

## Parish Profile

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### I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	United Benefice of Darton, Staincross and Mapplewell
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	All Saints Darton
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	None
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	United Benefice
4.	Deanery:	Barnsley
5.	Population:  <i>The 2021 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	15017 (ONI figure)

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	85
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	19/5/24

7. Attendance at worship in each church

*Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services*

Church/Service	Time	No. of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16
Sunday Mass	10.30	35	35	3-4
Tuesday Mass	1900	6		
Thursday Mass	9.30	7		
Morning prayer All Saints	9.00		4	

8. Occasional offices

*Number for last 12 months in each church*

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy not in church
All Saints	30 +2 Adults	0	8	7	10

9. Communications

*Please give names and contact details BUT only include details that can be shared when this document is made public*

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
				Janet Rodgerson 07807341666 <a href="mailto:Janet.rodgerson@yahoo.co.uk">Janet.rodgerson@yahoo.co.uk</a> Richard King 07578583173 richardking465@gmail.com

## II. Parish/Community Information

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of the(se) parish(es) in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	<p>0-18 year olds 19.9% (22.5% England)          16.819-64 year olds 58.0% (59.5% England)          64 +year olds 22% (18% England)          Free School meals 0-18 year olds 18.9% (22.5% England)          Darton free school meals primary 13.7%          Darton free school meals secondary 10.7%          In Employment 56.29%          In part-time employment 26.07%          Unemployed 2.88%          Ethnic breakdown White British 96.3%          BME 3.7%          Housing mix single households living alone and 65+ Darton 12.0% ( 12.4% England)          Rented/ Private          Privately owned properties in Darton 75% ( 63.3% England)          Socially rented properties in Darton 9.9% (England 17.7% )          Privately rented properties in Darton 9.9% (16.8% England)</p>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	Some parts of the area see illegal drug use
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools:</li> <li>• Youth centres:</li> <li>• Hospitals:</li> </ul>	<p>Darton Primary School          Darton Academy          Kexborough Primary school</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Barnsley (Darton) Scout Group</p> <p>Barnsley NHS Foundation Trust providing secondary care(inpatients and outpatients)and acute services including accident and emergency services          South West Yorkshire NHS Foundation Trust providing general community (e.g neighbourhood nursing, podiatry, musculoskeletal services) general rehabilitation services (e.g stroke and neurorehabilitation care) adult and older peoples mental health services (both acute inpatients and community) and child and adolescent mental health services.          Primary Care Services - GP practices list those in parish</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing/elderly persons' homes:</li>   <li>• Other Christian churches</li>   <li>• Places of worship of other faiths None</li>   <li>• Local Businesses:</li> <li>•</li>   <li>• Neighbourhood initiatives:</li>   <li>• Associations eg tourist group:</li>   <li>• Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul>	<p>Kexborough House Assisted living Dignity Residential Care home</p> <p>Staincross Christian Fellowship (Spark Lane) Staincross Methodist Church Outreach Christian Centre Kexborough Methodist Church St Teresa Roman Catholic Church Inside out Pentecostal Group</p> <p>A number of businesses Voice Of Darton is a collaboration group</p> <p>Voice of Darton – organises events and improvements for Darton, fundraising for charities. Darby and Joan Community Centre Monday Afternoon group</p> <p>Ward Alliance Previous incumbents have been governors at local schools.</p>
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### III. Church Information

*Please give details for each church*

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	Nine percent
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Predominantly female, older in age; however, recently we have seen a greater influx of younger people. Congregation ethnic mix reflects Darton's profile.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Liberal – Anglo- Catholic. The Clergy wear robes and vestments appropriate to the Church of England calendar. Lay servers are supplied with white robes for use during services and rituals.

(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£483 (2023 from calendar year total) 77% 23% is GASD
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Lent 2024
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Renting out Parish Hall Fundraising
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	<u>Vicar</u> - £1,960 incl. church Wi-Fi and website etc (50% of total expenses - similar amount paid by Staincross)  <u>Curate</u> - £389 (50% of total expenses - similar amount paid by Staincross)  <u>Honorary Assistant Priest</u> - £2,830 (all paid by All Saints')
(b)	Were these met in full?	Yes
(c)	Is there an annual discussion with the clergy about their level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	Not as yet; going forward, this will probably be the case. PCC Standing Committee will be meeting to review budgets.

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last year?</li> <li>• current year?</li> <li>• next year ?</li> </ul>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Share requested</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Share Paid</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£31,958</td> <td>£23,248</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£33,484</td> <td>Nil: payments anticipated before end of year on reclaim of VAT from major works and emergency roof repairs, via Listed Places of Worship scheme</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Next year - unknown</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>	£31,958	£23,248	£33,484	Nil: payments anticipated before end of year on reclaim of VAT from major works and emergency roof repairs, via Listed Places of Worship scheme	Next year - unknown	
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(b)	Will this year's be met?	No – only in part								
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Recent reordering: completion of phases 1 and 2.								
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	<p>Rearrangement of the chancel to render it legal: removal of unequal flooring and reflooring of Lady Chapel.</p> <p>Removal of pews at rear of church; reflooring; establishing legal disabled access to premises and facilities.</p> <p>Architects' fees and work fees have totalled around £83.000. Money has been raised and a significant amount of existing capital was accessed.</p>								
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Attached.								
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	Good								
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Review about to be completed in next month								

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#### IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clergy contact with schools, also lay people – eg Eco church activities with Darton Primary</li> <li>• Virtual Churchyard Trail – QR codes</li> <li>• Monthly Parish Magazine</li> <li>• Special events in Church including Concerts@4 monthly on Sundays.</li> <li>• Other concerts from choirs linked to the church</li> </ul>
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study groups (Lent and Advent)</li> <li>• Café Mass (currently replaced by a congregation-led study group based on the Anglican Church Calendar)</li> <li>• We have established a library of faith within the Church building.</li> </ul>
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We call people to faith</li> <li>• we encourage gifts; we regularly collect food for the local foodbank</li> <li>• fundraising has supported the local women’s refuge and Centrepoint, Barnsley</li> <li>• we encourage right conduct</li> <li>• we aim to provide a welcoming environment which cherishes all, regardless of ethnicity or gender identity, and yet is open to change and development</li> </ul>
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	<p>As a PCC and church, we encourage all members of the congregation to contribute to the life of the Church and community in ways commensurate with their skills and abilities.</p> <p>Congregants are encouraged to take on roles and responsibilities within worship, including reading and leading intercessions.</p>
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church (not individual members) for work overseas:	<p>This year, the church worked with Darton Primary to raise awareness of other nations and their living conditions through the toilet-twinning programme.</p> <p>Christian Aid</p>

(b)	How much is given annually?	£200
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Mothers Union support the Women's refuge, Centrepoint Homeless Young persons charity and Barnsley foodbank. Away from it all holidays -caravan owned by Mothers Union.
(b)	How much is given annually?	This is difficult to quantify: Centrepoint Barnsley has just received £400.00 and a similar amount was given to the refuge in cash last year.  However, the value of items – toiletries, household goods, bedding, furniture, "moving on" packs etc is difficult to estimate as it is largely by donated items – but probably exceeds £3,000.00
4(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	
5(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	no
(b)	If so, please describe:	
6.	What part does the church play in community care?	Friendship Group meets weekly in Parish Hall. During the winter last year Parish Hall was used as a warm place for residents in need. Weekly Saturday morning open for coffee and a chat held in Church attendance per week 16-20 people including visitors and people from other faiths.
7(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	No
(b)	If so, who are they?	



8.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Eco-church has carried out a number of joint initiatives with Darton Primary's Eco-council.

**V. Ecumenical Relations**

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Churches together
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	

**VI. Church Education and Social Provision**

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Not Applicable
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul>	
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	

## VII. Lay Education and Participation

1.	<p>What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Adults</li> </ul>	<p>Messy Church Advent and Easter 20plus</p> <p>Lent groups and Advent groups.</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Café Church held weekly on Friday in Church Hall .
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Good but has potential to be developed with several members of the congregation willing to do more.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	High level of commitment to the church and to the church family as a significant number of the congregation have lived in the parish all their lives. Several members of the congregation have been welcomed into the church family and this has resulted in their commitment to the Church and community. The church welcomes new people and has focused on this as part of its mission.

## VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Increasing the participation of the whole congregation in the life of the church.
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2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Developing and empowering lay leaders Working to put Church at the heart of Community To be accessible and open in every way Involvement with schools and community groups
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	Growing the congregation, spiritually and numerically  Reaching out to the communities in mission and evangelism, especially to families and occupants of the new housing in the parish  Growing children's and youth ministry

**IX. Additional Information**

## **X. The New Priest**

*List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest.*

Personal Qualities of the new Priest:

- Approachable and spiritual with a sense of humour and realism; friendly, and compassionate.
- Someone who is passionate about their faith and able to inspire this in others.
- A leader who motivates others with enthusiasm and encouragement.
- Active in fostering links in the community.
- Excellent communication skills with people of all ages – a reflective communicator and listener.
- Able and willing to create a balance between both traditional and new expressions of worship.
- To engage and inspire new and established members of the churches and help the churches to grow.

Agreed by the PCC of

All Saints Darton

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on .....4 October ..... 2024.....

Signed: .....Lyn Sowray .....

Print Name: .....Lyn Sowray .....

Office Held: ....Chair of PCC during Interregnum  
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**This form, duly completed, should be sent to:**

***The Mission and Pastoral Secretary  
Deborah Thorley  
Diocese of Leeds, Church House  
17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX  
deborah.thorley@leeds.anglican.org***

She will circulate copies to the Patron and Bishop

**Please also send a copy directly to the Archdeacon's office**

***Please keep copies of this form  
and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.***

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### I. Parish Information – St John the Evangelist, Staincross

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Staincross
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St John the Evangelist
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	United Benefice of Darton with Staincross and Mapplewell
4.	Deanery:	Barnsley
5.	Population:  <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	10,676  Further housing developments.

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	31
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

7. Attendance at worship in St John the Evangelist, Staincross

*Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services*

Church/Service	Time	No. of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16
Parish Eucharist (Sunday)	09:00	18	18	2
Reflection (last Sunday of month)	17:30	-	7	0
Morning Prayer (Wednesday)	09:00	-	3	0
Eucharist	10:30	14	14	0

8. Occasional offices

*Number for last 12 months in each church*

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy not in church
St John's	8	0	1	5	2

9. Communications

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Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
St John the Evangelist	Asst. Curate Revd Emily Lawrence 01226 663439  Hon. Asst. Priest Revd Jean Daykin 01226 792804			Susan F V Dunhill 01226 382501  Robert C Hawes 01226 387881

## II. Parish/Community Information - St John the Evangelist, Staincross

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of the(se) parish(es) in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	64.3% of residents are of working age and 17.7% are of pensionable age. Two thirds of the population claim to have a religion, the majority Christian. Housing is a mixture of late 19 <sup>th</sup> and early 20 <sup>th</sup> century buildings, some post-war and increasing numbers of modern properties.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools:</li> <li>• Youth centres:</li> <li>• Hospitals:</li> <li>• Nursing/elderly persons' homes:</li> <li>• Other Christian churches</li> <li>• Places of worship of other faiths</li> <li>• Local Businesses:</li> <li>• Neighbourhood initiatives:</li> <li>• Associations eg tourist group:</li> <li>• Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul>	<p>Mapplewell Primary School Wellgate Primary School Darton Academy</p> <p>Barnsley District General Hospital</p> <p>Field View and Chapel View Care Homes Deangate Care Home Mapplewell Manor Care Home Staincross Methodist Church Staincross Christian Fellowship</p> <p>Foster's Bakery</p> <p>Christmas lights Hanging baskets for summer months Beer Festival</p> <p>Churches Together in Staincross</p> <p>Assisting with the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Mapplewell (Ecumenical event)</p>



### III. Church Information – St John the Evangelist, Staincross

*Please give details for each church*

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	25%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Mostly over the age of 60 and many over 70. Most people retired. White, British. Majority female.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	St John's is liberal Anglo-Catholic and fairly traditional. Chasubles are available in various liturgical colours, mostly old but some modern additions made by a member of the congregation.
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Average weekly giving is £14.00 There are 24 regular givers of which 15 are gift aided.
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Lent 2024
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Reserve funds are used if necessary.
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	Vicar £ 803.69 Curate £ <u>441.65</u> Total £1245.34
(b)	Were these met in full?	Yes
(c)	Is there an annual discussion with the clergy about their level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	Half of the expenses of the vicar and the curate are paid by St John's and half by All Saints', Darton.

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last year?</li> <li>• current year?</li> <li>• next year ?</li> </ul>	<u>Share requested</u> £24,697 £25,629 Not yet known	<u>Share Paid</u> £24,697 £20,503 N/A
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Raise the Roof Project (Church)	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	Specification prepared in 2021 and costed at £226,000 to include insulation, new gutters and improved drainage. Funds raised (including a legacy restricted to this purpose) - £90,000.	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Attached.	
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	Serviceable with tired roof. Some ingress of water.	
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Architect recommended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local repairs to slipped and missing slates and repointing of the ridge as soon as possible until funding available for new roof.</li> <li>• Descale wrought iron gates and fences and treat with rust inhibiting paint system.</li> </ul>	

#### IV. Outreach and Mission – St John the Evangelist, Staincross

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Community activities – coffee mornings, quiz nights, in house annual pantomime and plays; performances by professional theatre groups for adults and/or children.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Clergy visits to local primary schools and school visits to church.
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	The Stewardship Campaign of 2024 encouraged congregation members to offer to undertake roles new to them.
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Delegates sent to take part in the Personal Growth and Leadership course offered in the Diocese (2023-24). Reports given to PCC.
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church (not individual members) for work overseas:	Toilet twinning (2024); one-off gift of £240.00. PCC policy is to use Fair Trade tea, coffee and sugar at all events.
(b)	How much is given annually?	No agreed regular annual amount.
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Collections for The Children’s Society, Christian Aid, local food bank; harvest gifts given to the local Women’s Refuge; Be Kind to Honey £300.00 (youth mental health); Buttons Cat Rescue £100.00; kit for junior football team (St John’s on Stage logo) of Staincross Rangers, £345.00.
(b)	How much is given annually?	No agreed regular annual amount.
4(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	
5(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Yes, with plans in progress.
(b)	If so, please describe:	Baptism preparation classes held in the Benefice. Plans to develop a welcoming area in church for children and families.

6.	What part does the church play in community care?	Carol singing in care homes and outside a local shop (with Churches Together). St John's on Stage welcomes people with special needs into its cast and crew. Our Safeguarding Officer has contact with the social worker of an individual of concern.
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7(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	No
(b)	If so, who are they?	
8.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	St John's on Stage includes people of all ages, children and young people.

**V. Ecumenical Relations - St John the Evangelist, Staincross**

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Two representatives attend Churches Together in Staincross meetings and assist with arrangements for the Walk of Witness, Act of Remembrance and carol singing visits to care homes and in the village.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No

2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Coffee mornings held by the various churches in Staincross and Mapplewell on a rota.
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## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Not applicable
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul>	
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	

## VII. Lay Education and Participation – St John the Evangelist, Staincross

1.	<p>What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Adults</li> </ul>	<p>For adults: Lent courses and Advent Study Groups (around 8 persons involved). House Groups existed in past years.</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	None recently.
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Both.
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Hard working churchwardens, treasurer, deanery synod representatives and PCC members.

(b) To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	<p>Group leaders have been keen to prepare for courses.</p> <p>There is a strong desire for St John's to thrive, though this is challenged often.</p> <p>We hope that strength will develop from the persons who attended the Personal Growth and Leadership course.</p> <p>Finding volunteers is not easy.</p>
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### VIII. Mission – St John the Evangelist, Staincross

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>Different styles of worship to attract new worshippers – families and younger people.</p> <p>Youth work.</p> <p>Raise the profile of the church in the community</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	As above.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>Raise the profile of the church to attract new people of all ages, especially families and youth.</p> <p>Financial concerns – level of giving.</p> <p>Maintenance and improvement of buildings and plant (and finding grants for this).</p>

## **IX. Additional Information – St John the Evangelist, Staincross**

*Please add here, or on another sheet, anything else which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to know about the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish.*

St John's offers a warm welcome to people who come through the door. The Parish Eucharist is celebrated at 09:00 on Sunday and includes up to six hymns led by a small enthusiastic choir. On Wednesdays there is a said Eucharist at 10:30. Refreshments are served at the back of church after both services. Baptisms are usually performed at 12:30 on Sundays.

The burial ground is a short distance from the church and has been in use since the 1930s. Twenty-three unreserved burial plots remain and dozens of plots for cremated remains. Grass-cutting is done by contractors.

Fundraising for the 'Raise the Roof' project is not easy and money comes in very slowly while the cost of materials and labour has risen quickly. This is disheartening but the congregation keeps smiling and trusting that we will achieve this task.

The gas-fired boiler which heats the church is some 20 years old and limps along. We know that certain vital spare parts are no longer available.

The church building is in reasonable condition. Access for wheelchairs and pushchairs requires aluminium ramps to be deployed. These are not popular with the wheelchair users and their carers and must be considered a temporary solution. The pipe organ has many faults and is not in use. There is a dream of removing it and opening up the west window to provide level access and possibly toilets and a kitchen area should finances ever permit. There is a small car park for about a dozen cars.

The Parish Hall is behind the church and needs improvement. It is hired by Barnsley Youth Theatre, two children's groups, a life drawing group and for puppy training. Occasional bookings include training sessions for NHS nurses, for use as a polling station by Barnsley Metropolitan District Council and for private parties. The in-house theatre group known as St John's on Stage rehearses and performs there. The building contains the only toilets on the site and a full kitchen facility.

Next door to the church is the red brick former vicarage, presently the home of the Assistant Curate. There is a grassed area behind the vicarage and further open space behind the Parish Hall.

The site is 200 metres uphill from the centre of Mapplewell. Traffic rushes past in both directions and the church is a physical presence yet not visible.

## **X. The New Priest – St John the Evangelist, Staincross**

*List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest.*

In no particular order:

- An outgoing people person, able to connect with people of all ages, backgrounds and experiences.
- A person who will become a known and visible presence in our community.
- Someone firmly grounded in their faith.
- Friendly and approachable with a sense of humour.
- Someone who is forward thinking and prepared to think outside the box.
- A motivating leader, enthusiastic and supportive.
- Someone who readily accepts the ministry of ordained and lay women in the church.



**Agreed by the PCC of**

**St John the Evangelist, Staincross**

**on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**Signed:**

**Print Name: Robert C Hawes**

**Office Held: Churchwarden and PCC Secretary**

**This form, duly completed, should be sent to:**

***The Mission and Pastoral Secretary  
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She will circulate copies to the Patron and Bishop

**Please also send a copy directly to the Archdeacon's office**

***Please keep copies of this form  
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