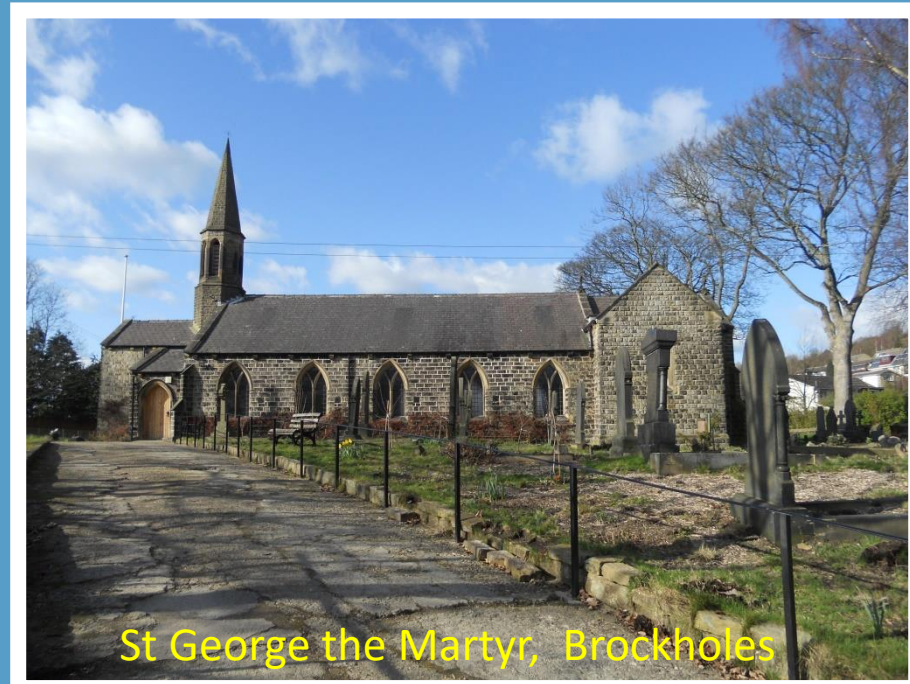


Parish of Honley with Brockholes



St Mary the Virgin, Honley



St George the Martyr, Brockholes

Parish of Honley with Brockholes



The Parish is situated in the picturesque Holme Valley, in West Yorkshire, surrounded by hills and beautiful countryside. The parish has two village centres, Honley and Brockholes, which are about a mile apart and connected by some ribbon developments on the main road between them. Two old weavers villages nestled on the edge of the Peak District ('Last of the Summer Wine' country), they are now dormitory villages with some light industry.

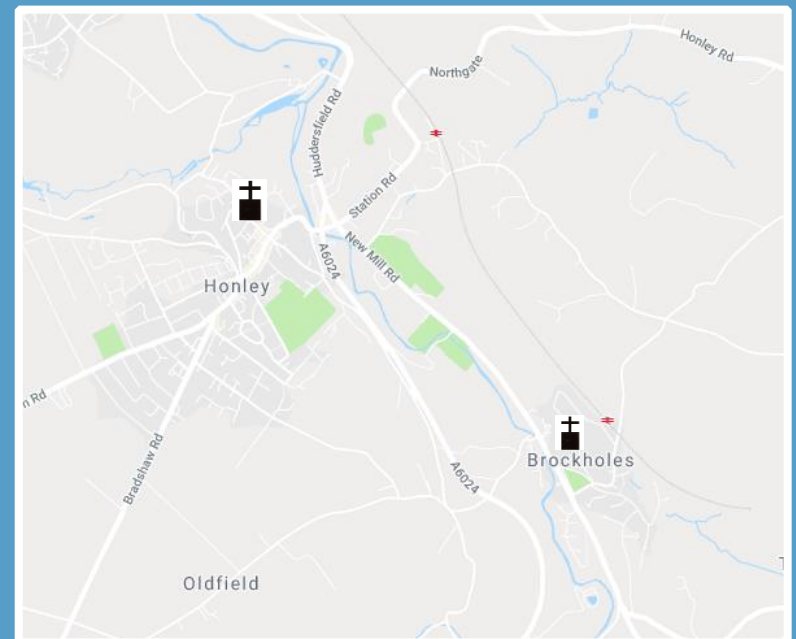
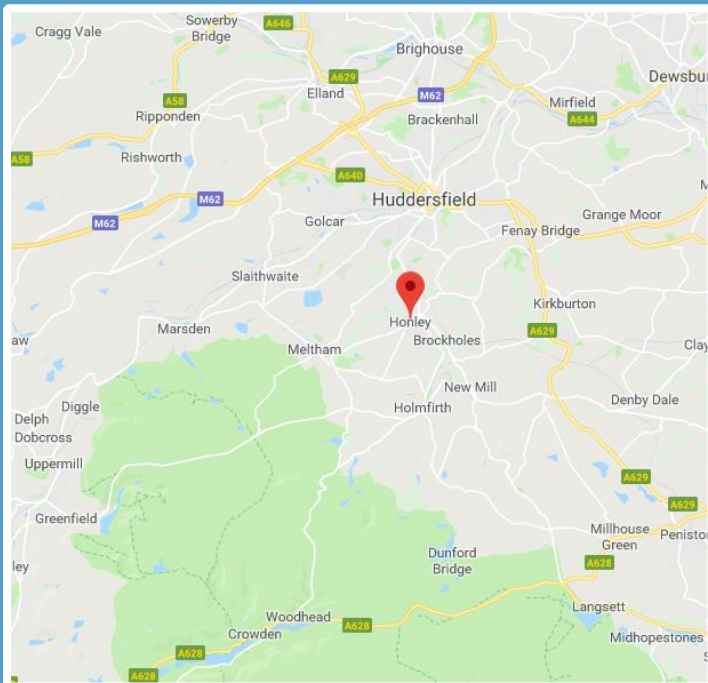


SO WHERE IN YORKSHIRE ARE WE ?

The Parish is situated roughly half-way between Huddersfield and Holmfirth (3 miles south of Huddersfield and 2.5 miles north of Holmfirth).

There are train stations in both Honley and Brockholes, good bus services and the M62 and M1 are both within striking distance.

Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Bradford, Wakefield and Halifax are all within 25 miles.



HONLEY

Honley, with its population of approximately 6,600, has a wide range of local amenities, services, shops and restaurants. The village has 2 schools, Honley C.E. (VC) Junior Infant and Nursery School, and Honley High School.

There is a strong community with an active Business Association, civic trust, community village trust, theatre and Honley Show Society.

The village is home to a range of light industry.

The centre of the village is a designated conservation area and, with a number of characterful old houses and some cobbled streets, is a very pretty village.

Four large, new housing estates have been built in the parish in the last two years, three in Honley and one which straddles Honley and Brockholes.

The vicarage is situated in Honley, close to the church and village centre.



BROCKHOLES

Brockholes has a population of approximately 1,600.

It has a village hall, a very active Village Trust, village store, petrol station, hairdressers, takeaway, pubs, bowling club, as well as light industry. Brocks is the before and after school club, held in the village hall. An annual music and community event, Brockfest, takes place. Brockholes Green Space is a newly formed group, concerned with nature and biodiversity and they are also adopters of the train station where they improve the local surroundings and wildlife. At the south end of the village, there is a camping and touring caravan site.

There is one school, Brockholes C.E. (VC) Junior and Infant School.



We'd like to take you on a walk from the vicarage around the Parish



View from the Vicarage



Let's walk to the Parish Room and St Mary's



Parish Room

THE PARISH WALK – part 1



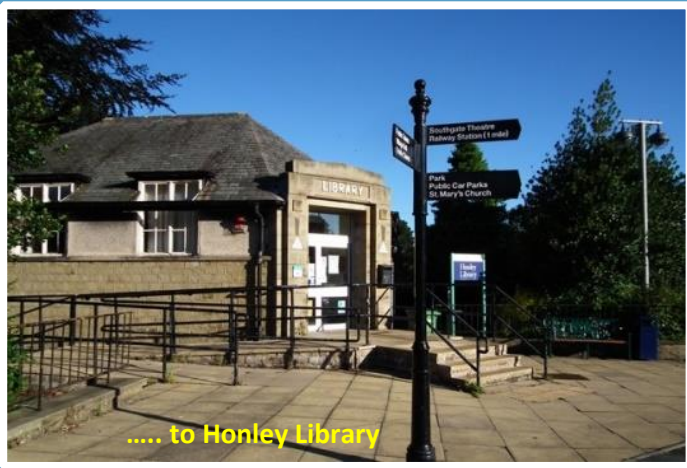
Up Westgate, the main shopping street..



Back down cobbled Church Street to Westgate



Round the corner to part of the Junior, Infant and Nursery School



..... to Honley Library

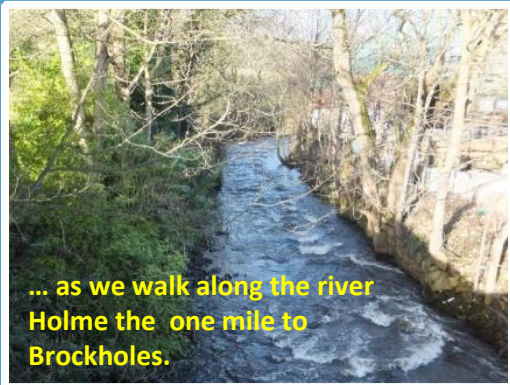


Back down Westgate to Tommy Moorhouse's Transport, one of our local businesses...



...along to Southgate Theatre, then to ...

THE PARISH WALK – part 2



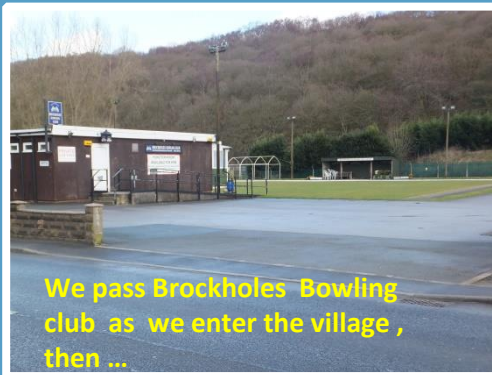
... as we walk along the river Holme the one mile to Brockholes.



Down to New Mill Road, passing another converted mill complex for business.....



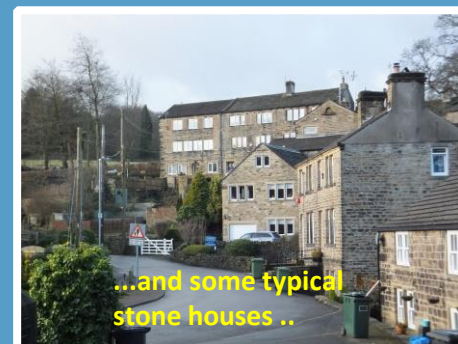
Honley CC with its newly restored Pavilion



We pass Brockholes Bowling club as we enter the village , then ...



...the Old Toll Bar and bridge



...and some typical stone houses ..

THE PARISH WALK – part 3



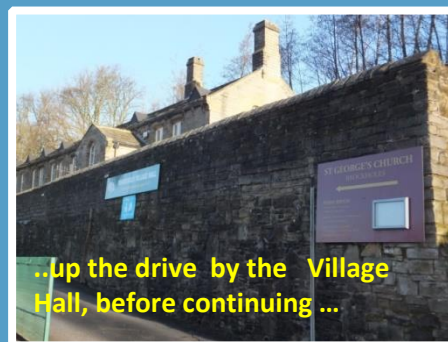
.. we walk up to the Brockholes Junior and Infants school and ..



..towards the recreation ground, overlooked by St George's, then



One of village pubs as we turn off



..up the drive by the Village Hall, before continuing ...



...to finish at St George's Church



Our Church services



St Mary's

Sunday

9.30 a.m. 1st Sunday each month: Family Service
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays:
Common Worship Holy Communion

Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (said BCP
Communion Service)

St George's

Sunday

11.00 a.m. 1st Sunday each month:
Family Service
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays:
Common Worship Holy Communion

At St Mary's there is coffee after every main Sunday service. At St George's there is coffee on the first Sunday of the month after the Family Service.

Special services are held at appropriate times of year – Advent, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday.

During the Covid lockdown, services were held on Zoom and this possibility still exists, though is currently not being used.

St Mary the Virgin Church Life

There has been a church present in Honley for over 500 years

- Coffee Morning every Thursday
- 1 Home group
- Annual introductory visits to the Church for the Honley Key Stage 1 school children.
- Participants in Honley Street Market every December
- A church Environment Group, led by a member of PCC
- Large screen/laptop used for Sunday services
- Individual chairs, rather than pews, allow the configuration of seating to be altered to accommodate events in church
- Concerts and social events in church



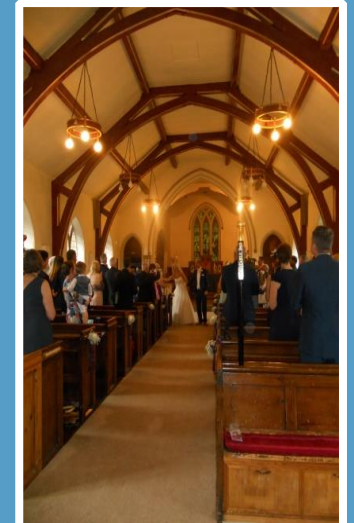
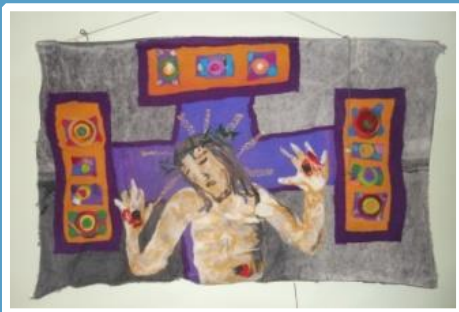
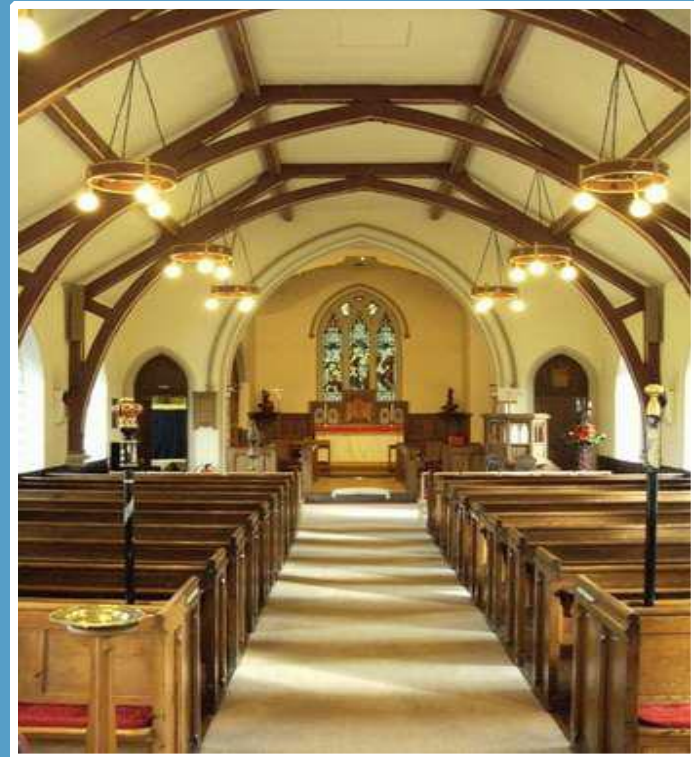
St George the Martyr Church Life

The Church has been present in the village for over 150 years

Church social events take place in the church and village hall

Coffee morning every Thursday in the Village Hall, open to all

Large screen/laptop used for Sunday services



THE VICARAGE



The vicarage is close to St Mary's Church in Honley and is a purpose-built 1960s detached house with 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, a study, kitchen and pantry, downstairs toilet and house bathroom.

It has a small attractive garden and plenty of parking and storage space.

The views from the house, across the Holme Valley, are stunning.

The house is in good condition and was decorated and carpeted throughout in recent years.

Everything in the village is within walking distance, including the schools, train station and bus stops.



OUR 3 MAIN CHALLENGES

- Growth in congregation size, given the rising average age of the current attendees
- Addressing the challenges raised in the Quinquennial surveys
- Discipleship of congregations to help them to be serious and knowledgeable disciples of Christ and part of the fellowship of Christ

WHAT WE NEED FROM A VICAR

Our new vicar is.....

- Someone who has a longing to share God's love, who is a good communicator and listener, with an evangelical desire to reach the unchurched; has a passionate desire for growth within our churches and is willing to work to make this happen.
- Someone who sees the church as an important part of the community, who is confident in relating to a wide range of people from both church and community and is willing to spend time building relationships with and listening to them.
- Someone able to engage with young families, in particular, and encourage growth and participation of children and young people in church and to build on the good working relationships with our church schools.
- Someone flexible in terms of worship style, who enjoys and is comfortable with leading different styles of worship, modern and traditional. Someone who can develop our praise, prayer, worship and music, making it accessible to all, including potential new church members.
- Someone who is bold enough to lead and inspire a team, but also willing and able to delegate and to support others. Someone with the ability to get alongside people to understand their concerns and build trust; can connect with people on an individual level, to nurture the gifts of others, will encourage volunteers, and develop teamwork.
- Someone able to help congregations understand the scriptures in relevant ways to modern generations, as well as developing the knowledge of established church members.
- Someone with a good sense of humour who enjoys a challenge!



What our schoolchildren want from their VICAR



Is crazy and
fun

**We are looking
*forward to a new
vicar who***

Sings songs
we like (like
My Lighthouse)

Keeps us
safe and is
trustworthy

Is polite,
kind and
nice with a
kind heart

Is loving
and caring
and polite

Loves our
world and
gives us
hope and joy

Is maybe a
genius!

Is good at
telling
stories
from the
Bible

Is
passionate
and
resilient

WHAT WE OFFER TO A VICAR

We are congregations who want to glorify God through all that we do.

We are congregations who want to work together, and with a new vicar, who will lead us in exciting and creative ways to promote the mission of God.

We offer good support in both churches and we are committed to working with the vicar to meet any challenges we may face.

We are welcoming, hard-working and talented people who are integral parts of our villages' vibrant and collaborative communities.

We have excellent established relationships with the wider community through strong links with the two C of E primary schools, and involvement in a myriad of community groups and projects in both villages (e.g. Honley Business Association, Honley Civic Society, Honley Show Society, Friends of Honley Library, Honley Southgate Theatre, Brockholes Village Trust and Brockholes Green Spaces Group).

The parish has a good vicarage in a beautiful area in which to live, nestling in the foothills of the Pennines and with good transport links.

Full working expenses are offered as well as access to a private trust fund for furtherance of the mission of the church.

We will support the vicar in taking the appropriate amount of time off and, in addition, encourage him/her to attend to their personal ministerial development.

Thank you

Further information about the Parish can be found on our Facebook feed.

During the vacancy the website is not being updated, but information on the parish is on A Church Near You.



www.hwbparish.org.uk

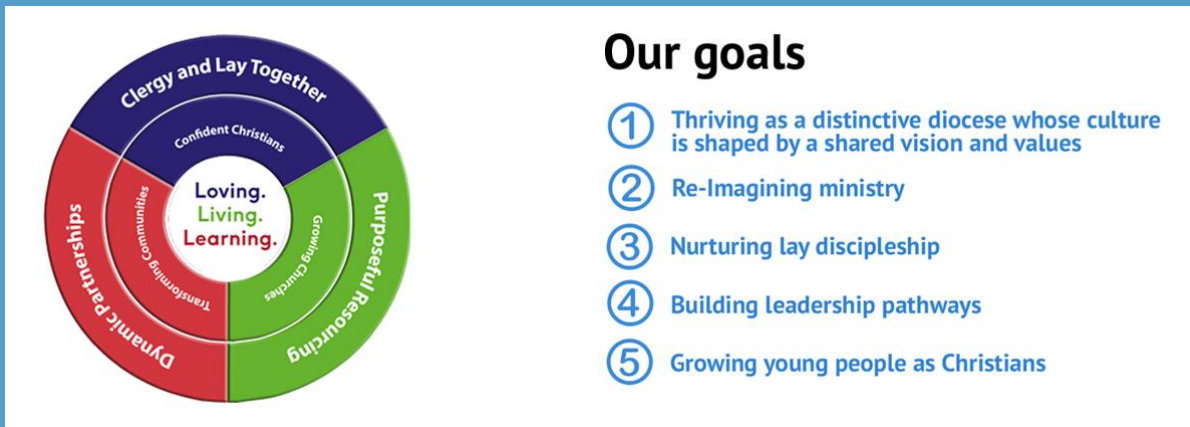


St Mary's & St George's

The Diocese of Leeds

The Diocese of Leeds was formed at Easter 2014. It is one of the largest dioceses in the country covering an area of around 2425 square miles and a population of around 2642400 people. The diocese comprises five Episcopal areas, each served by a suffragan Bishop. Each Episcopal Area is coterminous with an Archdeaconry.

The Diocesan Vision is 'confident Christians, growing churches, transforming communities and so helping share the Good News of Jesus Christ across our Diocese'. This Vision is embedded into the Diocesan Strategy and Goals.



The Diocese is a mix of urban and rural. The area includes the major cities of Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield; the large industrial and post-industrial towns of Halifax, Huddersfield and Dewsbury; the market towns of Harrogate, Skipton, Ripon, Richmond and Wetherby; and the deeply rural area of the Yorkshire Dales.

The Diocese is unique in having three cathedrals; Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield. The Deans of the Cathedrals work together to provide key diocesan services.