

# St Saviour's Retford

## PARISH PROFILE



## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking the time to read through our profile. We trust this will help you discern if God is calling you to join us. In this document, we offer you a glimpse into what life and ministry could be like for you, if you become our next vicar.

There are two ways we are offering you this information. First is the 'executive summary' as summed up by one of our members, Paul Cookson who is a Performance Poet; and then there is the official parish profile offering all the 'official' information. Both are offered in faith, and give a glimpse of who we are, at St Saviour's Church in Retford. We pray and hope you are inspired by both!



**'Wanted  
As Soon As Possible'  
A Poem by Paul Cookson**

*A smiling face  
A listening ear  
Words of wisdom  
A voice that's clear*

*Patient spirit  
Empathetic soul  
Gets on well  
With young and old*

*Knows what's wrong  
And what's right  
Sense of justice  
Guiding light*

*Sense of humour  
Twinkling eyes  
Sense of mischief  
And surprise*

*Optimistic  
Burning desire  
One to lead  
And inspire*

*Single minded  
Collaborator  
Safe hands  
And risk taker*

*Good handshake  
Open heart  
All the above  
Would be a start*

## WHO ARE WE?

St Saviours is one church in one parish with one PCC. We are a prayerful, Bible based, evangelical church, open to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Our patrons are The Simeon Trustees. Our members are proactive and supportive in our day to day mission and ministry.

We are a united, and supportive church family, friendly and welcoming to all. We are here to know and love Jesus, make Him better known, and show His love across our community. We believe in the transforming power and love of God. We have experienced this ourselves and seek to share this with those around us.

We actively welcome people of all ages and stages of faith; and want to make St Saviours a safe and welcoming place – for all.

In 2029 St Saviour's will celebrate 200 years and we want to make the most of this anniversary to connect with as many people as possible in our community.



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO:

- Loves God, loves His church, and will love and nurture our church family and reach out to our local Community.
- Can teach and preach the Bible in a way that encourages and helps develop our faith.
- Will help to develop diverse, growing, prayerful congregations. Someone capable of embracing both traditional and innovative methods of worship.
- Has a proven record of ability, enthusiasm and commitment, to value and work with all age groups and nurturing healthy, undefended congregations.
- Has excellent communication skills to help us communicate effectively with each other and develop effective communications into our community
- Is a team player, empathetic and empowering with a warm, friendly disposition, and down to earth attitude who can connect with the wider community.

## WHAT WE OFFER

- A well established, capable, enthusiastic congregation.
- A track record of innovation, Cafe church, Lego club, Grief cafe, Girls' Night Out, and Pies, Peas, and Performances.
- An ethos of collaboration across the different churches and denominations of Retford, through Food bank, Churches Together, Joint services, Christian Aid Lent lunches, World Day of Prayer, and open air services.
- A church committed to the principal of Parish share, recognising that finance is a faith issue, and we are a faithful church.
- And all of that in a delightful market town

## OUR DEANERY

The furthest north in the Diocese, the Bassetlaw and Bawtry deanery is made up of 46 parishes, working together as 15 benefices, with both rural and town locations. In the main, the deanery matches the local government district of Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire but also includes one part of South Yorkshire in the benefice of Bawtry with Austerfield. There are three MPs: Jo White (Bassetlaw), Lee Pitcher (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme), and Robert Jenrick (Newark).

Our deanery serves a population of approximately 120,000 people, with a variety of backgrounds including farming, mining (in the West), and industry. Located adjacent to the Sheffield City Region and Doncaster, these conurbations provide the main employment opportunities. Connected by the A1 road, the East Coast Mainline and Lincoln/Sheffield railway lines, and nearby Doncaster/Sheffield Airport, the Deanery has ready access to London in just an hour and a half, alongside various local and international destinations.

The deanery has churches with larger and smaller numbers of attendees, vibrant market town churches, estate ministries, with many commuters working in the surrounding cities, and rural contexts. All, though, are well connected to their local communities through schools, occasional offices, community projects and a growing number of New Worshipping Communities, as well as many iconic church buildings. The churches in our deanery cover all traditions and the area is rich in Christian history with a number of churches boasting links to the Mayflower Pilgrims. This Christian heritage with the Separatists that formed the Mayflower Pilgrims, originating in the local villages of Austerfield, Scrooby, Babworth and Sturton-le-Steeple. With Worksop, being the Gateway to the Dukeries, the four historic ducal seats of Worksop Manor, Welbeck Abbey, Thoresby Hall and Clumber House are all close by and provide ample space for walks, days out and historical fact finding.

The clergy chapter, led by the Area Dean, Rev Dave Gough, works closely together and offers support to each other through regular meetings, praying together, socials and fellowship, and encourages input from the wider Diocesan leadership team with regular speakers. Deanery Synod meets three times a year with lively discussion and information sharing.

All parishes within the deanery have embraced the Diocesan vision of Living Hope for the cities, towns and villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond, and proudly boast some of the beyond with parishes in South Yorkshire within our deanery. We are fully engaged and excited to be looking towards growing disciples who are compassionate, confident and courageous.

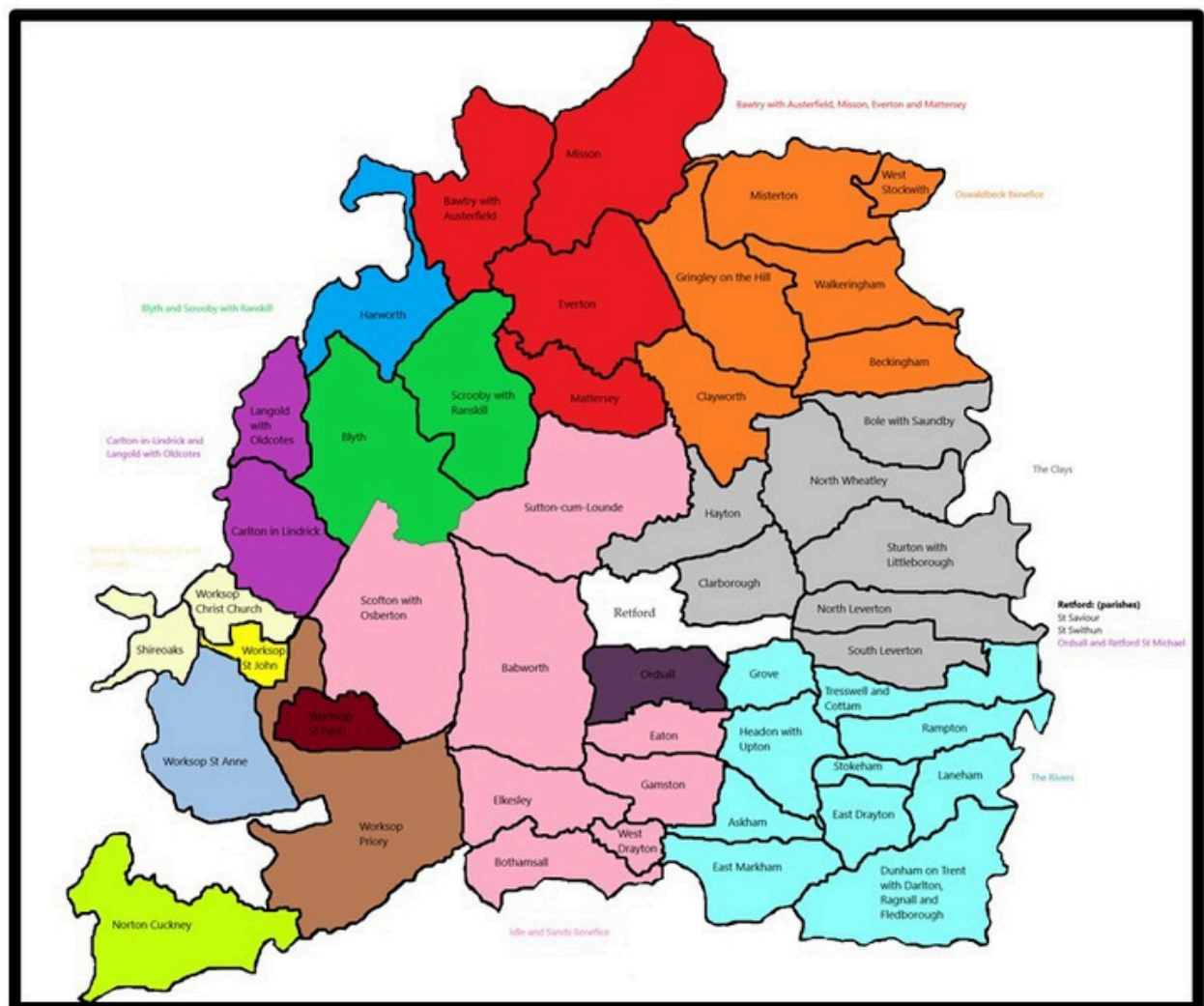
The Deanery has an administrator, who is employed by the Diocese, and, together with the Area Dean and the Deanery leadership team, they provide incumbents and parishes with practical and pastoral support. We would encourage you to consider our deanery as a great place to work and to further your ministry.

For further information about the deanery and parishes please contact:

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## OUR DIOCESE

### ***A statement from the Rt Revd. Paul Williams and Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven Victoria Ramsey***

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham incorporates the City of Nottingham, the whole County of Nottinghamshire and five parishes in South Yorkshire. The population is 1.15 million – 51% live in the greater Nottingham conurbation, 31% in ex-mining areas and 18% in rural. There are 305 churches (252 parishes), served by 119 stipendiary clergy and 228 licensed lay ministers.



In 2024 we launched our refreshed vision of Living Hope for the city, towns and villages in Nottinghamshire and beyond. We believe the presence of thriving, growing churches across the diocese is vital for people to discover Living Hope and make the best decision anyone could ever make for their lives – to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. To enable this vision, we are committed to our mission of Growing disciples of Christ with compassion, confidence and courage. To support both parishes and the diocese in this we have identified 7 areas of focus: inspiring worship, reaching younger, enhancing diversity, growing leaders, enabling commitment, encouraging generosity and nurturing prayer. This vision is set out in more detail on our website.

It is my hope that each worshipping community in the diocese will develop a compelling picture of its own future in God's purposes with an expectation of growing numerically and in the scope of its mission. It is my prayer that the new vicar of St. Saviour's will have the creative leadership and imagination to develop discipleship, plan for growth and reach out to the unchurched of all ages in its locality.

As you consider the role of vicar of St. Saviour's Church Retford, may I encourage you to take time to look over and reflect on our diocesan vision as part of your discernment as to whether God is calling you to be part of this diocese at this exciting time.

I look forward to welcoming the new incumbent of St. Saviour's to join us on this faith-filled journey.

***Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham***

We find ourselves at a crucial moment for the church in relation to a changing culture. The good news of Jesus Christ is as important and life-giving as it has ever been. There are many opportunities to serve the people of Retford with the gospel of hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. This parish has a vision to grow the church younger and to continue to build on its kingdom work for the future.



Every parish is encouraged to create its own 'Growing Disciples Plan' so that it can play a significant part in the strategic commitment to growing disciples of Jesus Christ with compassion, confidence and courage. I look forward to supporting the congregation of St. Saviour's in its mission and welcoming a new incumbent to lead and implement the vision for the parish.

***The Venerable Tors Ramsey, Archdeacon of Newark the Archdeacon***



## OUR PRIORITIES

- Reaching people of all ages across our community, using existing links and helping develop new and innovative missional opportunities, especially with local families.
- Developing our social media and website as an attractive 'shop front' for church.
- Enabling us to go deeper in faith, through prayer, bible teaching, worship and by developing discipleship in small groups.
- Helping us develop our vocational gifts and identify and grow new leaders.
- Increasing generosity so that we may trust God in our finances and further invest in his kingdom.
- Developing our worship so that we offer a wider range of accessible, creative and engaging services.



# OUR VISION

## ***GROWING DISCIPLES WITH COMPASSION, CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE.***

### **INSPIRING WORSHIP**

- We want to develop our worship so that it is even more creative, adventurous, and captivating.
- We want people to really want to come to church and inspired to invite friends and family and to have doubled our regular congregations by 2029.
- To help us nurture children's faith; whether through new Sunday children's groups and/or developing more family-focussed/ all-age services.
- To review and develop the impact of Café Church, and make the most of seasonal celebrations/festivals and occasional offices.

### **REACHING YOUNGER**

#### ***This is a key priority for us***

- It is exciting to see new people (especially families) coming to Lego club and Sunday services, but we pray and dream of more. Integrating children into the life and ministry of the church, and developing links with our linked uniformed youth organisations.
- Identify opportunities to take 'St Saviours' out, into the community; perhaps to a local pub/new missional small group and create ways for people across the wider parish to explore faith.
- Connecting with our four primary schools to develop spiritual and pastoral links.
- By 2029 we'd love to be appealing to all ages and exploring the appointment a Family and Children's worker to support and develop family-focused mission and ministry.

### **ENHANCING DIVERSITY**

- While we are reflective of our general parish demographic, we could be more intentional about reaching those on the 'fringes'. We want to be known as a welcoming and safe church for everyone.
- We have not yet had recent conversations about LLF and PLF, yet are open and heart and willing to explore all this. We welcome a new incumbent who is willing to go on this journey with us.

## **GROWING LEADERS**

- *We value lay leadership as a crucial part of our mission and ministry. We hope our new vicar will encourage different leadership pathways and resources so that all can explore different vocational gifts.*
- *We want to develop our own spiritual gifts to help us grow as The Body Of Christ together.*

## **ENABLING COMMITMENT**

- *We are excited about the prospects of going deeper into faith as disciples of Christ, will you help us?*
- *We value our two existing small groups but hope our new vicar will help us develop these so every person can be part of one for pastoral care and discipleship, and a welcoming place for people seeking and nurturing faith.*
- *We'd like to see an even greater proportion of those on our electoral roll attend church more regularly and commit to growing as disciples.*

## **ENCOURAGING GENEROSITY**

- *St Saviours is by nature a generous church. We support food banks and always respond well to specific appeals and charities. The PCC find ourselves in the uncomfortable position of being unable to pay our full parish share this year and are doing all we can during the vacancy to address this with a 'good stewardship' campaign to address the shortfall and help us grow in faith, finance and stewardship.*
- *We welcome inspiring teaching that is life changing to encourage generosity in our people – with their time, talents and possessions.*
- *We want to tithe our church income to support different mission projects.*

## **NURTURING PRAYER**

- *We believe all our mission and ministry has to be rooted in prayer.*
- *We want to develop a more proactive, corporate prayer life, and reintroduce prayer ministry in services.*
- *To empower every member of church, across all ages to pray and so seek God in every aspect of life.*
- *Building an expectation that as we pray, God will work, and that church will be a safe place to pray openly, and share answers to prayer.*

## OUR PRIORITIES & ASPIRATIONS

*We fully engage with the Diocesan vision which offers key indicators to build God's Kingdom in our community.*

*We want to dream big, and believe that God's dreams are even bigger than any finite aspirations we might have. So we offer these aspirations, in faith and hope that you will help us see all these, and more...*

### **Inspiring worship**

*Discerning a new worship opportunity beyond Sunday mornings to engage and involve new people, especially families.*

*Establishing an outreach group elsewhere in the parish, perhaps in a pub or one of the primary schools.*

*By 2029- the Bicentenary of St Saviour's Church, we want to have doubled our regular congregation and active 'membership'.*

### **Reaching younger**

*We want to engage with all four parish primary schools, and offer support, faith resources and develop pastoral links. We hope for a sustainable strategy to begin these relationships in 2026.*

*To further invest in our growing Lego club and discern ways to help the families move on in their faith journey. We want to nurture our baptism families, offer creative preparation and long term follow up.*

### **Enabling people to grow deeper in discipleship and faith**

*Building on our existing 'Time Together' small groups, we aspire to see every established and new member rooted into a small group, as their key place for discipleship and pastoral support. We want to offer regular nurture groups/Alpha for those seeking faith or looking to renew their faith, and become a 'stepping stone' for those at Grief Café, Lego Club and Girls Night Out.*

### **Growing new Leaders**

*We have seen new people exploring lay leadership roles and want to further invest in them, and create active ways for more potential leaders to explore vocational ministry.*

*We'd like to explore Eco-Church objectives, and appoint a lay leader to help make our church and church yard an award-winning environmental blessing in the community.*

### **Encouraging generosity**

*By the time of our Bicentenary in 2029, we aspire to not only pay our parish share in full, but tithe our church income and have additional funds to invest well in mission and community outreach,*

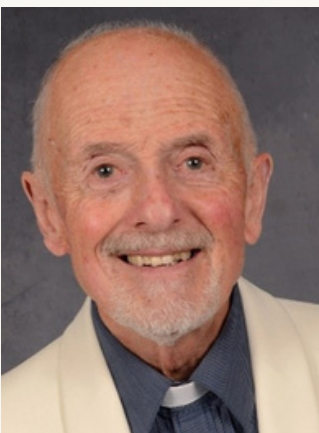
## OUR PEOPLE

We currently have 88 people on the electoral roll. We have increased our Sunday attendance to 40-50 each week.

The ministry at St Saviours is led by a team of dedicated, faithful people, with new people being willing to lead and serve behind the scenes.

- Two Churchwardens, Martin Dawson and Alison Barnett are supported by two Deputy Churchwardens Stuart Bradford and Barbara Newbold.
- Mark Barnett is our Lay Chair of PCC and part of the Worship band.
- Mike Newby is our Treasurer
- We have two very active Priests with PTO: Revd Bryony Wood (who has been leading us through the interregnum) and Revd Andrew Pearse (who is active in school's work and Lego Club). Both are part of the wider Retford clergy team offering support for Sundays and occasional offices.
- The Parish Administrator role is currently in Vacancy. When appointed, they will work from the Parish Office in the Community. We are actively seeking a replacement to work 4 hours a week. They historically dealt with Community Hall bookings and invoices, the church diary and enquiries, and supporting the worship team by printing resources.
- Parish Safeguarding Officer, Barbara Moakes is experienced and ensures we all stay up to date with training and resources.

Barbara writes; *“Our aim at St Saviours is to be compliant with safeguarding requirements for every role in the church, made more urgent by recent failures by the church to protect those in its care. This reflects our commitment to Jesus and desire to nurture and serve his church family and the wider community. Our PSO is working with another local PSO to put on local training to help people to easily access what they need to do. Safeguarding is a standing item at PCC meetings, and the PSO aims to keep its profile high on the agenda in planning and decision making.”*



Revd Andrew Pearse



Revd Bryony Wood



Alison Barnett



Martin Dawson

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

**Sunday at 10.30am.** Once a month, this is Common Worship Holy Communion with other lay-led and vicar-led services to suit the season and occasion, including our new monthly Café Church. We embrace different kinds of services from 'middle of the road' Anglican liturgy to Celtic, all age, and prayer and praise services. We appreciate a good sermon to equip us as followers of Jesus. Services are friendly and informal and offer a warm welcome to all who come along. We enjoy meeting together as a fellowship, especially when there is food involved and for many, this is their expression of 'family'. Our sung worship embraces a variety of traditional hymns and contemporary worship.

**Wednesdays at 10.30am** we have BCP Holy Communion that is much appreciated by those who gather from the wider church community. They really this opportunity for fellowship with a shorter 'said' Communion followed by coffee and cake.

### **Café Church**

In February 2025 we launched 'Café Church' on the first Sunday of the month. Starting with breakfast we offer a contemporary, all age, informal yet structured approach to worship that is appropriate for 'explorers' and regular members.

### **Occasional Offices**

Though not a traditionally 'pretty church', St Saviours is a good building for occasional offices. We are at the heart of a large community, and have seen an up surge in Baptisms and Funeral recently. We prefer to baptise and offer thanksgivings for children during the main service; and always try to find a way to say 'yes' to anyone who approaches St Saviours for any kind of occasional office ministry.





### **Small Groups/Time Together**

Generally these run on alternate weeks – one in the daytime and one in the evening. We are very keen to make the most of any and all small groups for teaching and pastoral care and mission.

The team from Time Together – Thursdays write: *“We meet for Bible study and fellowship fortnightly, and our emphasis is to learn more about Jesus and support one another in prayer, discussion and with practical help. We look at a variety of studies using different media focussing on what the Bible has to say to us today about how to serve God where we are now. We are an informal and caring group who share our different experiences of faith to help and support each other.”*

### **Parish Weekends**

For many years the congregation went away each year to Cober Hill residential centre for a weekend of faith and friendship. This stopped in Covid and was replaced initially with a ‘weekend away at home’, then in 2024 we enjoyed a weekend away in Scargill House. Hopefully we can look forward to more similar occasions.

**Pies Peas and Performances** offers high quality professional performances, usually staged in the Community Hall which has become a much valued intimate ‘live performance’ venue. While not designed to be a ‘Christian event’, it builds links between the church and the community and fruits of these relationships are developing in different ways. Find [Pies Peas & Performance](#) on Facebook.

**Lego Club** is one of our most exciting ministries that meets in term time. With around 20-30 children and parents attending each week. We have a Lego theme linked to the bible story with supporting activities and refreshments. We occasionally put on special events such as a Pancake Party, an Easter Trail or a Light Party for which we draft in a willing a band of extra helpers.

GNO aka **'Girls Night Out'** offers a safe place for local women to come and enjoy a meal out with friends old and new. Two or three times a year we welcome around 60 women, some from the church but mostly the local community. These events are themed evenings where the food, the music, the quiz and even the clothing and occasional dancing match the chosen theme. Examples include Mamma Mia, the Oscars, School Days, and Burns Night.

**Grief Café** started in 2021 to support those who had difficult experiences of bereavement. We meet once a monthly where there is a mixture of laughter and tears as people share as much or as little as they wish over a cuppa and cake.

The team who run the café have all experienced loss or worked in a hospital/hospice setting and had training from Transforming Notts Together. We also offered two additional workshops run by a bereavement psychotherapist helping with Wellness and Sleep during bereavement and hope to put on another soon about anxiety.

**St Saviours annual Jumble Sale** is one of Retford's biggest community fund raising events held each March.





## OUR BUILDINGS

St Saviour's Church is a Grade 2 listed building consecrated in 1829. The flexibility of the internal space which is carpeted with moveable chairs and tables to allow for all kinds of church and community events to take place. We have a ramp to one entrance and so fully accessible for wheelchairs, prams and buggies. There is a large open nave space, small side chapel and the chancel that usually holds the worship band.

Our last quinquennial was two years ago and all necessary repairs /work has been completed. There is no major repair or reordering work currently required. But as you'd expect in a Georgian building, there are often ongoing issues for instance recently, some roof tiles slipped so we're currently fixing the leak when it rains. The boiler and heating system were installed some 25 years ago; when major reordering was completed. At some stage in the not too distant future that original boiler might need replacing, but it keeps going in the meantime...

The well-maintained churchyard has a small mound open for cremated remains, plus a good sized car park.



## **St Saviours Community Hall**

Once the original local primary school, our hall is now a valuable resource for the community. There is a well maintained main hall, a well-equipped kitchen, a carpeted meeting room, the parish office and toilets.

During the week, many regular groups meet here, from Art Classes to Judo Club, AA to Brownies and Guides. It's regularly hired out for private events bringing income to pay for the upkeep of the hall and support some of the church's expenses.

After each Sunday service the congregation gather for a coffee and chat and hold regular Bring and Share lunches.



## BRIEF HISTORY

St Saviours was consecrated as a daughter church to St John's Church, Clarbrough in 1829 and became its own parish in 1933.

It then enjoyed a period of stability and growth from the late 1980s through the 2000s when it was known as a lively church with people aged from 0 - 99 years olds worshiping side by side and a range of activities to suit beyond the Sunday services.

Around 2019 the parish boundaries changed and St Saviour's parish was extended further across Retford. This gives us so much more scope to invest in mission as we now have four primary and four care home as well as many private and social housing estates. The parish of St Saviours encompasses all aspects of Retford's varied demography.

As with many parish churches Covid impacted our worship and numbers, however we seem to be experiencing a welcome and encouraging 'bounce back' after some challenging times during and look to the future with much confidence.



## ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Retford has a strong tradition of working ecumenically. We are keen to reinforce these and build on them.

*“It has been good to work with St Saviour's on recent events organised by Churches Together in Retford. Thank you too, for the invitation to join the congregation at St Saviour's for the service on the Sunday after Christmas - what a tremendous privilege to worship together with so many Christians from across the different churches. in the town and surrounding villages. The contribution that St Saviour's make is greatly appreciated.”*

**Rev'd Julie Coates, Superintendent Minister of the Trinity Circuit (Retford and Worksop) and Vice Chair of Churches Together in Retford**

*Revd Bryony Wood at Retford's Festival Of Remembrance at Retford Town Hall*



# RETFORD

Retford is an attractive market town in North Nottinghamshire, situated in the District of Bassetlaw. There are excellent travel links north and south via the M1 and A1; we have a mainline station with direct links to London and Edinburgh. Retford is situated near cities like Nottingham, Lincoln and Doncaster, Leeds, and York just a bit further.



The Lincolnshire coast with its glorious sandy beaches is only a day trip away. We are fortunate to be near several airports including East Midlands; Doncaster Airport is being reopened for service in 2026.

Retford is big enough to offer all the necessary amenities and services but small enough to offer a real sense of community. As a town with a thriving market three days a week, we are surrounded by farms, villages, and gentle rolling countryside ideal for walks. There is an active Civic Society which generates a lot of interest and pride in our town. What's interesting to note is how many people choose to stay in Retford or return to bring up their families or retire here.

Retford has the award-winning King's Park, first-class library and leisure centre plus two theatres. The Majestic Theatre attracts touring shows, whilst Retford Little Theatre has an excellent reputation offering amateur dramatics for adults and young people. There's an active U3A and many local sports clubs, interest groups and societies for all ages. Retford has a large variety of restaurants, cafés and farm shops, many of which source and celebrate local produce.

You can visit Idle Valley Nature Reserve, walk the River Idle, Chesterfield Canal (and even take a boat trip). Different National Trust sites are in easy driving distance, especially Clumber Park.

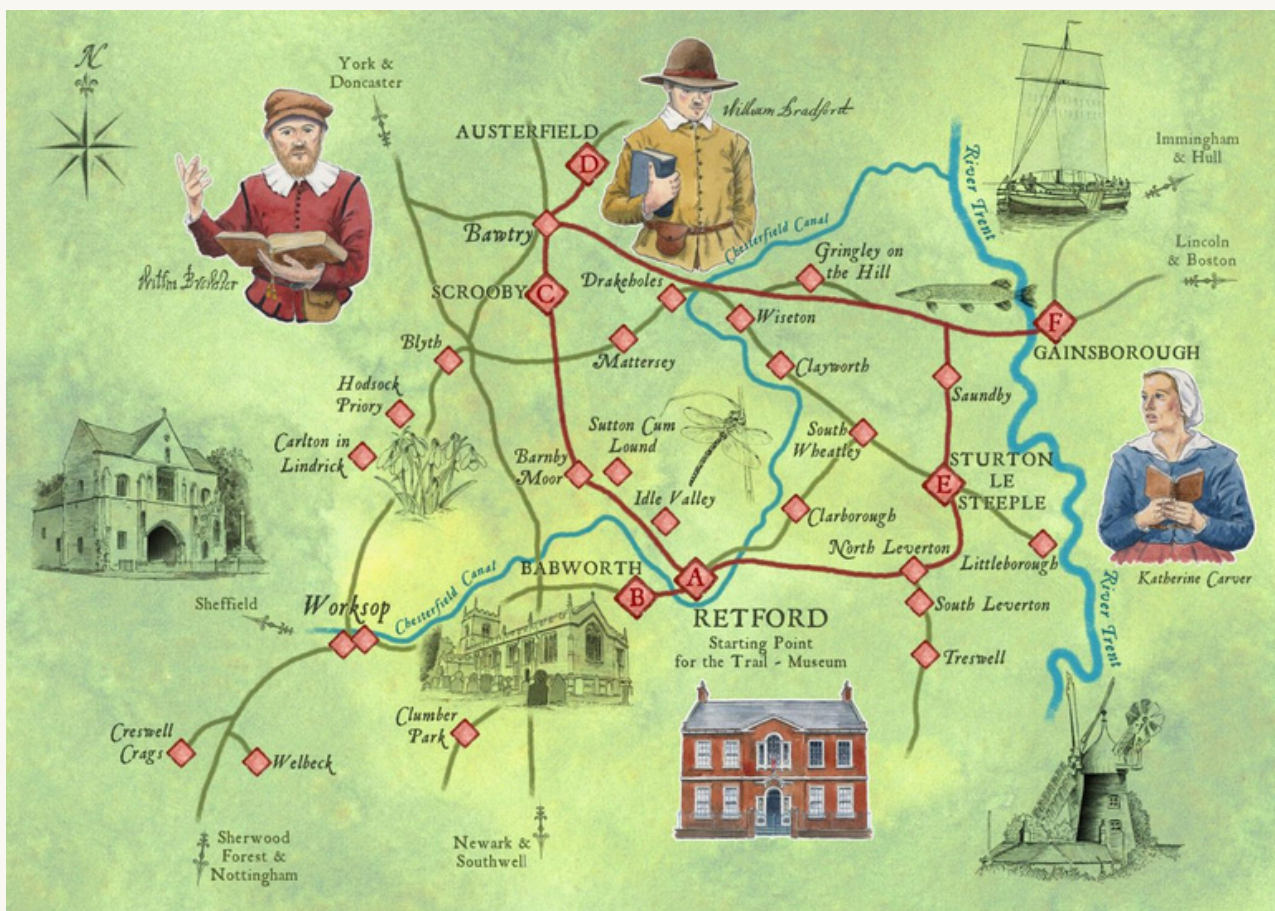
Retford has good healthcare facilities and part of Bassetlaw and Doncaster Health Authority. Emergency Services are well represented within the town. We are blessed with good schools, primary, secondary and post-16 and an excellent special school, St Giles.



Major employers include the NHS, HMP Ranby, Rampton Hospital and West Burton which has been selected as the home of the ambitious STEP fusion (Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production) energy programme, underpinning an industry expected to be worth billions to the UK economy.

Nottinghamshire and Retford has played a key role across the nation's religious history. This includes the Pilgrim Fathers who originated in this area, the birth of Methodism with Charles and John Wesley at nearby Epworth, and Thomas Cranmer who was born in Aslockton in the south of the County. William Booth who founded the Salvation Army was born in Sneinton, Nottingham.

Nearby Newark hosts the National Civil War Centre and the castle where King John died. Every year Retford holds both a Heritage Day and a Charter Day to celebrate the history and life of this vibrant community.



## THE VICARAGE

You would be living in one of Retford's well established, quiet residential areas on the edge of the town. It's a five minute walk from church, 300 yards from Carr Hill Primary School and 10-15 minute walk into Retford Town Centre. Lots of lovely countryside is right on your doorstep with different walks and lanes to explore.

The vicarage is a traditional detached property, standing in a larger than average corner plot with ample gardens on 3 sides.

It benefits from:

4 bedrooms, a, separate guest room with full bathroom facilities, large family room with patio doors opening onto the garden, a snug T V room off the family room, Good size fully fitted kitchen, a separate office and toilet facility and integral double garage.



## FINANCES

During the Vacancy we have made a renewed commitment to review and develop our stewardship- all that we are and all that we have. We recognise the importance of paying our full parish share and associated costs, and also to tithe our income to support external mission agencies. To help this happen we have focussed on communicating biblical and practical principles of generosity. As we look forward we seek to value and inspire all our people to invest in God's kingdom with their time, talents and possessions.

We offer this snapshot of our financial situation as of 31 Dec 24 in the spirit of openness and honesty. If you have questions about our finances then we will be happy to answer them if you come for an interview, or seek further clarity in your process of discernment.

<b>Investment Accounts:</b>	
Savings accounts	£5,239.81
	£22,627.35 (Holdings of 7316.61 @ 309.26p - 31st Dec 24 offer price)

<b>Cash Accounts:</b>	
Current account (Church)	£8,088.36
Current Account (Hall)	£5,902.17
Saving (Church)	£22,512.16
Saving (Hall)	£4100.00
Current a/c Pies, Peas & Performances	£2,125.54 (not strictly Church money but recorded in our accounts for auditing purposes)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£70,595.39</b>



Although Initially this total summary appears quite substantial, we can't really use the investment accounts as cash and prefer not to use the savings accounts for day-to-day expenses. Therefore our 'working' money is therefore approximately £14k (Church and Hall current accounts).

In 2024 we spent £71K but brought in £75K so ran at a slight surplus. This included a one-off donation of £3000, so it would probably be more accurate to say that we were matching our expenditure to income but with three important comments:

- In 2024 we made limited charitable donations compared to the previous year; our hope is to tithe our own income as we move forward.
- In January 2024 our regular monthly giving figure was £2725 but by December 2024, it had fallen to £2285; primarily when some of our major donors moved away or died.
- In 2024 our Parish Share was set at £57,144 but paid £35,000 ie a shortfall of £22,144

**In 2025 our Parish Share is set as £59,429.**

*Figures compiled by Mike Newby (Parish Treasurer)*

## COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT VICAR?

We are praying for our next vicar , which might be you, please will you pray for us too? We believe that we can offer something rather exciting to our next incumbent and trust that this person will take us into the next season of mission and ministry here at St Saviours and across Retford.

For more information and an informal chat you are welcome to talk to:

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