

The benefice profile of Wiveliscombe and the Hills 2024



Our Benefice comprises churches in **Wiveliscombe** and the surrounding villages of **Langley Marsh, Chipstable, Raddington, Clatworthy, Huish Champflower, Brompton Ralph** and **Tolland** set within the Brendon Hills.

Each church has a distinctive identity and its own church wardens and PCC, but all work together to maintain a Christian presence in the area. We are blessed with a strong ministry team with retired clergy, Lay Readers and Lay Worship Assistants all leading services across the benefice. We are looking for a new rector with godly vision, collaborative leadership and the people skills that can engage with local communities and provide pastoral care. Are you up for the challenge?



Summary

- ❖ Wivey is an amazing place to live and work, with great facilities and community spirit.
- ❖ Our benefice comprises St Andrew's, the hub church in Wiveliscombe, and six parishes in the Hills.
- ❖ We have a strong ministry team of retired clergy, Lay Readers and Lay Worship Assistants, who lead most of the services. We also have an Anna Chaplaincy team.
- ❖ We are looking for a rector who will help us to discern God's vision and lead collaboratively. We seek a people person who can lead pastoral care and engage with local communities, bringing God's love to all and sharing the good news of Jesus.
- ❖ We offer a great opportunity to reach out to the people of Wivey and the Hills. We have a modern rectory, centrally placed, with local amenities nearby.

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Our DIOCESE: Bath and Wells

+Michael in Wivey:
'If I wasn't the Bishop I'd apply'

Diocesan Statement – Our Vision for Growth and Transformation

Introduction

We are delighted that you are considering whether this post of Rector in Wivey and the Hills Benefice in Bath and Wells might be right for you. In order to help your prayerful discernment, we want to share a bit about our diocesan vision, within which we hope your own ministry might flourish.

Appointing a priest incumbent is amongst the most significant decisions that any benefice makes. When appointments work out well, they contribute significantly to parishes flourishing and growing in a host of different ways – in spiritual depth, in impact within local communities and in the numbers of people becoming part of the local church. Such flourishing is not, of course, all down to the person appointed as priest. It depends first and foremost upon God. It also depends upon everyone in a benefice being willing and able to contribute their unique gifts, skills, resources and abilities: working alongside their priest and sharing in the ministry of the benefice.

The flourishing and growth of churches always needs attention, but especially now as we come out of the shock created by the COVID pandemic. The impact of the pandemic created a sharp acceleration in the pattern of decline in church attendance that has been seen in our diocese over many years. Thankfully, there are some signs that we are recovering from the COVID decline. For example, data showed that average adult weekly church attendance in our diocese rose between 2021 and 2022. Statistics only ever tell a partial story. It is even more encouraging to see churches around our diocese developing approaches that respond to the opportunities and challenges in their local context and enable growth to happen.

A vision for growth and transformation

Our diocesan context, described above, has convinced us that for our next season at least, our aim across all our parishes needs to be growing our churches, within and beyond our church buildings, in both numbers and depth of faith, so that we can better work for the transforming of our communities and the life of God's Kingdom amongst us.

Shared priorities

To help us pursue this aim, and following consultation across the diocese in 2023, we are inviting all parishes to focus on four particular areas of our ministry together. It is important for clergy considering working in our diocese to know what these priorities are, even though what they look like in practice will vary in each place.

❖ To value and cherish the people and resources we already have

We aim to ensure each person is well supported and equipped as a follower of Jesus Christ and for any ministries they may feel called to undertake, within the local church and wider community. We are committed to supporting the well-being of all our leaders and church officers, both lay and ordained. We have a fully funded clergy well-being service, the offer of peer support groups, and an excellent team of Diocesan support staff fully focused on supporting our parishes, chaplaincies and schools.

❖ To develop new Christian worshipping communities

Whether it be new forms of worship in a wide variety of settings and times, church revitalisations or church plants, we long to see the good news of Jesus connect with the people in our communities that our traditional offerings struggle to reach.

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❖ To share in ministry and leadership

We are committed to the New Testament vision of the church as a vibrant body of people all using their God-given gifts. We are committed to a model of shared local ministry: raising up and equipping lay and ordained leaders able to share together in leading the church and serving God's world.

❖ To deepen and grow faith

This is foundational to all we do. We long to see people of all ages and backgrounds, but perhaps especially children, young people and young adults, having more opportunities to discover, explore and grow in faith.

[To hear Bishop Michael share his thoughts on refreshing the diocesan vision click here](#)

The outcome we are looking for

When he talks about his own ministry in 1 Corinthians, Paul captures the dynamic we are seeking to achieve. "I planted," he says, "Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Cor 3: 6). We know that our churches will only flourish and grow as a result of God's action among us – it is God who gives the growth. But Paul is also clear that we have a part to play too – in watering and planting, in doing the things that enable the conditions for God's growth to be supported. So, covered by prayer, our confident hope is that if we are intentional in seeking God's guidance in planning and supporting growth, then God will honour that to see his people flourish and thrive - in spiritual depth, in impact within local communities, in the numbers of people becoming part of the local church and in transforming communities locally and beyond.

Local shaping and diocesan support

There can't be any 'one size fits' all approach to turning the priorities outlined above into action. They always need to be adapted to local circumstances, opportunities and needs. The task of our diocesan support services is to get behind all that local benefices are doing and apart from their general support, there is specific support for exploring how to grow new Christian communities, how to discern and equip a growing range of ministries in your context and how to work well with children and young people. All of these areas of support are grounded in exploring what it means to live out our faith.

What implications does this have for the appointment of clergy?

It is important for us all to appoint clergy to benefices who are ready, willing and able to pray for and share in the vision we have for the flourishing and growth of churches and Christian life in our diocese. We want to create an environment that could be described as high challenge, high support. This means appointing clergy who will not only value all that already exists but will be eager to work with others to build on and develop it. It means appointing clergy who are committed to learning, being creative, and to starting with the gifts God has given to them, their benefice and the wider community. We are therefore looking to appoint candidates who will

- ❖ be committed to praying and intentionally seeking the growth and flourishing of the benefices in their care
- ❖ relish and expect to work in an environment that is high challenge, high support
- ❖ work joyfully and collaboratively with those who share with them locally in ministry and leadership, with their congregations and with others in their locality, to identify ways to grow and develop their churches with the grain of local priorities, resources, skills and passions
- ❖ enjoy working in partnership with deanery and diocesan colleagues

We hope this might be you! We hope that you'd like to join us on the adventure and course we've set for our next ten years. We're praying that God will send us the right labourers for the harvest that God has set before us. Could this be you?



+ Michael Barr & Wells.

Bishop of Bath and Wells



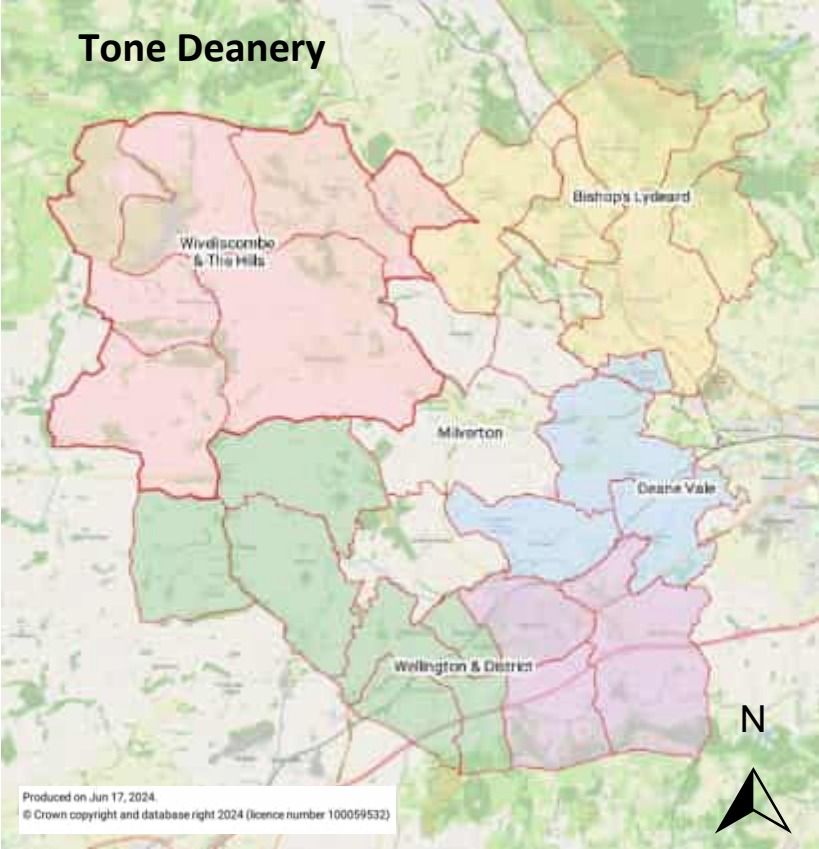
Steve Hill.

Archdeacon of Taunton

Our DEANERY: Tone

The Tone Deanery has 35 places of worship and following our deployment process, we are now made up of six benefices, each with a Stipendiary post. In this rural and urban mix, we are fortunate to have many active and supportive retired priests and experienced Readers, as well as new people offering for Reader and ordination training.

This is a deanery committed to Lay training, Lay Worship Assistants, Pastoral Assistants and Chaplains. We have benefitted from a high rate of engagement in this LWA training from volunteers in Wiveliscombe and the Hills parishes, with a good engagement with the process since the initial training. As a small Chapter we will share our responsibilities for discernment of calling, and training. Our Chapter meetings are, at present, “greater” Chapter meetings including our retired clergy and Readers and it is our intentions to be a close network for supporting each other and sharing our wisdom and concerns. The Deanery regularly has curates in training, and we share opportunities for their development among the six benefices.



At this time of rapid change, new ideas are welcome. We invite you to share in the vision and work of this deanery, and to recognise and welcome the Kingdom of God in this place.

Helene Stainer (Area Dean)



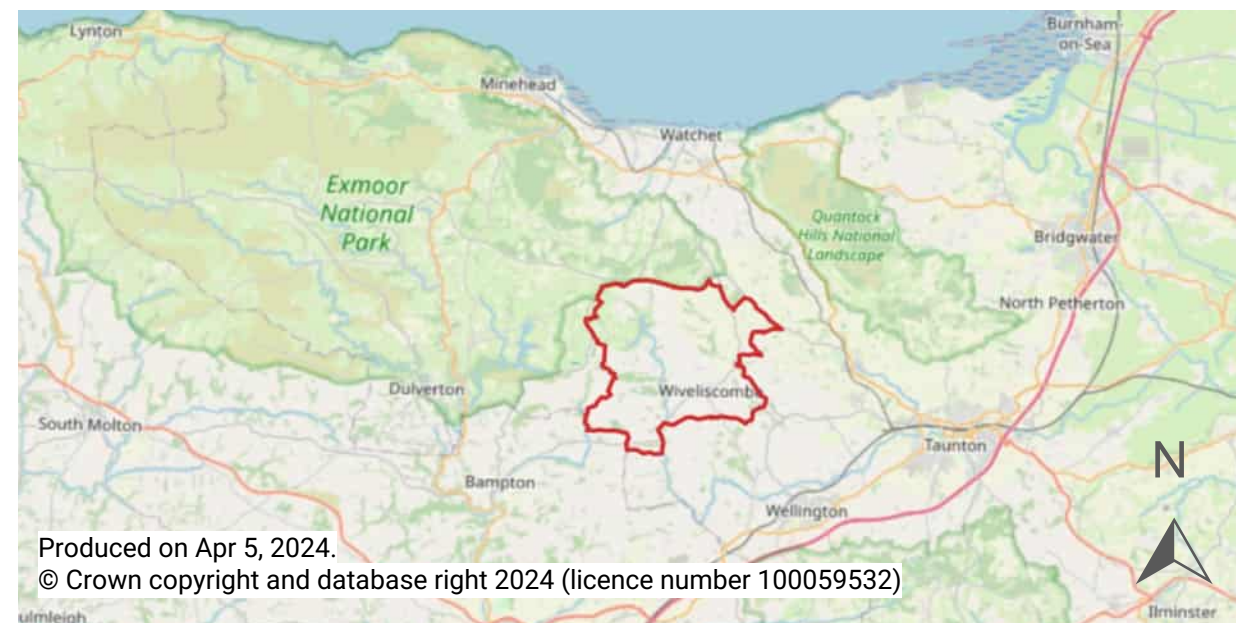


Our location in the Brendon Hills

‘Where in the world is Wiveliscombe?’ you might ask, as Winston Churchill apparently did when it was suggested that national treasures could be stored in the crypt of St Andrew's during World War Two. Wiveliscombe, or Wivey as it known locally, is twenty minutes' drive west of Taunton in Somerset, on the south-east slopes of Exmoor. The hills parishes surround Wivey reaching up into the Brendon Hills to the north and west.

Wivey is a small town with the heart of a village and a fantastic sense of community. There is a diverse range of shops and businesses, with plenty of local employment serving both the town and the wider area. It punches well above its weight, with a range of goods and services you would expect to find in a much bigger place: shops, schools, health care, sports facilities, a heated outdoor pool and a garage. It even has its own [tartan!](#)

There are great leisure opportunities offered by the coast and moorland nearby, plus a huge range of clubs, societies and charities which the wider community embraces wholeheartedly.



The whole community of Wivey and the hills comes together for key events such as firework night, Wivey Flower Show and the Ten Parishes Festival. Music brings people together with numerous concerts, classical and folk, plus playing opportunities that include Wivey Town Band and the Ukulele Band.



Our Ministry and Support Team

Ministry Team

We are fortunate to be blessed with many people to lead our services and provide pastoral care. Rev Sue Green and Rev Hugh Allen are both retired clergy living in the benefice. Sue takes many of the services locally and Hugh's wealth of experience enables him to provide much support and wisdom. Rockin' Rev and town crier Andrew Norris also helps out occasionally.

Anna Chaplaincy

Juliet Gosling-Brown is our part-time distinctive deacon and also our Anna Chaplain. She is particularly gifted with the elderly and leads a team of Anna friends in visiting people and taking services at the residential home for the elderly. Juliet also leads Rogation and Harvest services in the grounds of Langley House where Wivey Kitchen have a community garden.

Lay ministry

Our Lay Readers, Martin Valuks and Vigdis Adams, lead services around the benefice as well as helping in other ways. We also have ten newly trained Lay Worship Assistant who help with services.

Benefice Administration

The churches work well together and the Church Wardens gather regularly for their Seven Towers meetings. We have a paid benefice administrator, Lorna Thorne, who is based in the benefice office in St Andrew's. St Andrew's Church Warden and Treasurer, Sherry Rayson, is the Benefice adviser and helps other parishes with financial matters.

For more information about our team click [here](#)

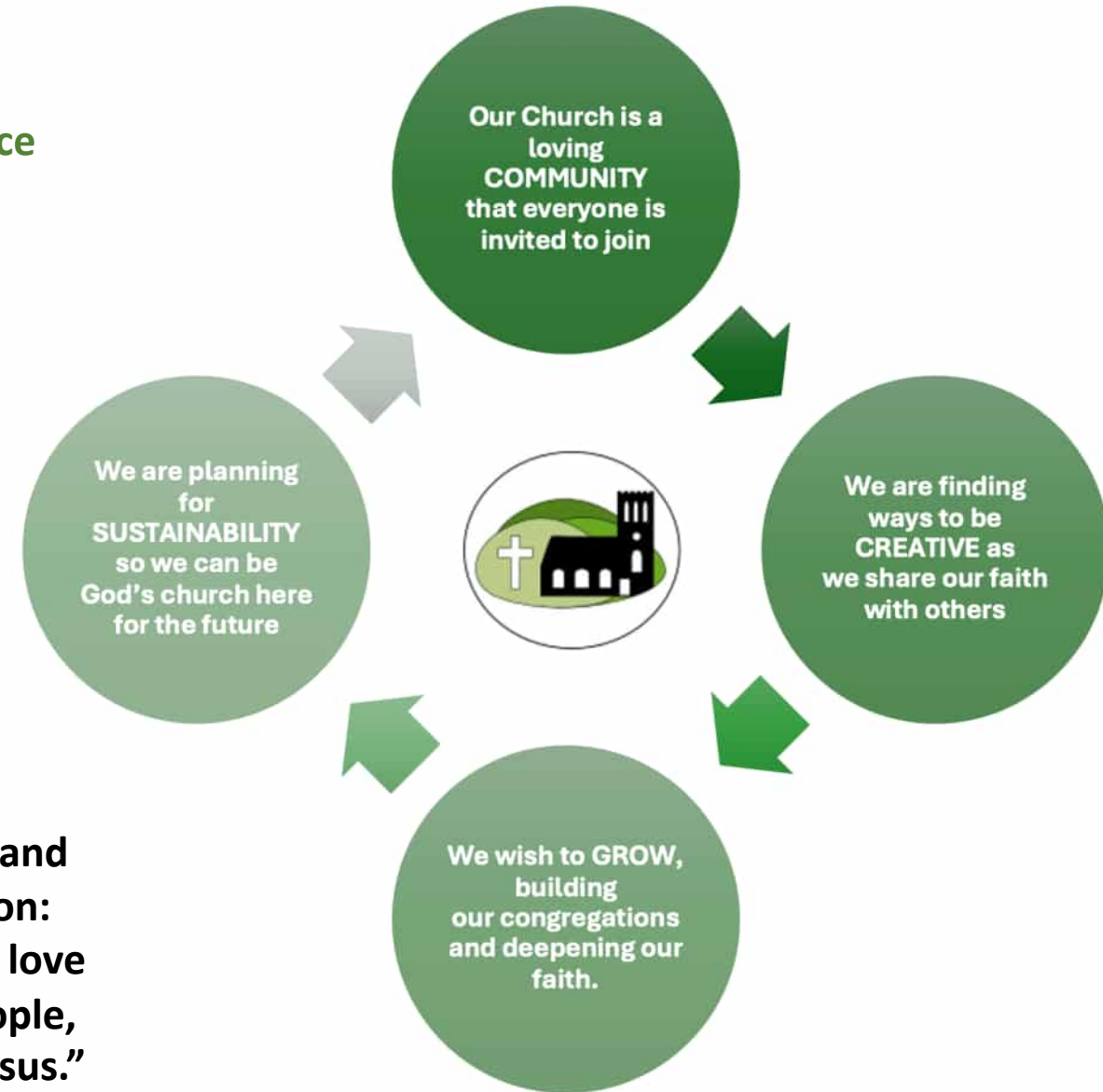
Photos of Ministry Team: Rev Sue Green, Rev Hugh Allen, Rev Juliet Gosling-Brown, Vigdis Adams, Martin Valuks, Rev Andrew Norris, Sherry Rayson, Lorna Thorne

Community, Creativity, Growth, Sustainability



God's love brings HOPE,
so we worship Him
As God's family we experience
HEALING through
prayer and fellowship
We reach out to others
in HOSPITALITY
inviting them to join us

As part of the diocese of Bath and Wells we subscribe to the vision:
"In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people, living and telling the story of Jesus."





Our Church is a loving COMMUNITY that everyone is invited to join

Our congregations are a broad church, with people drawn from a wide variety of theological backgrounds; unity is key but is sometimes challenging as a result. We come together for both spiritual and secular events and value spending time worshipping together and supporting each other.



During lock-down Wivey Food Project was set up by a local Christian to feed those struggling on low incomes; it continues today as the charity Wivey Kitchen, using volunteers to cook and deliver hundreds of meals every week.

When war broke out in Ukraine, Wivey Welcomes Refugees was formed and over eighty Ukrainians have been hosted by local families. St Andrew's was the hub, where they came to socialise and have English lessons. This made such an impact that Sophie, now Duchess of Edinburgh, came to visit those involved. Both these initiatives were set up by people who had completed the Growing Leaders course at St Andrew's back in 2017.

Although many people do not regularly attend church, they are supportive and look to our churches if there is a wedding, christening or funeral. Many locals have family buried in the graveyards and visit regularly.

For more details about Wivey Kitchen click [here](#)
 For more details about Wivey Welcomes Refugees click [here](#)



We are finding ways to be CREATIVE as we share our faith with others

We are developing innovative ways of bringing people into our buildings. St Peter's, Huish Champflower, has recently started a monthly Business Break inviting people who are working alone at home for coffee and a chat to break up the day. Coffee and cake after services are popular at all the churches and at Clatworthy people come along after church to join the social even if they haven't been to the service!

St Andrew's serves as a venue for a wide variety of events with concerts making the most of our great acoustics and we recently hosted a drama for Wivey Arts Group.

Tolland's church is the only community building in the village. Its irregular services try to follow not just the Christian calendar but also reflect the importance of caring for the local environment both for wildlife, our own health and well-being.

We are seeking to take God's love out into local communities by holding services in more accessible places. One such venue is Langley House, a residential home for people with autism. Wivey Grows uses the gardens as a community project and church members are involved with leading this. Services at Rogation and Harvest attract a wide variety of people who don't come to church, including Langley House staff and residents, and people involved with Wivey Grows.

Families value monthly Messy Church and a team takes Open the Book into Wivey Primary regularly. We are considering offering Muddy Church to families as a way of appreciating God's gift of creation. We take young people to SPREE each year.

For more information about SPREE click [here](#)



We want to GROW in our faith and add to our numbers

We are seeking to build our congregations by holding services that serve the needs of the wide diversity of people in our midst. We aim to make our range of worship diverse and inclusive.

Both schools, Kingsmead and the Primary, use St Andrew's for services and events and we are seeking to develop those links, hopefully by placing a chaplain in the schools. Kingsmead would really appreciate having extra pastoral support in this way. A team take Open the Book into the primary school each month. Messy Church is growing in numbers and SPREE is always popular. We are also building links with Guiding and Scouting movements, with youngsters taking part in harvest and remembrance services.

[For more details of our services click here](#)

We are providing different opportunities for people to grow in faith. We appreciate sound Bible teaching and clear, concise explanations of the gospel in all its fullness. There is a growing interest in spirituality as secular humanism has failed to deliver and we hope to show people that God has the answer to the most basic of human needs.

Five home groups meet regularly to study the Bible, to support one another in prayer and join in fellowship over a meal. They are mainly based in Wivey. WhatsApp groups enable us to keep in touch and respond quickly in prayer to the needs of others. Our prayer chain is another way we stay connected with the prayer requests of local people.

[For more details of our adult's groups click here](#)

[For more details of our children's and young people's work click here](#)



We are planning for a SUSTAINABLE future

We wish all our churches to be here proclaiming the Christian faith in fifty years' time. Yet, we are in challenging times with church attendance falling nationally. The cost-of-living crisis impacts on people's generosity and our demographic needs to change for a viable future. Our God wants to build His church and has given us the task of spreading the gospel. People need Christ more than ever, even if they are mostly unaware of it.

In rural villages services have declined and often only the church and village hall are left. This leaves us well-placed to diversify and engage with the community. Many of our buildings have been adapted for a range of events. This allows us to develop relationships and bring in much-needed funds.

Paying parish share continues to be difficult with small elderly congregations. Building repairs and the cost of heating add to the bills. Fortunately, we have good maintenance teams at each of our churches. We are encouraging regular giving from the wider community and installing card readers where possible.

As numbers of stipendiary clergy across the diocese are reduced, there is an increased emphasis on shared local ministry and the gifts of lay people being valued. Ten people across the benefice recently trained as Lay Worship Assistants and others are keen to follow. Our Anna Chaplaincy team has five Anna friends who do pastoral work with the elderly. There are at least four people who would like to do the Local Lay Preacher course when it comes on stream in the autumn and we have people who can lead this for us.



Wivey Walkers led the way



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Bishop Michael formally opened the Brendon Towers Way on 29th April 2023. It is named after the church towers that are distinctive landmarks in the Brendon Hills.



Joy on the way!

Thanks to Brenda Boyland and Ann Scotter, church members who devised the walk



Explaining the landscape



Reading the reflection at Chipstable



Arriving for tea at St Luke's

KEY	
Walk	
Road	
River	
Building	
Wood	
Church	
Alternative Route	

Map drawn by David Face

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St Andrew's, Wiveliscombe

St Andrew's is the parish church of Wiveliscombe and serves the local community. The first Sunday features a sung eucharist, with choir and organ, for our older, traditional congregation. The second Sunday has a café-style celebration, preceded by breakfast. It attracts families and children with its modern accessible style and children's activities. We also have a monthly informal Sunday@6 service with contemporary worship.

Thursday café is the heart of St Andrew's. Home-baked cakes bring in local people to enjoy coffee and chat while listening to piano music or the community choir. Toddler group, in our well-resourced children's area, is popular with local families. St Andrews supports both Wivey Welcomes Refugees, and Wivey Kitchen who supply free meals through the freezer in church. Great acoustics make the church a choice venue for both classical and folk events, with famous names, such as the Band of the Royal Marines, drawing in the crowds.

[For more information about St Andrew's click here](#)

St Luke's, Langley Marsh

St Luke's is a chapel of ease in Langley Marsh in the parish of St Andrew's a mile and a half from Wiveliscombe. A 'tin tabernacle' built in 1893, services held there include Holy Communion (BCP), spoken, at 8.30 am on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, and an annual Carol Service. Its interior has a simplicity and tranquillity unique among the ecclesiastical buildings of the area, making it a suitable setting for Taizé and other contemplative services.

St Luke's has benefited from partnership with the local community and it now serves as a hall to the village, while maintaining its ecclesiastical function. A hard-working management committee oversees the maintenance and development of the building. Funds were raised for a kitchen and the pews removed. Art exhibitions, meetings and other community events are now held there.

[For more information about St Luke's click here](#)



St Michael's, Raddington

Open and welcoming to all visitors, it is a place of peace, pilgrimage and spiritual renewal. The church is the main focus for our small rural community and is valued and supported by a far wider circle than those who regularly attend services.

We are the 5th smallest church in England that still has a regular pattern of worship, with two services a month attended by a small but steady congregation. Special services such as Christmas see the church full.

The building is a Grade I listed architectural gem in a beautiful part of rural Somerset. It is in good condition, and a capable and reliable team deal with the day to day running of the church.

To see the St Michael's Church video or for more on church history click [here](#)

All Saints, Chipstable

All Saints has one service a month alternating between Holy Communion and Matins which includes Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Carol Service. We always have a get together afterwards with coffee or sometimes a glass of wine! Last year we hosted a sung Evensong with the uplifting In Ecclesia Choir.

Our church is set in the centre of a small rural village surrounded by beautiful country. The magnificent tower, which houses six bells, dates from medieval times. The remainder of the church was rebuilt in the Victorian era and has a seating capacity of 100 + which is great for weddings and special services.

All Saints has a dedicated PCC who enthusiastically support the church with fundraising and maintenance.

To see The Spirit of All Saints' video and for more information click [here](#)



St Peter's, Huish Champflower

Our services, held twice a month, are completely different in style. From contemporary, with a Sunday school, to traditional matins.

A small, hardworking team of volunteers organise a variety of events, which are a form of outreach and raise much needed funds. We pride ourselves on a warm welcome to all, creating an inclusive, relaxed and cheerful atmosphere. We hold a monthly Business Break to bring together people who are working from home.

Our church lies at the heart of our community. It is a large versatile space, which can seat 170 people. There is also a colourful, well-equipped children's area. Being Grade I listed, the beautiful and atmospheric building is of architectural interest.

*For the video and more information about St Peter's click [here](#)
You can also visit www.huishchampflower.org for parish news.*

St Mary Magdalene, Clatworthy

There is no electricity in St. Mary Magdalene, so worship takes place by candlelight during the winter. Some background warmth comes from three gas heaters but wrap up warm! The number of regular worshippers is small but embraces all flavours of Christianity from Catholics to Evangelicals, and the services reflect this diversity with something for everyone.

Although the regular congregation may be small, our whole community - active, passive and non-believers alike - recognises the value of the church and both supports our events and helps maintain the churchyard. We have a powerful combination of ages, educational backgrounds, practical skills and expert knowledge within the parish. The way in which everyone works together on projects and events of all sorts is a real source of strength within our community.

For more information about the church of St Mary Magdalene click [here](#)



St Mary's, Brompton Ralph

Our cheerful congregation is drawn from a caring rural community of nearly 300. We are encouraged that attendance has gradually risen above pre-Covid levels and believe that further growth is in progress. Our services are fairly traditional in style, but we are flexible and unfussy. We enjoy singing good hymns, such as 'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father' and we hope for sermons that make us think, help us to meet with God and shape our lives. Each month we have Holy Communion and Morning Worship and the seasonal services of Easter and Carols by Candlelight are very well-attended. We collaborate with our neighbouring parish of Tolland for regular services and for special occasions such as Palm Sunday, Remembrance and Christmas Day.

Friendship and caring for one another are important to us all and our church congregation is very well-connected with activities in the wider village community. We have a variety of social and musical events through the year – some in the church and some in the village hall.

[For more information about St Mary's click here](#)

St John the Baptist, Tolland

This hidden church has risen like a phoenix since it nearly closed in early 2000. It now holds some seven to eight, well-attended services per year from Pentecost to pet service, music and meditation to Harvest Thanksgiving.

Tolland's church is the only community building in the village. Its irregular services try to follow not just the Christian calendar but also reflect the importance of caring for the environment both for wildlife and our own health and well-being. Set in a wooded valley, the flower-rich churchyard has been managed for wildlife for the past 40 years. The tower has the lightest church-ring of eight in the country and visiting bands come from far and wide to test their skills on these frisky bells.

The 90 residents of Tolland love their little church and fundraise enthusiastically for its upkeep. American friends, whose ancestors came from the parish, also visit regularly and give support. After a recent questionnaire, plans are afoot to re-order the church as a more multi-functional building, so it can become a greater asset to the community.

[For more information about the church of St John the Baptist click here](#)



Our CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ The Benefice has a population of about 4500, yet **few see the need for God**. We are seeking to engage with people, especially families, through **contemporary worship** and being visible in the community at **social events**.
- ❖ **Young people** face considerable challenges including **mental health issues**. We continue to develop links with both schools and are hoping to fund a **school chaplain**.
- ❖ **Finance**: faced with a reduced congregations, plus rising energy bills, and the cost of maintenance and repairs to our listed buildings is challenging. **Paying parish share** is difficult but we are fully committed to paying this. If numbers increased the **situation would become more positive**.
- ❖ The **farming community** faces the challenges of climate chaos and financial uncertainty. This can lead to health challenges especially if farmers are isolated. We are planning to resume an **annual supper** with talks on topical issues and a short testimony on finding support through faith.
- ❖ **Poverty** is an issue for some in Wivey. **Wivey Kitchen** use Fareshare food to cook hundreds of meals every week for those in need and some of these are available through the freezer in church.
- ❖ **St Andrew's crypt** has huge potential for development. Part of it is used for youth work and Messy Church, but there is scope for far more. We would like to **consult with local people** about the use of this space, including the possibility of a commercial kitchen, meeting rooms and a lift to provide access from above.



What can we offer our new Rector?

A lovely **PLACE** to call home:

A 5-bed modern rectory set in a large garden
A vibrant area buzzing with activities and passions
Multiple local shops and services, with Taunton nearby
Nursery, primary and secondary schools in Wivey
The beautiful landscape of Exmoor and the coast

Great **PEOPLE** to work with:

Friendly communities of local people,
many volunteering with local charities
Committed and faithful teams in each church
Good admin and financial support
Strong ministerial team of lay readers, retired clergy
and LWAs willing to assist with leading services

Huge **POTENTIAL** For the Kingdom:

A population of over 4,500 within Wivey and the Hills
offering immense scope for growth in our church communities



What are we looking for in our new Rector?

We are hoping that our new Rector will be a person of

PRAYER

who seeks God for His

VISION

for our Benefice, with the

LEADERSHIP

skills to develop our talents and move us forward.

We need someone who has a

HEART

for people of all kinds, able to

COMMUNICATE

the love of God effectively to everyone,
wants to get fully

ENGAGED

with the local communities
and has some

UNDERSTANDING

of rural issues



Your New Home?

The light filled spacious five-bedroom home, built in the 1970s, is situated in South Street and conveniently located for both St. Andrew's, a short walk away, and the town centre with all its amenities. There is a large kitchen/diner looking onto a paved area.

From the lounge, patio doors open onto the good-sized garden of about 1/3 of an acre, which is mostly lawn, and is well screened from the neighbouring houses. The back of the house faces west and benefits from afternoon /evening sun. There are south-westerly views of open fields and the surrounding hills.

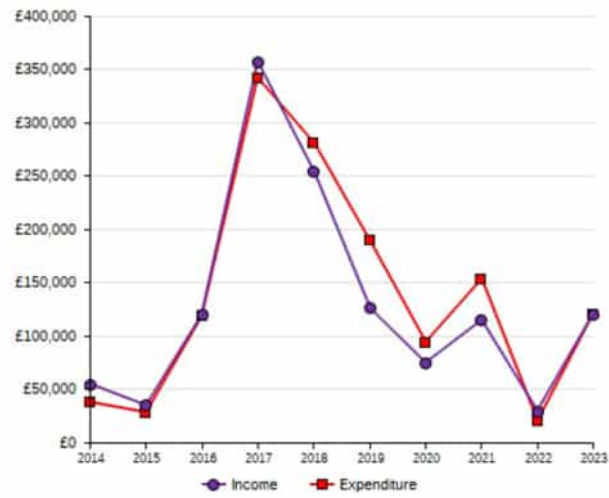


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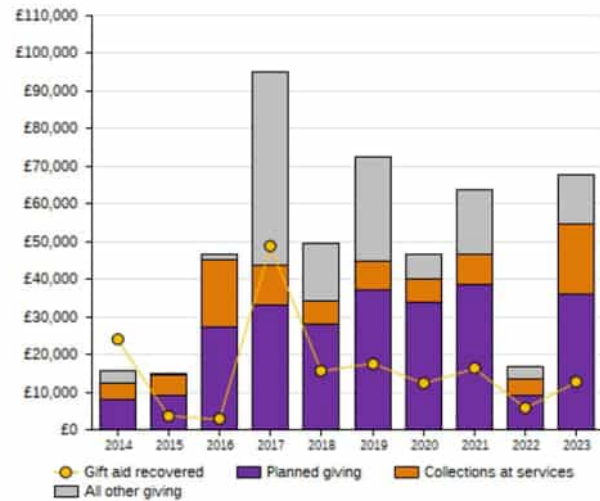
Until recently, the study was also the benefice office, however, the benefice office has moved to St Andrew's following the reordering.

There is ample parking at the front of the rectory, where there is also an attractive 19th century coach house / stable, which was previously used for storage.

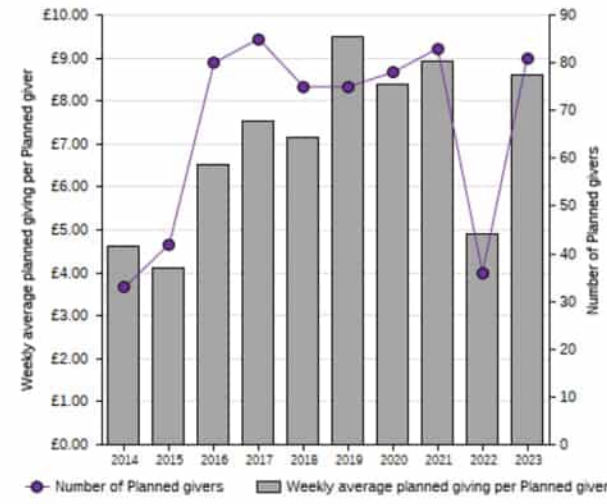
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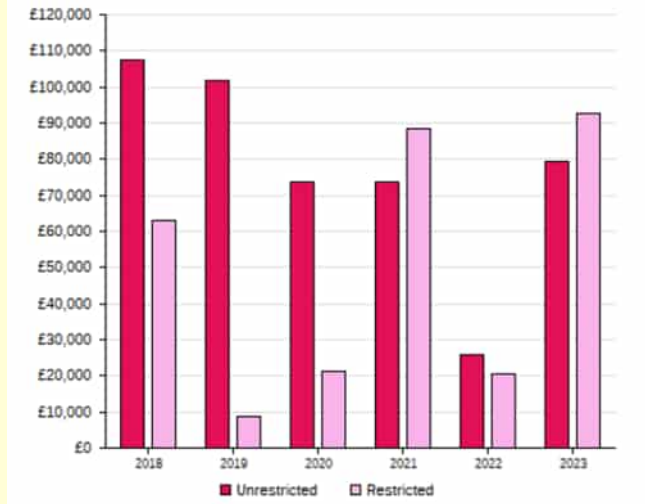
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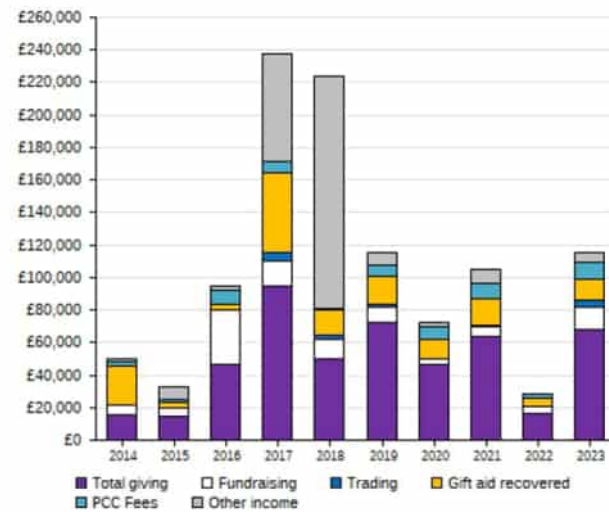
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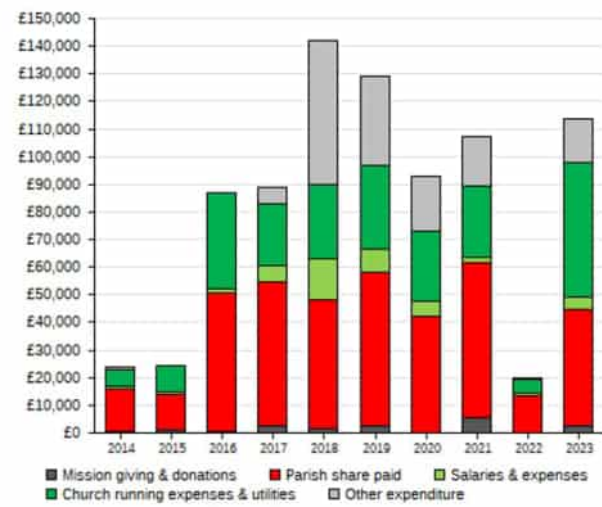
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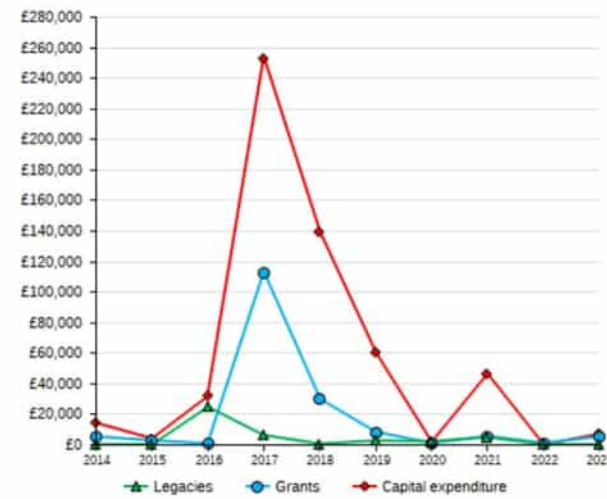
4. Income Analysis, (2014-2023)



5. Expenditure Analysis, (2014-2023)



6. Legacies, Grants and Capital expenditure, (2014-2023)



Notes & definitions

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Graph 2 shows a detailed breakdown of the **Total giving** figure in graph 4.

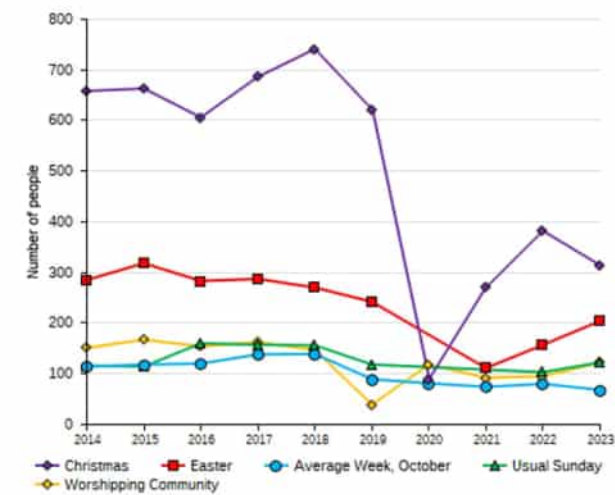
Graph 3: Planned giving = Tax efficient planned giving + Other planned giving; **Planned givers** = Tax efficient planned givers + Other planned givers. Graph 4 shows income other than grants and legacies.

Graph 4: Total giving = Tax efficient planned giving + Other planned giving + Collections at services + All other giving, including special appeals. **Other income** = Dividends, interest, income from property + Any other income.

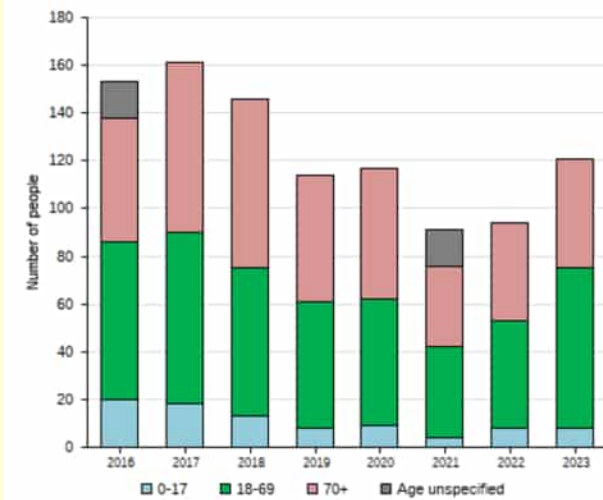
Graph 5 shows expenditure other than capital expenditure. **Other expenditure** = Fund-raising activities + Mission and evangelism costs + Cost of trading + Other expenses. **Running expenses & utilities** also includes governance costs.

Graphs 1-6: Unrestricted and Restricted amounts have been combined.

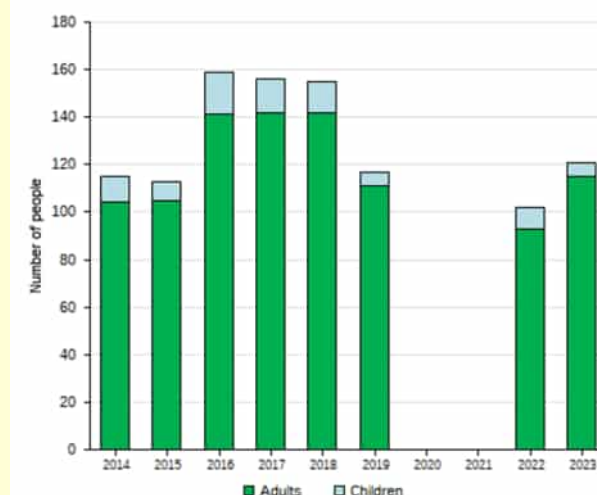
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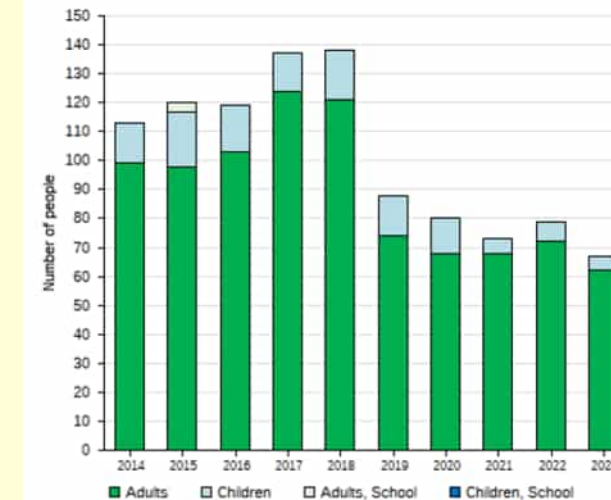
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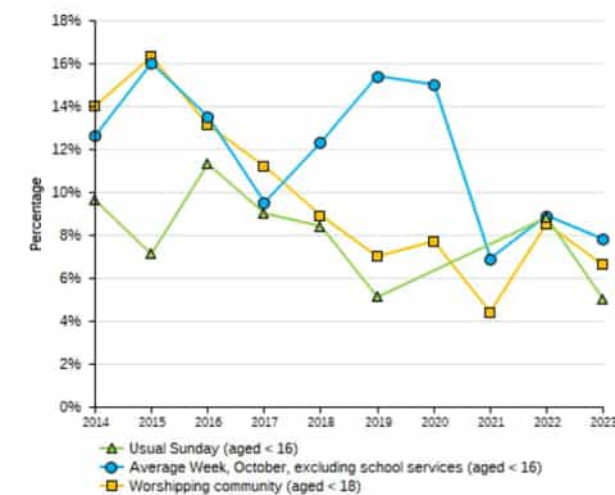
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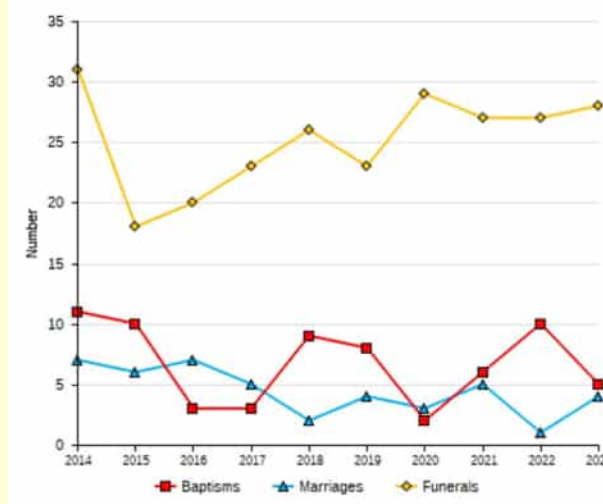
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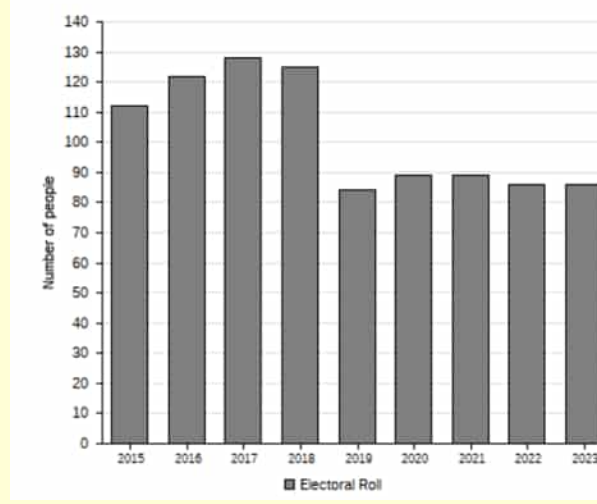
5. Percentage Children, (2014-2023)



6. Baptisms, marriages and funerals, (2014-2023)



7. Electoral Roll, (2015-2023)



Data for Wiveliscombe:
 Parish deprivation rank (IMD 2019): 5630
 (1=most deprived parish in the Church of England, 12,307=least deprived)

Parish Census and deprivation summary
 Parish population (2018): 3019

	Parish	Diocese	National
% aged 0-17	20%	20%	21%
% aged 18-44	27%	32%	37%
% aged 45-64	31%	28%	25%
% aged 65 & over	22%	20%	16%
% Christian	62%	62%	59%
% non-Christian religion	38%	38%	41%

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Census data: taken from the 2011 national Census and the 2018 population update. **Deprivation statistics:** IMD taken from the English Indices of Deprivation, published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Sept 2019. The above statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries so are approximations. For more information, see: <https://www.churchofengland.org/researchandstats>