout the summer months and there is a village hall.

Social organisations include regular coffee mornings for the church held in the village hall, The Ganton Girls and a Quilting Group who meet in the village hall every month - in addition the Bowls Club meet twice a week at the village hall. The Ganton Cricket Team play on the cricket pitch, host matches on a regular basis and have their teas in the village hall. The village hall is available to hire and due to its good facilities, it is popular and hosts a variety of different events.

The Church

St Nicholas Church originates from the 14th century and has a 13th century chancel and a 15th century tower. It is built of dressed sandstone and has a stone slate roof. It is Grade II* listed and is home to a recently restored John Marshall organ dating back to 1865 and some very fine Victorian stained glass windows.

From Easter Sunday until the end of October the church is open every day between 10.00am and 4.00pm. We have a visitors' book which 63 signed in 2022 but we know there are many more who do not sign as we meet them - often when coming to lock up! The church is popular with Wolds Way Walkers who come and eat their picnics in the Garden of Reflection where they are able to sit in peace. This garden was created some 10 years ago and is maintained partly by a few members of the community and for the other part by the gentleman who cuts the grass in the graveyard.

The graveyard is well maintained - mown regularly with the yews being kept in shape by regular pruning. The graves, when needed, are dug by hand to limit the damage to the very old stones by a digger.

What we do

There is sung Evensong on the first Sunday of the month (except January). On the second and fourth Sunday there is a Community Service following the format of

Morning Prayer in the prayer book. Once a month there is a Compline Service held midweek in the evening. On the third Sunday Holy Communion is celebrated by the incumbent. The church warden arrange all the services (other than the Communion Service) at St Nicholas themselves, inviting a rota of retired clergy, Readers and Lay Preachers known to them, to come and preach. On the first and second Sundays in the month we have an organist. All our services follow the Book of Common Prayer.

Week	Time	Type	Liturgy	Attendance	Robes	Music
1	18:00	Evensong	BCP	22	Y	Organ
2	10:00	Community	BCP	13	Y	Organ
3	9:30	Communion	BCP	11	Y	No
4	6.30	Compline	BCP	8	Y	No
5		Joint				

Other services - Average p.a

Funerals - 1

Weddings - 1

Christenings – 1

A midweek Compline is held once a month.

Added to the above services, there is always an Easter Day Service, a Harvest Festival followed by soup and sandwiches in October and there is always a Remembrance Service on Remembrance Sunday.

There is also a Carol Service on the first Sunday in December and there is a service on Christmas Day - all these services are popular and well attended.

We also try to arrange the following services if possible: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day.

Of the 39 people on St Nicholas Electoral Roll, 12 are regular worshippers, 8 live in Ganton or on the outskirts (on farms) while the remainder come to worship from the outlying villages.

Village Electoral Roll - 166.

The total number of people who attended services in St Nicholas Church during 2022 was 926 - this does include a wedding (165 pax).

PCC

Of the Church Council's 8 members, 4 are over 70, one has been a church warden since 2002. The second church warden is under 70 (just) and has served since 2008. Members of the congregation take turns to read the lesson and provide the refreshments after the services. Despite the small and scattered congregation, there is a working rota for flowers and for cleaning the church.

Finances

Up until and including 2019, St Nicholas PCC willingly gave the recommended amount. Since 2020 our Free Will Giving has been minimal. It was felt by all Members of the PCC that the Church of England had failed us by insisting that churches were closed during the pandemic. In addition, our giving was a reflection of the amount of time that the present incumbent actually spent supporting the residents of Ganton and the surrounding farms. However, in 2023, the PCC recognised the generosity of the Church of England in giving us a heating allowance and in anticipation of a new incumbent it is proposed that the Freewill Offering will be reviewed for the coming year.

Income (avg over 3 years)– £13,744

The future for Ganton

The PCC of St Nicholas Church are very excited about working with a new incumbent who we hope will help us move forward in order to attract young families to come to our beautiful church, alongside meeting the needs of the more elderly regular worshippers. We have plans to start 'Messy Church' during the summer of 2023 to try and encourage those with young children to come to church. We are looking forward to working with other members of the benefice and with our new incumbent to attract families and young people in the area to attend church. We recognise that in order to do this we will need to make some changes in the way we work. We are committed to serving our community in the best way we can, and we will all continue to pray for spiritual growth among us to ensure that St Nicholas's church Ganton will be a place where everyone in the local area feels welcome.

The Benefice Vicarage

The vicarage is a large 4 bedroomed detached house with a walled garden and an adjacent orchard. The garden backs on to fields and the sea can be seen in the distance.

It has a large lounge, study, dining room, kitchen, 2 utility rooms and a downstairs toilet. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, and a separate bathroom and toilet.

There is a garage and various outbuildings/workshops.

The vicarage is a 2 minute walk from Hunmanby church.





**‘Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
“This is the way; walk in it.”
Isaiah 30 v 21**
