



St Andrew's Church,



St Martin's Church, Scampston



St Hilda's Church, Sherburn

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs



June 2023

All Saints' Church, West Heslerton

All Saints' Church, Thorpe Bassett



St John the Baptist, Yedingham



"To Proclaim the Love of God in Christ Jesus"

Bishop of Selby's Letter of Introduction

Benefice Profile for Buckrose Carrs

2023

Thank you for your interest in the post of House for Duty Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Buckrose Carrs in the Deanery of Southern Ryedale. We are at a critical time in the life of this Diocese and if appointed you will be leading this Benefice through a period of significant change as both the Deanery and the Diocese seek with the help of the Holy Spirit to realise the Diocesan Vision of *Living Christ's Story* and embed the Deanery Plan.

The Diocese is going through a time of change as we explore *Living Christ's Story* expressed in four strategic goals:

- Becoming more like Christ as we live his Story today.
- Reaching those we currently do not, particularly through our Multiply and Mustard Seed projects.
- Growing churches of missionary disciples who are younger and more diverse.
- Transforming our finances and structures so that we can support a presence in all our neighbourhoods and networks of the Diocese.

The challenge is to realise this vision and its strategic goals in the life of this Benefice as well as to embrace the opportunities for mission which this setting affords. As is clear from the Benefice Profile, the parishes want to work with their priest to make Christ visible to their communities. They seek someone who will help them to raise the profile of their churches, strengthen links between the different parishes as well as deepen relationships with the local Methodists, engage with the local schools and reach out to the community and especially it's young families in an open and hospitable way as together they proclaim the love of Jesus in these rural parishes. In the Deanery Plan the Benefice and priest will be expected to work with the new Interim Minister at West Buckrose as they form a new missional cluster also to include Wolds Parishes.

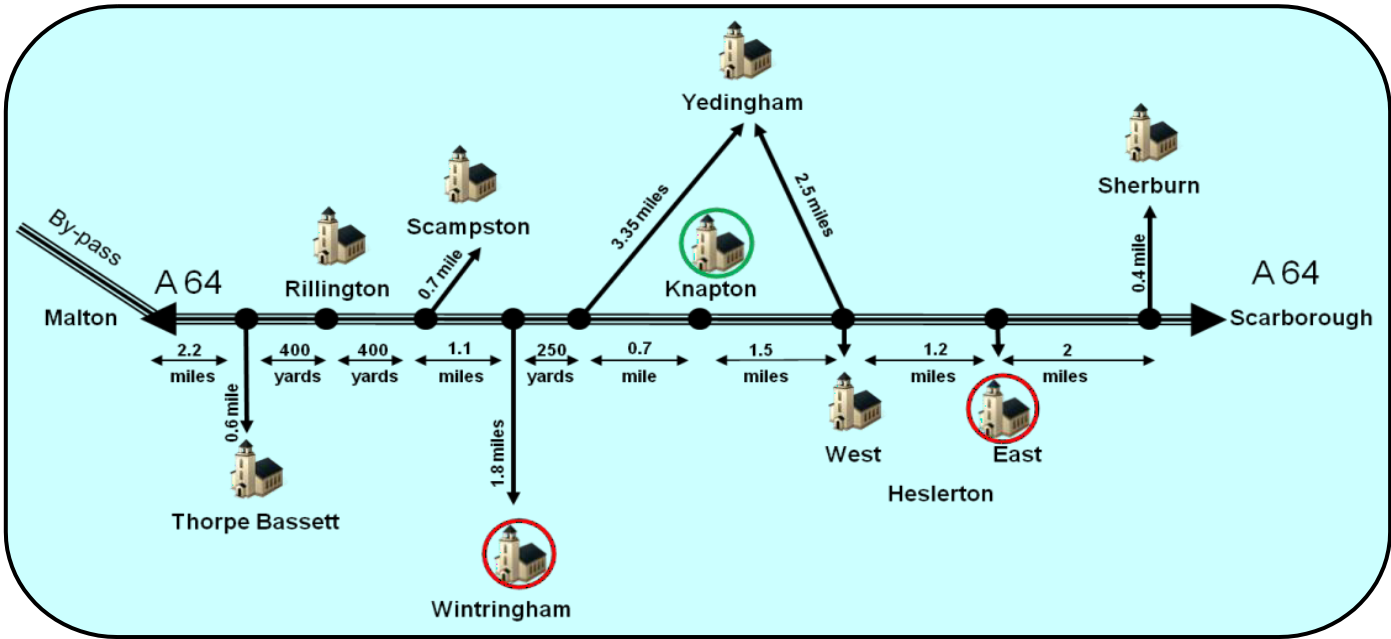
What makes this post attractive is that there is a supportive, enthusiastic and committed group of lead people who want to look forward and engage their rural communities with the Gospel as well as an enthusiastic and imaginative Deanery. The details of the appointment are contained in this Profile. May the Spirit guide you as prayerfully you consider whether to apply for this role.

+*John Selby*



Welcome to Southern Ryedale Deanery - can be viewed as a video included in the advert material

Churches in the Benefice of Buckrose Carrs



Church in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust



Church in the care of a private Trust

Pattern of Services

Week	
1	9am Holy Communion Common Worship St Andrew's, Rillington 11am Holy Communion BCP St John's, Yedingham
2	10.15am Holy Communion BCP All Saints', Thorpe Bassett
3	10.15am Holy Communion Common Worship All Saints', West Heslerton
4	10.15am Holy Communion Common Worship St Hilda's, Sherburn
5	10.15am Holy Communion BCP At St Martin's, Scampston

Many folk worship in more than one church building – offering car lifts to those who live near them.

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs covers approximately 34 square miles in North Yorkshire with the A64 running the length of it. The uplands of the North York Moors are to the north and the rolling hills of the Yorkshire Wolds to the south.

Whilst having a total population of approx. 3400 it is mainly agricultural with Rillington and Sherburn having some shops and light industrial works.

Whilst there are nine church buildings within the Benefice, only six are used regularly for worship:

- Saint Andrew's Rillington
- Saint Martin's Scampston
- Saint Hilda's Sherburn
- All Saints' Thorpe Bassett
- All Saints' West Heslerton
- Saint John the Baptist's Yedingham

There are five PCCs, as Yedingham and West Heslerton are one parish.

Benefice Council

Together with the Rector, the Church Wardens from each parish along with the Accredited Lay Minister meet together quarterly to discuss issues that affect the whole Benefice.

A treasurer administers the Benefice account that is used to pay Rectors local expenses, for Benefice office and is funded by contributions from each parish.

A recent joint activity has been the Benefice Christmas Card, distributed through the schools, shops, pubs and church members. This gives details of the various Christmas services in all the churches and the single Methodist Chapel at Sherburn as well as a short Christmas message to the local community.

Lay Ministry

We are fortunate to have an Accredited Lay Minister who is able to lead worship as well as many members of the laity involved in the writing and leading of intercessions, homilies, reading scripture and Eucharistic Ministers.

There are also two active retired priests with Permission to Officiate.



What we need

- To strengthen links with the other parishes in our benefice and neighbouring benefices and work closer together for the same aims.
- To raise the profile of the churches within each parish by supporting local projects like the Community Fridge and Food Bank so the community sees the Church, not just as a building, but as a relevant and vibrant part of the community.
- To reach out to the communities around us through our Community Cafés, Warm Space, Quiet Garden Services and our News Letter.
- To develop stronger links with our schools, especially the Church of England schools in our benefice.
- To reach younger members of our communities and families through Little Fishes and other initiatives.
- To reach the older members of the community and the house bound through our 'Bitesize Church' and Morning prayer on our website – a series of short videos exploring different aspects of life, faith and the Bible.
- To further utilise our churches and church rooms and halls, as often the only public buildings in the villages, to reach out and offer new ways of engaging with our community

Who we are looking for

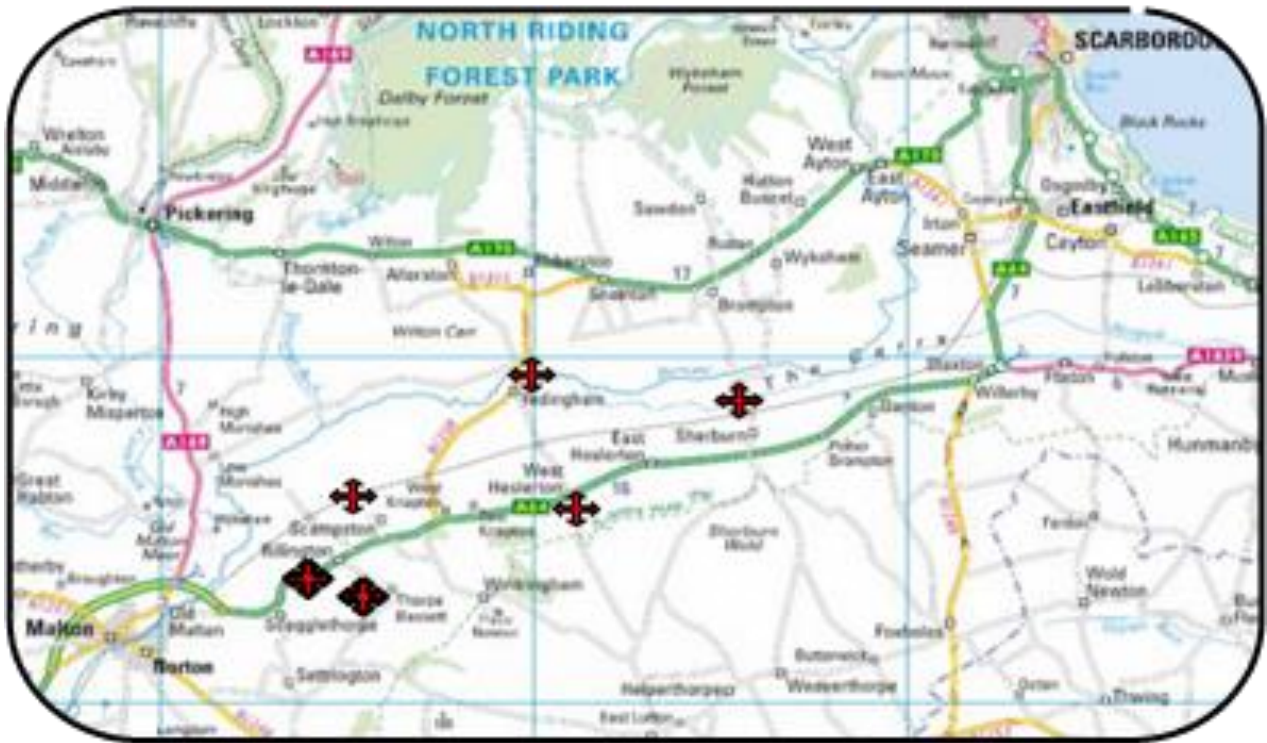
We are a welcoming, friendly community. We are looking for a priest who

- Is approachable and engaging with all ages and will be part of an active Benefice congregation
- Is proactive in engaging with the primary schools within the benefice
- Is a visible presence within the villages and enthusiastic to participate in village events and bring these communities together
- Has the gentle powers of persuasion, innovation and prayer to guide us through the changes that lie ahead
- Will be alongside us to encouraging us in our personal spiritual growth
- In a Benefice, consisting of 8 distinct communities, is comfortable and supportive in delivering a wide range and styles of worship to suit all ages.

The Parishes

Each village, and therefore Parish, has its own unique character, challenges and opportunities.

Each has contributed the following information and they are listed as travelling from west to east:



Parish of All Saints' Thorpe Bassett

Pop approx. 100

Church Attendance average 19

- All Saints' is central within the village
- A service is held on the second Sunday of the month and is BCP Holy Communion
- It has a regular attendance of 19.
- Celebrations for harvest festival and a carol service within Advent happen annually.
- Members of the congregation willingly take part with readings, intercessions and assisting with communion
- We have had a Lay led service once a month led by the lay members of the congregation, but unfortunately, they have had to step back due to health issues.
- We have been collecting contributions to the local food bank and have received a thank you for contributing 67 kg of food from harvest festival and from a monthly collection in a box provided at church.
- There is a population of 100 people in 45 households. the majority of those living within the village are involved in agriculture.
- We always offer a warm welcome to worshippers and visitors. This is backed up by fellowship after the service with tea, coffee and biscuits
- Our church is small and well heated. This is relatively intimate and with a welcoming feel the small size helps to keep maintenance within reason.
- We believe that the wider village community find it important to have the church as its centre. It is the only public building in the village.



Parish of St Andrew's Rillington

Pop approx. 1743

Church Attendance average 9

- Saint Andrew's stands in an elevated position in the center of the village.
- We have a Common Worship communion service on the first Sunday each month.
- Members of the congregation willingly take part with readings, intercessions and assisting with communion.
- We often have special services during Lent and have a Christmas Eve Crib Service.
- We have Church Rooms across the road from the Church with a kitchen, large room and toilet.
- We have good community involvement via the Community Café, Community Fridge, Little Fishes and Warm Space which all happen in the church room.



We want to be able to show that God's love is freely available to all, and that the church is there for everyone.



- The church building is open each day to visitors
- As well as many shops and services, Rillington has a small engineering manufacturing factory. Supermarket shopping can be found 5 miles away in Malton.
- We want a priest to come and assist us in raising the profile of the church in the village, as well as encouraging us in our personal spiritual growth
- We want to strengthen our links with the other parishes within the Benefice.



Parish of Scampston, with Wintringham

St Martin's Scampston

Pop approx. 100

Church Attendance average 15

- St Martins is a small church in the centre of the village.
- Scampston is an estate village.
- Scampston currently offers a place of worship on the fifth Sundays, as well as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Harvest Festival services.
- We have Book of Common Prayer (BCP) communion services.
- The church is open for quiet reflection on a daily basis.



St Peter's Wintringham

Pop approx. 201

- St Peter's is an estate church cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust.
- It is situated at the northern end of the village.
- It is used for occasional services.
- There has been a recently formed friends of St Peter's Wintringham. They see their role as maintaining and keeping the building open.
- There is a newly built village hall used for community events and activities.



Parish of East and West Heselton with Yedingham.

This parish has three churches, one that is under the care of the Church Conservation Trust and two that are active.

St Andrew's in East Heselton

- Is at the northern end of the village and is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.
- It is still used for joint Benefice services.
- East Heselton has the recently refurbished church rooms which were brought back in to use during the incumbency of the previous Rector.
- It is a place that can be used for worship, meetings and discipleship courses.
- It is also used by the local community for quiz nights and other village events.
- Volunteers from the Benefice helped in the restoration repair and decorating of the building.
- It was used by our previous incumbent as his church office, where baptismal families and marriage couples could meet with the Rector to make arrangements for their upcoming baptisms and weddings.
- The church rooms are looked upon as an asset by the village and this restoration has helped to encourage support of the church within the community.



All Saints' West Heselton

Pop approx. 409

Church Attendance average 13

- The church lies in the centre of the village.
- We have a Communion service using Common Worship on the third Sunday of the month.
- There is an annual Advent Carol Service.
- Harvest Thanksgiving.
- The Church of England School lies in a purpose-built building not too far from the church.
- The school has close links with the church and uses it for worship at least once every half term and has regular visits during the rest of the school year.
- There is a village hall which has recently re-opened post Covid as the place of a community café run by members of the church as part of our outreach into the village.



St John the Baptist's, Yedingham

Pop approx. 127

Church Attendance average 12

- We have BCP holy communion on the first Sunday of the month.
- We have an annual Harvest Festival.
- We hold a Good Friday service where the children of the village are encouraged to bring Easter gardens for our Easter Garden service.
- We also have an annual Carol Service
- Yedingham is a predominantly agricultural village.
- The main hub within the village is the Providence Inn as there is no longer a shop, school or post office.
- We feel it is good for the Benefice as a whole to continue to work together as much as possible, and to have services on a shared basis.
- The PCC believes it must maintain a regular pattern of services.
- In a Benefice, consisting of 8 distinct communities, we therefore need an incumbent who is proactive, approachable and enthusiastic to participate in village events and bring these communities together through the gentle powers of persuasion, innovation and prayer to be part of an active Benefice congregation



Parish of St Hilda's, Sherburn

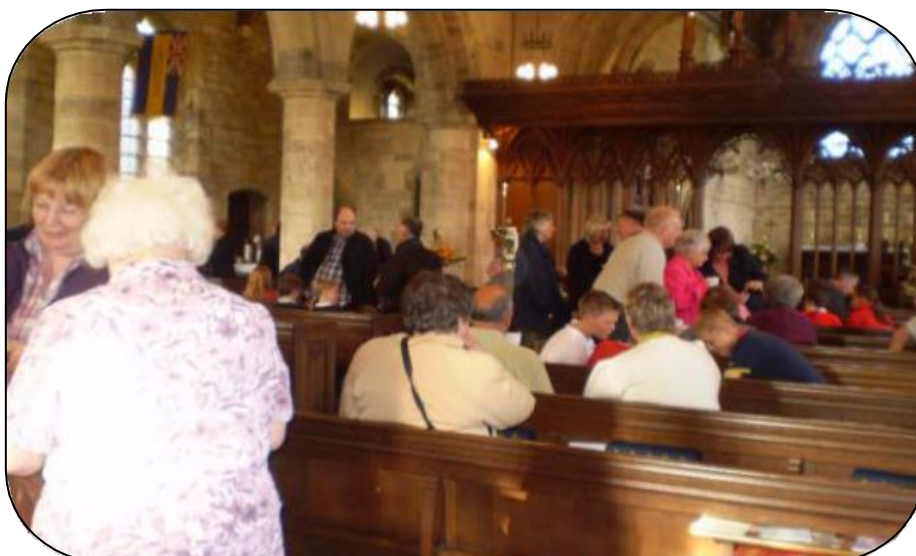
Pop approx. 830

Church Attendance average 15

- St Hilda's is situated at the southern end of the village
- St Hilda's is the largest church building within the Benefice.
- Holy Communion service using Common Worship happens on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- There has been a lay led service in the past and there is a desire for this to be reinstated.
- Refreshments are served following the service to give people the opportunity to meet socially.



- It has two light engineering factories.
- There is one pub, two shops and a post office, a doctor's surgery, community hall and a village hall.
- It also has Sherburn School which is a Church of England school at the centre of the village.
- There is also a Methodist chapel within the village and there are strong links between the Chapel and Saint Hilda's. They share the Remembrance Day service at the war memorial in the centre of the village and take part in an Annual Carol Service.
- We continue to pray for spiritual growth amongst us and the individuals and families living within Sherburn to begin to see the church, not just as a building, but as a relevant and vibrant part of the community actively involved in outreach, mission conversion and fellowship in Christ.
- We pray that St Hilda's will develop as a community/ family friendly church where villagers of all ages are welcomed and catered for with appropriate types and patterns of service.



Primary Schools

There are three primary schools within the Benefice. Each school welcomes involvement with the church.

- [West Heselton CE VC Primary](#) Headteacher Mrs. Rachel Wells

“Children are at the centre of all we do”

We encourage everyone in our school community to live life well reflecting Christian attitudes and values and working in partnership with families as part of a wider, caring community.

The hallmarks of a Christian life lived well are –
Love, Joy, Self-control, Peace, Kindness,
Patience, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness
Galatians 5:22 – 23



All that we do at school is driven by this vision. We use this to plan and deliver the very best provision and service that we can. We model these traits in all that we do.

A daily act of worship is held in school. Grace is said before lunch is eaten. Each school day closes with a prayer or reflection time to always be grateful for all the love and opportunities we have. Pupils often lead these experiences.

At West Heselton CE school, pupils and their families can expect a high quality religious education (RE) curriculum that is rich and varied, enabling learners to acquire a thorough knowledge and understanding of a range of faiths and world views.

- [Sherburn CE VC Primary](#) Headteacher Mrs Jo Mould

‘One federation family, with transformation at its heart’.
We are proud to offer

- a small personal school where each child is valued
- an experienced team of dedicated and caring staff
- a broad and balanced curriculum combining excellence and enjoyment
- a distinct Christian ethos



Christians believe they can call God a friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus. ‘Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that you think’ - (Romans 12:2 NLT)

Vision: At The Wolds and Vale Federation (Sherburn & Luttons Primary School), our vision is: 'All children become active learners through a high quality and inspirational curriculum which leaves children with the ambition to want to know more'.

We will do this by instilling a love of reading and research and allowing children to follow their own interest by being knowledgeable, being creative, being positive, being collaborative, being reflective, being curious and being adventurous. This is at the heart of all that we do in our schools.

Values: The Religious Ethos at Sherburn V C School is 'Christian values underpin the work of Sherburn CE VC Primary School and these influence our care of the individual'. The three priority values are friendship, truthfulness and forgiveness.

- Forgiveness because we learn from everything;
- Truthfulness to help us to be open; and
- Friendship because we call God our friend.

- [Rillington Primary](#) – Headteacher Mrs Carrie Stabler

'Every child matters, every moment counts'

Rillington Primary School is proud to be part of Elevate Multi Academy Trust.

Our Purpose: Vision & Values

Our sole purpose is: Raising Aspiration and Raising Achievement and we do this by: Creating communities where children are valued, inspired and confident and we do this because: We all share a relentless determination that every child can achieve and that no child is left behind. This is about Keep Up, not Catch Up!



Supporting our purpose is a commitment that: Children, staff and families are at the heart of everything we do. We hold high expectations of all which is supported by a drive to continuously develop.

At Rillington Community Primary School, we seek to ensure that all pupils in our school are educated to develop spiritually, academically, emotionally and morally to enable them to better understand themselves and others and to cope with the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of living in a rapidly changing, multicultural world. Regular assemblies and celebrations of work will help to celebrate the diversity of the school community and promote positive images of people in the wider community, including their beliefs, traditions, culture, language and history.

The Vicarage

- The house is well maintained and in secluded gardens even though it is central to Rillington village.
- It is a 1960's built home consisting of dining room, kitchen and lounge, study and cloakroom on the ground floor.
- On the first floor there are four bedrooms, bathroom and a separate toilet.
- There is also a garage and utility room alongside through a covered passageway.
- It has cavity wall insulation; double glazing and the kitchen and utility have recently been refurbished
- Central Heating is by an oil-fired boiler.
- Rillington village has a 'corner' shop and post office, a GP surgery and pharmacy, a Chippy, a butchers, primary school, pre-school group, hairdressers, a repair garage and a village hall as well as two pubs! There is a strong sense of community.
- Rillington is about half-way between Scarborough on the coast and the city of York giving the best of all worlds.
- There is a good bus service in both directions with a main line train station at Malton.



Useful Links

- Buckrose Carrs: <https://www.buckrosecarrs.org.uk/>
- Buckrose Carrs Community Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Buckrose-Community/100072248316058/>

Parish Councils:

- Rillington Parish Council <https://rillingtonparishcouncil.org/>
- Sherburn Parish Council: <https://www.sherburnparishcouncil.org.uk/>
- Heslerton Parish Council: <https://www.heslertonparishcouncil.com/useful-links/>
- Scampston Parish Council: <https://scampton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>
- Thorpe Bassett Parish Council: <https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=1937&LS=1>

Schools:

- Sherburn CE VC Primary: <https://www.sherburnprimaryschool.co.uk/web/main.php>
- West Heslerton CE VC Primary: <https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/>
- Rillington Primary: <https://www.rillingtonprimaryschool.org/>