

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 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 are 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

- Retired Vicar: Rev Michael Burley (PTO) conducts services around the benefice.
- 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 – 13 (child, 11 adult by total immersion)

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 3rd Sunday 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 run Bible Study Courses, Alpha and Talking Jesus and have started the trypraying initiative. We have previously run 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 3 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 a recorded 'Message of the week' is posted by our lay reader Julie.

[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 a small village church, and 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 was built on the back approx. 45 years ago that can be used for small meetings and refreshments after services. Our graveyard is still open. We are also very fortunate to have an organist. Muston has a PCC of 9 members.

Congregation



The congregation, whilst small, are a faithful group who are loving and caring. We have a number of people who do the readings and intercessions. 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 ½ mile apart and 2 ½ 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 - 3

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

The twin villages of Willerby and Staxton, along with the hamlet of Binnington and a smattering of farms make-up the parish of Willerby and are home to St Peter's Church. St Peter's dating back to the 11th century, is a typical stone built village church, with vaulted wooden ceilings and stunning stained-glass windows.

Our small congregation is quite traditional, but we are loving the richness and diversity that having different clergy and church wardens taking services during vacancy is bringing to our worship. We have a small, dedicated PCC, who care for St Peter's and its community. Staying in touch via WhatsApp, and the all-important "natter" over a cuppa and biscuit after services, allows to support those who are sick or in need of prayers or just a hug. Our Deanery rep keeps us in touch with the rest of Scarborough's churches, - it's good to share problems, solutions, resources and worship, and know they're all praying for us.

We're looking for a vicar who'll support us in worship, whilst helping us to grow and stretch our faith. And for someone who'll be part of our community and school.

We're looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our - your - church.



What we do

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

Finances

Last financial year income - £8,191

Contribution to freewill offer - £3,000

Hertford Vale Church of England School

Although situated in Staxton, Hertford Vale CE Primary School, takes children from the parishes of Folkton, Ganton and Willerby. It could be an important part of your ministry.

The school's vision states:

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6.

"Along with clear directions, God has given everyone freedom to choose their own path in life. By raising children in a Godly manner, we instil in them love, respect, kindness, resilience and peace so that they may choose the right path for themselves."

Although transport and insurance concerns make it difficult for the children to visit Folkton and Ganton churches they are regular visitors to St Peter's. As well as decorating the Christmas tree, and the church for harvest and Easter, and holding services in church, every new intake of children gets to visit with Barbara, explore and ring the bells! It's their church, their home. The interaction between the school and our church liaison - Barbara, and Rev Liz Kitching was noted in the school's diocesan report.

Every child heading for Secondary school is presented with a Bible from our three parishes.

Andrew Barber, the school head teacher, would like our new 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 church.

He says "Everyone at our school is equal and treats each other with respect and kindness. We pride ourselves on developing positive relationships which put the whole child at the centre of everything we do."

Hopefully as our new vicar, you'll build on the foundations already in place and encourage and develop the links between school and church.



St Nicholas, Ganton



Population at last census = 215

Electoral roll = 39

Who we are

Ganton Village is on the western edge of the Benefice consisting of 95 houses between Ganton and Potter Brompton (a hamlet just to the west of Ganton). There is a Pub, a Golf Course and a Village Hall with a cricket pitch in Ganton itself. All are very well supported by the local community with a very active cricket team playing League cricket throughout the summer. The Village Hall hosts regular bowls games, The Ganton Girls, the Quilting Group and regular coffee mornings to raise money for the church. St Nicholas Church dates back to the 14th Century and was under the Patronage of the Legard family until 1908 when the estate was sold. Many members of this family are buried in the churchyard and some are in the screened off mortuary within the church itself. As you approach the church from the Main Street, you walk through the Garden of Reflection which has a wall at the top where ashes are placed. The churchyard is maintained to a high standard and the ornamental yews and the surrounding hedges are cut regularly.

What we do

St Nicholas is the most traditional of the five churches within the Benefice, using the Book of Common Prayer which is much cherished by the congregation. Please see below for the Service rota.

There is sung Evensong on the first Sunday of the month (except January). On the second and third 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 fourth Sunday Holy Communion is celebrated. On the first three Sundays of the month there is 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	Community	BCP	11	Y	Organ
4	6.30	Communion	BCP	12	Y	No
5		Joint				

Other services - Average p.a

Funerals - 1

Weddings - 1

Christenings – 1

Village Electoral Roll - 166.

The total number of people who attended services in St Nicholas Church during 2023 was 850 - this does include a wedding (165 pax).

PCC

St Nicholas has an active PCC who are regular attendees of the services as well as organising fundraising events for the church throughout the year. These include Coffee Mornings, whist drives, snowdrop strolls and a summer opening of the garden at The Hall.

Finances

St Nicholas pays its Free Will giving by standing order and is up to date with these payments.

Income (average over the last three 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 who attend now. We recognise that 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 continue to pray for spiritual growth among us to ensure that St Nicholas's church Ganton will be a place where everyone in the community feels welcome.

The Deanery of Scarborough



A warm welcome to Scarborough Deanery a place where we are creatively stepping out in faith through Prayer, Growing, Belonging and Serving in sharing God's Kingdom across all ages as part of our commitment to 'Living Christ's Story' together. The Deanery of Scarborough in the Diocese of York and the Archdeaconry of the East Riding. We have 22 parishes, rural and urban communities situated in a beautiful coastal area from Ravenscar in the north to Filey in the south and inland to East Ayton and Ganton. The Deanery is supported by lay and ordained disciples who share and encourage mission and ministry. We enjoy the fruits of working with our ecumenical partners and have an active Churches Together.

The Area and Lay Dean together with members of the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) and Chapter meet regularly to support, encourage, and serve both the synod and the parishes, clergy, and laity across the Deanery. Parish representation on our inclusive style Deanery Synod is good and engaging in conversation and prayer. As a Deanery we seek God's help to be a partnership of churches encouraging supportive relationships through nurturing a community of faith rooted in prayer and shared worship together. Our continuing journey of Living Christ's Story our Diocesan Vision, we aim to create stronger networks across north, central, and south, supporting, resourcing, and working collaboratively across the Deanery.

Our Deanery values the importance of effective social action, environmental responsibility and servant-hearted ministry and continue to build on the good initiatives already established in the Deanery through Westway Open Arms at Eastfield and the Rainbow Centre in the town. Scarborough Deanery is recognised as an area of social and economic deprivation and is excited to be working with the Diocesan Mustard Seed Project and the Stepping Up Programme. We have two part-time (job share) Multiply Ministers giving 10% of their time to Deanery initiatives in reaching and engaging in the ministry with people under 40.

Scarborough Deanery is known to be proactive, and we have held Deanery Conferences every two years which are always well attended. Training events for Authorised Local Ministers (Lay Ministry), Church Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers, Vision Days, Children's Events, and a variety of prayer, worship, and mission opportunities and we look forward to building more on this in the future.

If God is calling you to serve in Scarborough Deanery, we look forward to you joining us as we strive to serve as disciples in this place.

Area Dean: Revd. Samantha Taylor

Lay Dean: Canon Ros Brewer

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
