

St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose Road, Bradford



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THE PARISH BROCHURE

A Statement prepared by the PCC describing the Church's Ministry and Mission within the Parish in September 2023

Wrose, Bradford, West Yorkshire

The Parish, the Church and associated buildings



Church Hall



OUR NEW VICAR

We are looking and praying for a Vicar to come and live and minister with us in Wrose. Below is an outline of the person we believe God is calling to our Parish. Could this person be you?

We believe there are great opportunities for spiritual growth and outreach in the local area and with a dynamic and inspiring leader we can be motivated to share the Gospel with the people of Wrose. We are also looking for the right person who will lead, teach and encourage us to grow in our faith. Our invitation is made with the promise that we will journey together under God's guidance.

Our Mission Action Plan would include:

- Exploring ways to enable us to become more welcoming and friendly to all.
- Finding practical ways to support and care for one another.
- Finding new ways of developing the church building as a resource for the Community.
- Engage more with children; young people and families; welcoming and encouraging them and valuing their contribution to our Parish life.
- Develop and strengthen our '24/7' faith.
- Become a more prayerful Church
- Enable the whole church family to grow and flourish.
- Become a united, loving church family; looking outward, not inward, so that God can use us for whatever he wants us to do.

So we are looking for:

- A God-centred and God-serving priest, who can make the Bible and the Gospel message real to everyone, whether they attend Church regularly or not.
- A collaborative leader who will lead and teach us; help us to grow in faith and equip us to meet the challenges of this post pandemic future, so that we can be effective in God's service and united in His love.
- A person with good pastoral gifts who will nurture and care for the family.
- Someone who is bold enough to lead and inspire a team, but also willing and able to delegate and to support others.
- A person who is sensitive, but not afraid to tackle difficult or complex decisions and see them through.
- Someone with a sense of humour and the ability to get on with all types of people
- An enabler and encourager, who will help people to develop their gifts and capabilities according to the needs of the church.
- Someone willing to help us continue our building of relationships with local schools and the community.
- A person who will work well together in a team of clergy across our three linked Churches'

WHERE WE LIVE

The city, the people, schools, housing, industry and the surrounding area.

Bradford is a large industrial city situated in the beautiful county of Yorkshire; the city made its name with the woollen trade and still has numerous old mills standing although the majority of these have now been converted into apartments. The city is about 10 miles from Leeds and very near to the M62 motorway, giving easy access to other local cities and the Yorkshire dales.



The Parish itself is situated on the northern edge of the city with plenty of local shopping and recreational facilities. The Parish consists of approx. 9,878 residents from a variety of economic and ethnic backgrounds of which according to the last survey over 56% stated they were Christian.



A large proportion of the Parish's housing is in the modern estates throughout the area, these consist of both local council estates and also private housing estates, but there is now a trend for older people to move into purpose-built housing. House prices are higher in Wrose than in surrounding areas mainly due to the increase in new housing.



There are four primary schools within the Parish Boundary. Pre-school provision is shared between the primary schools and several private nurseries.

Unemployment in Wrose is below average. The largest private sector employer just outside the Parish is Morrison's Supermarket Chain which has a superstore just over the Parish boundary and also has its main head office within the city. Quite a large proportion of the working population travel out of the Parish for work.

OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Who we are, where we live and some facts and figures about the congregation.

St Cuthbert's is a Church of England parish church in Bradford, West Yorkshire. We are situated in the suburb of Wrose, about two miles up the hill from the city centre.

Wrose has been around for hundreds of years, but it was only a small village and scattered farms until after WWI. Rapid expansion of housing took place between the wars, leading to the formation of our parish in 1930 and the building of a mission church in 1931. That building is now our Church Hall, used for a variety of church and community activities.



By the late 1950s the work had outgrown the premises and a new church building was consecrated on January 31st 1959. A connecting building of meeting rooms and a kitchen was built in the 1960s, giving us the excellent suite of facilities that we now enjoy. The whole building has been extensively refurbished over the past few years, giving us a welcoming, flexible and warm space for worship and mission.

There are 64 people on the Electoral Roll, 48 of whom live outside the Parish. About 64% of our church members are over 45, and about 63% of our church members are female. At present there are 9 families with children who attend Church. Teenage attendance is something which has declined, as the young people of the Parish go off to University or into further studies or employment.

Most of the people in our congregation live in owner-occupied houses, although a number of our older members have moved into purpose-built housing.

Facts and Figures: (based on 2022 returns)

Parish Electoral Roll;	64	Sunday Communicants;	40
Baptisms per annum;	0	Confirmations per annum;	0
Weddings per annum;	0	Funerals per annum;	4

OUR ACTIVITIES

Is this a busy Parish? Yes, it is. There's much more going on than you might think.

House Groups

We have house groups that currently meet fortnightly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We meet to encourage one another in our day-to-day lives, by learning from the Bible and from each other.



Moses Basket

Moses Basket — a "Bumps and Baby" group — is a small, relaxed group for both expectant parents and for those with small babies (0 months to walking) who meet in the Church Hall on a Friday morning.

Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark is a lively toddler group meeting on Wednesdays during term-time and is open to the community.

Place of Welcome: Unwind

We welcome a good number of people from our community to our Places of Welcome. Unwind runs every week from 12.30-3pm and is free of charge. This is a relaxed space to spend a bit of time with other people over a cuppa and a cake. We hold a very popular weekly quiz and other activities are available.



Messy Church

The church holds seasonal Messy Church events for local families and their children up to the age of 11 years. We offer crafts, themed activities, food & refreshments, bible stories and singing. We do not charge for these events and they are well received by the local community.

Community groups hall hire

Our church hall is very busy each week with bookings from regular groups from within our local community. These groups include the local Guiding group of Brownies, Guides & Rainbows. We also regularly welcome a Dementia support group, martial arts, bowls, line dancers and an exercise group. The hall is also available for the local community to hire for events.



OUR TRADITION AND VISION

We are open to exploring other forms of informal worship styles in order to know Christ and to make Christ known...

We consider ourselves as being an open evangelical fellowship.

Our 10.30 services have a contemporary style where we have live worship. Our monthly pattern is:

Week 1: Holy Communion

Week 2: Service of The Word

Week 3: Service of The Word

Week 4: Café Church

OUR MINISTRY

Who does what? All the people who make the wheels go round.

Authorised Ministers in the Parish

At present we have one Curate who has been with us since July and one Lay Reader.

Lay Involvement (Worship)

We have a team of lay people who currently are able to plan and present our 10.30am morning worship and café church services.

We have additional teams of people who read lessons, lead intercessions, administer the Chalice, welcome worshippers, arrange flowers and prepare coffee. We have a dedicated technical team who run our sound and overhead projection system. We also have a healing prayer team who are available after services for prayer and occasionally during services.

Worship is lead by a skilled team of musicians and singers who practice regularly and often introduce new songs into our service.

Lay involvement (Administration)

We have a part-time Parish Administrator who is salaried for 8 hours a week; a Parish Treasurer; a Planned Giving Co-ordinator, and an Electoral Roll Officer. There are also a number of willing volunteers who make sure that all the little jobs that need to be done, get done and these people are worth their weight in gold.

OUR FINANCES

Where does the money come from and where does it go?

The Parish operates a Planned Giving Scheme using both envelopes and regular giving by standing order. The envelope scheme operates on a monthly basis and standing orders are paid monthly. The most recent accounts show an annual income of £30,507.36 from the scheme.

The Gift Aid scheme is actively and regularly promoted. The majority of eligible parishioners are signed up to the scheme, and the Parish generates a significant amount of income from this. The most recent accounts show that £9521.00 was recovered under the scheme.

Our Hall brings an important source of income for the Church.

In the last Financial Year, the Parish contributed to its parish share of £23,374

NETWORKS & RELATIONSHIPS

Getting on with others; relationships with the community, neighbouring parishes and ecumenical activities.

Schools

The schools in the area attend special events held within the Church at least 4 times a year. St Cuthberts Church are partners with the Zephaniah Trust, and have completed their training to run these Scripture Union based events. Over the year we welcome approximately 1500 children through our doors.

Our neighbouring Parishes

The formal partnership of our three churches was set up approximately 2 years ago and we are continuing to develop relationships and find new and exciting ways of working together. During our interregnum, another 2 North Bradford churches have worked together with us and we meet regularly for worship and prayer. We are looking forward to working together even more in the future.

Our neighbouring churches

We are part of Wrose Christians Together along with 3 other churches and we have undertaken outreach to the local community, along with Wrose Parish Council. We have held occasional services and prayer meetings together and the church leaders meet monthly to pray for each other.

Charities we support

St Cuthbert's church provides volunteers and supports Inn Churches, Street Angels and the Bradford North Foodbank.

THE VICARAGE

Where you and your family will live.



The Vicarage is a spacious, extended, detached house next to the Church, with gas fired central heating and double glazing.

Downstairs comprises of a reception hall, study, lounge, dining room, kitchen, and downstairs toilet. There is also a utility room and a single garage leading to a large rear secluded garden.

Upstairs consists of six bedrooms a separate toilet and a family bathroom.

WHAT NEXT?

If you think the Parish of St Cuthbert's might be the place to which God is calling you, then please use the link below to find out more.

Being Vicar of St Cuthbert's will be a challenge, but we believe that the Parish has great potential and we hope it might be the place to which God is calling you.

If you would like to find out more, then please use the following link for information about the Diocese, the Parish, and the City.

The Diocese of Leeds: <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/>