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The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs



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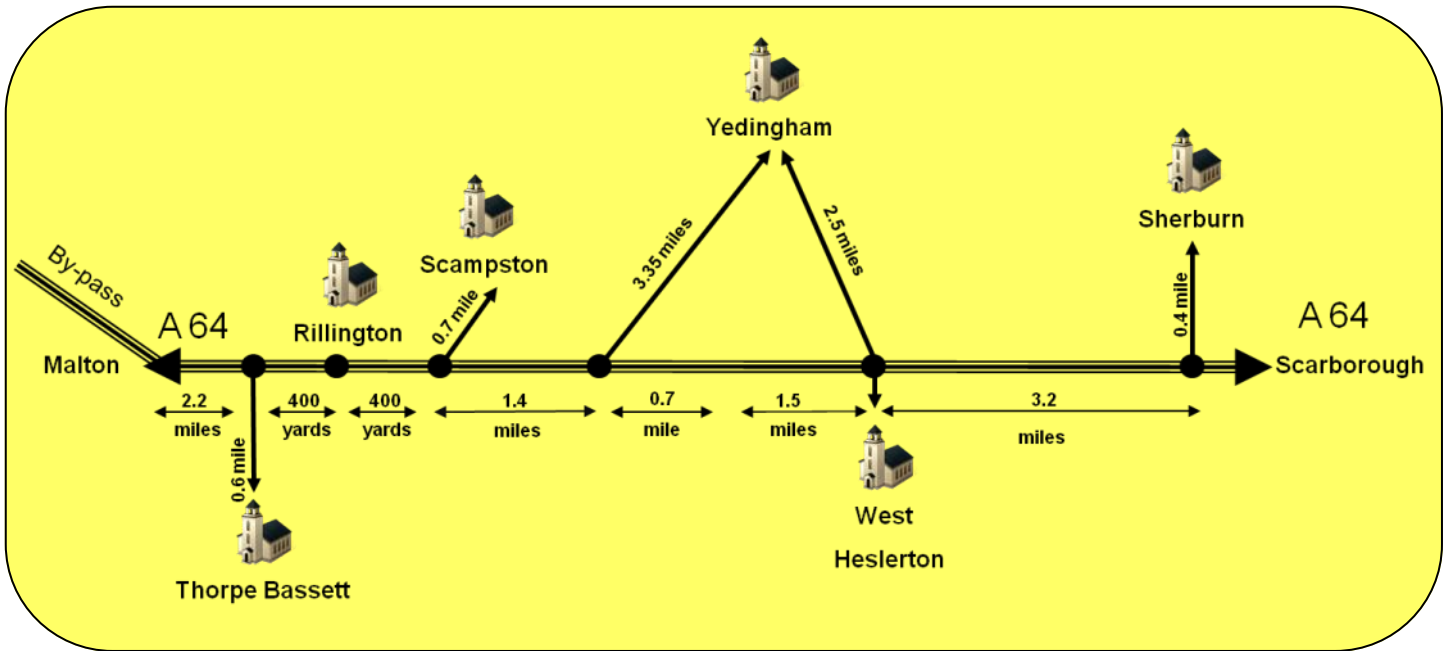
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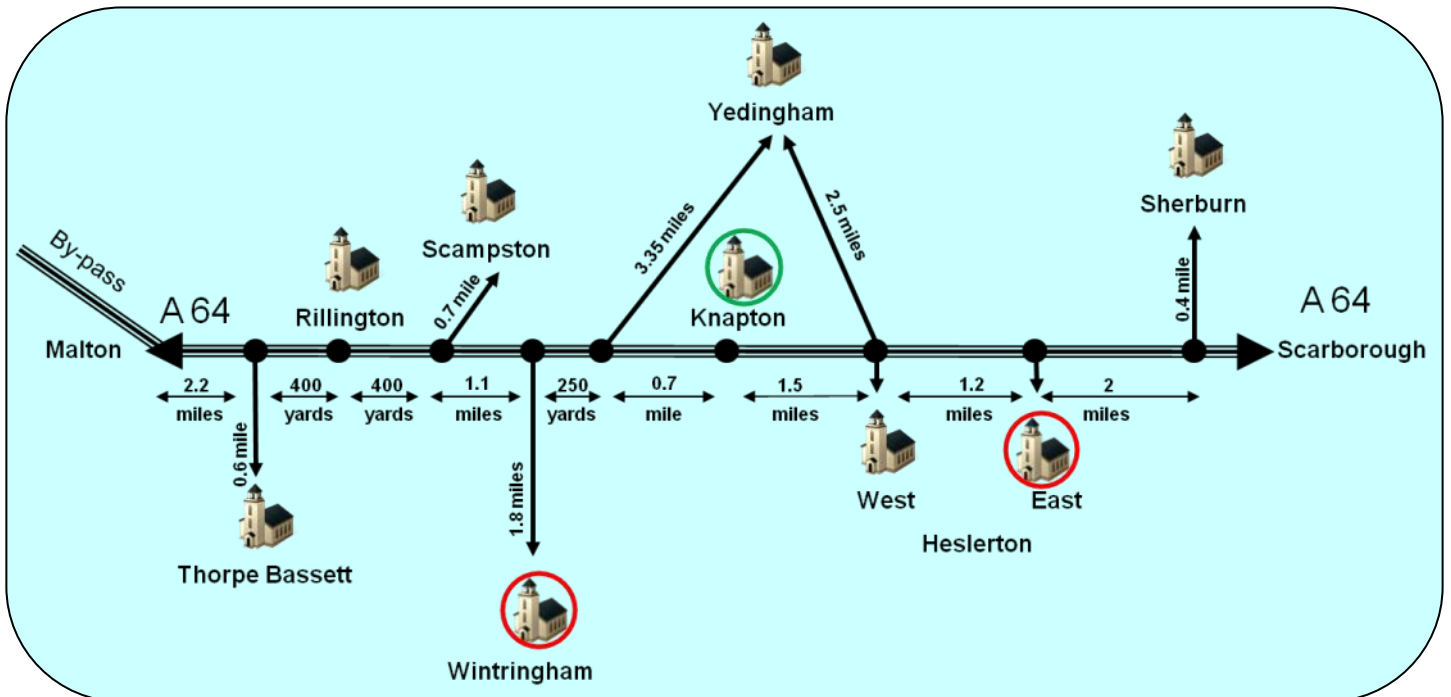
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ACTIVE PARISH CHURCHES IN THE BENEFICE OF BUCKROSE CARRS



ADDITIONAL CHURCHES IN THE BENEFICE OF BUCKROSE CARRS



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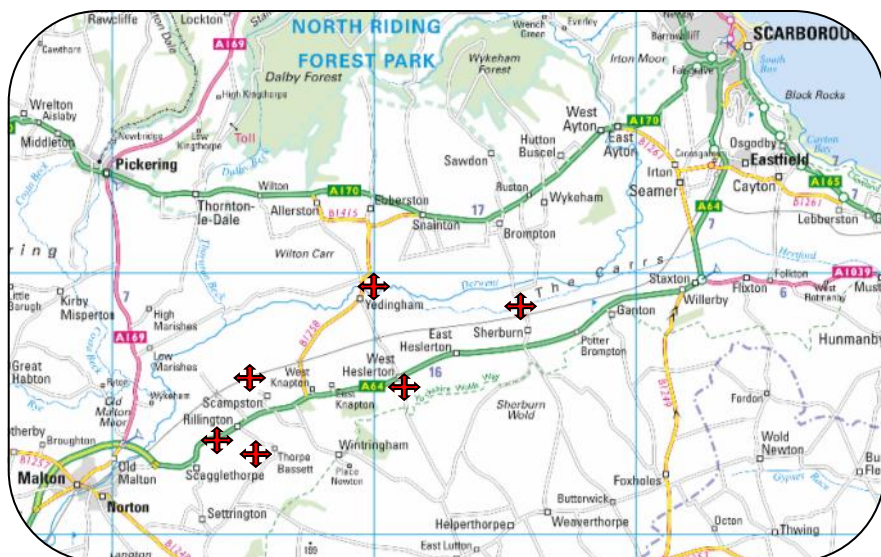
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The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

DESCRIPTION

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs covers a largely rural area of approximately 34 square miles in North Yorkshire, consisting of a number of villages and surrounding land, situated beautiful countryside between the uplands of the North York Moors to the North, and the rolling hills of the Yorkshire Wolds to the South.

Although the area of the Benefice is largely agricultural there are two light industrial locations, Rillington and Sherburn. The total population is approximately 3,000 people with a low crime rate and each village has its own unique character and challenges.



The Rector is responsible for six active Parish Churches:

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

Each church has its own Parochial Church Council, although Yedingham and West Heslerton, being in the same Parish, hold their annual meeting jointly.

There are also three redundant Anglican churches, two - East Heslerton and Wintringham - are in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, and the third, Knapton, in the grounds of Knapton Hall, is managed by a private Trust. It was the practice of the Rector to conduct occasional services in each of the Churches.

Details of our Churches may be found on the Benefice Website, www.buckrosecarrs.org.uk, and fuller descriptions of the individual parishes and their churches are in this Profile.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

A very important part of the ministry in this Benefice is with the children and staff of the three Primary Schools in the area. There are Church of England Schools at Sherburn and West Heslerton, and a Local Authority school at Rillington. In the past the Rector visited all 3 schools for Worship Time once a week during term time. The welcome was as warm at the County Primary School as it was at the 2 Church of England Schools.

The Rector was a foundation governor at both Church of England Schools and attended full governing body meetings whenever possible. The Rector also tried to attend special events at the two Church schools.

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

CHURCH HOUSE

The Rectory is located at the heart of Rillington village, and is a modern family home built in the 1960's with good sized accommodation consisting of ; sitting room, dinning room, kitchen, study and cloakroom on the ground floor and four bedrooms, bathroom and separate toilet on the first floor. The garage and utility room are not attached to the house but a covered passage links the two buildings and there are doors at both ends of the passage. The property has cavity wall insulation and double glazing throughout. The kitchen and utility room are recently refurbished. The boiler for the oil central heating is due for renewal.



THE BENEFICE COUNCIL

Each parish, in many ways, is quite different in character and PCC's are generally happy to work independently. However, when there is a need for a common approach to issues the views of the Parishes can be brought together and debated at the meetings of the Benefice Council, which meets 4 times a year. The Council consists of the Churchwardens, or their representatives, from each church. Meetings are Chaired by a Lay Chairman, and there is an honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and Benefice Tourism Officer.

Each church, in addition to funding its Diocesan Parish Share, makes a financial contribution to the Benefice to cover the Rector's local expenses and the cost (hitherto) of the Benefice office which has supported the Rector's work. In recent years most of the Parishes have been unable to meet their Diocesan Parish Share but have paid their Benefice costs in full.

The Benefice produces a monthly Magazine, with a circulation to approximately 500 homes. It gives details of church services, community events etc. and is partially supported by advertising.

THE BENEFICE MINISTRY

Some time ago the Benefice adopted as its purpose " To Proclaim the Love of God in Christ Jesus". How does it do that ?

There is a regular monthly pattern of Church Services covering the six active Churches in the Benefice (Broad details may be found in 'Appendix 'A' at the end of this document).

There are ecumenical links with the local Methodist Circuits. Sherburn is part of the East Coast Circuit and the other villages are part of the Ryedale Circuit.

A number of lay people have been trained to undertake Lay Ministry, both in terms of leading worship and community visiting.

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

We are always aware that more can be, and needs to be done to strengthen the expression of Christian faith in our area, and, over the last two years new initiatives have taken place with the objectives of :

Making the existence and work of our Churches better known throughout the Benefice.

Widening and deepening involvement with the local community.

In 2011 a Benefice Wedding Dress Exhibition was timed to coincide with the Royal Wedding and was followed in the summer with a 'Churches Open Day' when all nine Churches in the Benefice area opened their doors to the public and staged different exhibitions.

These events were very well received and popular and resulted in us being invited to take part in the annual English Heritage Open Days during the second weekend in September. We opened two churches - one with a Bible exhibition and one with a diorama exhibition. These activities were also well received and we have been asked to take part in the event for a second time in September 2012. In the Spring of 2012 a successful "Christening" exhibition was held .



An honorary Benefice Tourism Officer was appointed to guide and oversee the arrangements for these events, the first major activities of this kind organized on a Benefice-wide basis.

To maintain and encourage the growth of the Christian community spirit which these events helped to engender a regular pattern of Film Shows for old and young ; soup and pudding lunches ; afternoon teas, and, in conjunction with the Malton and Norton Lions Club, Fish & Chip lunches, evolved over the winter of 2011/2. These events have usually involved Village Halls where they exist, and have served to bring Church people into closer contact with those who are not regular churchgoers. Subsequently children's 'Christian Fun Nights' have been held to encourage and develop such links.



The Benefice has provided some funding for these events, and further support has come from the Diocesan Social Care Fund and the Archbishop's Mission Fund.

It is necessary that the communities themselves help to evolve and develop these activities with the guidance and support of PCCs and our new incumbent.

Parish of Rillington: St Andrew

THE VILLAGE

Rillington, with a population of just over 1000, straddles the Leeds to Scarborough A64 trunk road, 5 miles North East of Malton.

The village is fortunate in having a Post Office and general store, as well as a fish & chip shop, a butcher, 2 public houses, a wedding dress shop and several local builders and garage services. There is a world famous small engineering manufacturing factory also in the village. Supermarkets and other shops are 5 miles away in Malton.

The Village Hall is used by village clubs/societies, a playgroup every weekday morning and is also right in the centre of the village. The doctor's surgery caters for all our minor medical needs and Rillington Primary School ensures that the educational requirements for all children up to age 11 are met. The school serves several villages in the surrounding area, has 120+ children on the roll with classes from Nursery through to Year 6. Good relations are maintained between school and church and there has been regular weekly input from the Rector into school assemblies and schoolchildren have taken part in special services at church.

THE CHURCH

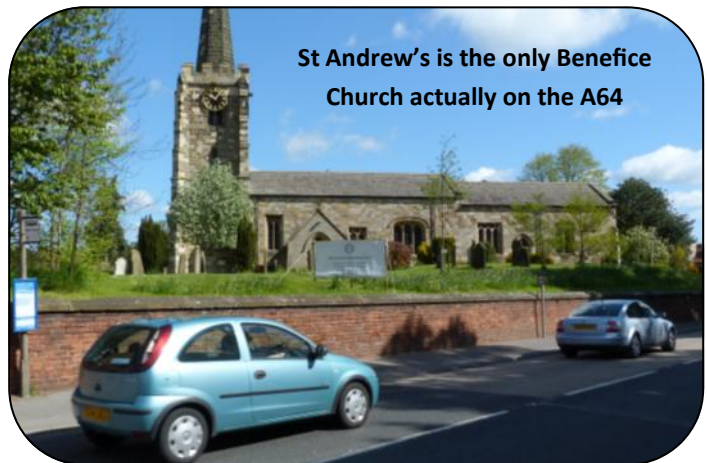
The church of St. Andrew stands in an elevated position at the crossroads in the centre of the village. Although extensively restored in 1884-85 this church has many interesting 12th, 13th and 15th century features including a 13th century wall painting depicting the foundation of the church and appointment of the first priest, Robert de Okham in c1250. The church is open every day and has the bonus of a disabled toilet. The churchyard behind the church is no longer used. There is a cremation area in front of the church, plus a churchyard extension.

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

The normal service pattern at St. Andrew's church is a Common Worship Communion service on the first Sunday of the month and a lay led Family Service on the third Sunday. Facilities in the church include a loop system, wheelchair access ramp, the toilet and kiddies corner. Coffee and biscuits are served after our services. In the past Rillington has held some of the special services in the Benefice such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and a Good Friday service with hot cross buns in the Rectory afterwards! plus Christmas Eve Crib Service. Christmas Midnight Holy communion alternates between Sherburn and Rillington. Easter and Christmas services alternate between the churches. The scouts attend our harvest festival service and enjoy the refreshments afterwards. At Christmas last year we had a Christmas Tea in church with singing from the Primary School choir.



Some of the Rillington School children who attended their first Benefice Film Club in December 2011



St Andrew's is the only Benefice Church actually on the A64

Parish of Rillington: St Andrew

MUSIC

We use Mission Praise for our choice of hymns. Music is provided by our organist using the keyboard with additional support from 2 or 3 guitars. Our pipe organ can be used for weddings and funerals, often using an organist from elsewhere

THE CONGREGATION

Rillington has 2 churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Minutes Secretary plus 3 other PCC members. There are 41 on the Electoral Roll, with an average attendance at Sunday services of 18-20. Members of the congregation take part in the services, leading intercessions, reading scripture and assisting with the distribution of the sacrament at communion. Several members of our congregation also travel to other churches in the Benefice when there is no service in our church.

Two fellowship groups take place in homes, led by members of our congregation.

Baptismal services are held on a regular basis, but the sad thing is that very rarely do we see the family again in our services. When a major fundraising effort was held a few years ago to repair the church spire, feedback from the villagers suggested that they would be horrified to see the church close - it was needed for baptisms, weddings and funerals, but not as a place for regular worship!

In the past our Rector has carried out a lot of home visits and Home Communion to older people in the parish and has also held a service at Woodlands Community Centre. The Ladies' Guild meet monthly from April to December.

FINANCES

The small, ageing congregation struggle to meet our Parish Share and in recent years have only managed about 50%. Fundraising events in past years have included Open Gardens and Safari Suppers, and of course our annual Gift Day.

Our Church Room, across the road from the church, has just been redecorated following work done to renovate the kitchen area and rectify problems on the roof. It is used for Parish Lunches (usually once per month), PCC and Benefice Council meetings with occasional hire to local organisations.

We also have a marquee which is available for hire, and is a familiar sight at local events.



Parish of Scampston with Wintringham: St Martin Scampston

THE VILLAGES

Scampston is an Estate village with a population of about 380. 58% of the homes are privately rented whilst 40% are owner occupied. 2% are Local Authority. Within the village there is a farmhouse bakery and a well-kept Village Hall. Scampston Hall has a walled garden and restaurant which attract many visitors. **Wintringham** is also an Estate village although today approximately 50% of the homes are owner occupied whilst 48% are privately rented. Again about 2% are Local Authority. It has a smaller population of about 220 and has recently been awarded funding to renovate its old Village Hall.

An exhibition of vestments and liturgical colours in 2011



THE CHURCH

In Scampston the beautiful small Parish church is in good repair, with heating but no facilities. It does not have a burial ground but has a small area for the interment of ashes. The church is open every day. In Wintringham the redundant church of St Peter is also open daily and the modern part of the churchyard is still in use and well maintained

SERVICE ARRANGMENTS

There is a monthly Holy Communion service (Book of Common Prayer) and 4 Evensongs in the year. The average attendance at both services is 10: 3 from Scampston, 2 from Wintringham and 5 from other churches. There is a first class organ and Hymns Ancient and Modern or Mission Praise are used. A twice monthly Bible Study Group meets in a private home in Wintringham

THE CONGREGATION

The Electoral Roll for Scampston with Wintringham is 24 with 6 being non resident. There are 6 members of the PCC including a Churchwarden and Treasurer with the Rector as Chair and a Secretary. 3 PCC members are from Scampston and 3 from Wintringham.

FINANCES

Income is low and is only helped by generous Gift Aid. We have difficulty paying the full Diocesan Parish Share.



St Martin's Church, Scampston

Parish of Scampston with Wintringham: St Martin Scampston

THE FUTURE

The suggestion has been made that the Village Hall be sold and the Church converted into a Church/Community Centre. The removal of the organ would provide space at the west end of the building for a kitchen and toilet. The chancel and nave could be separated by a screen which would be removed for baptisms, weddings and funerals. The chancel would provide adequate accommodation for regular services. The pews would be replaced by chairs. This sounds ambitious but it is quite possible that the Estate, the owner of the Village Hall, might help with the costs of the conversion.



The Parish of Sherburn: St Hilda

THE VILLAGE

Sherburn village is on the eastern edge of the Benefice and lies at the crossroads of the A64 with the minor road that gives access southwards to the Wolds and northwards to the North York Moors. Eleven miles east is Scarborough and eleven miles west, the town of Malton.

There are 343 homes and about 710 parishioners. There are two large factories, Atlas Ward who employ 210 people and produce steel framed industrial buildings, and Kingspan who employ 300+ and produce building products.

There is a pub and two shops, one with Post Office facilities. There is also a surgery in the village. There is a large playing field and a village hall. Social organisations include a football club, cricket club, youth club and a branch of the Yorkshire Country Women's Association.

St Hilda's Church has a good relationship with the Methodist Church with quarterly Sunday morning united services alternating between the two churches.

THE CHURCH

St Hilda's Church, restored in 1912 and grade one listed, is situated at the north end of the village and is architecturally sound but has no hall or toilet. The beauty of the large interior is enhanced by hundreds of delicate oak carvings. The church is locked except during services.

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

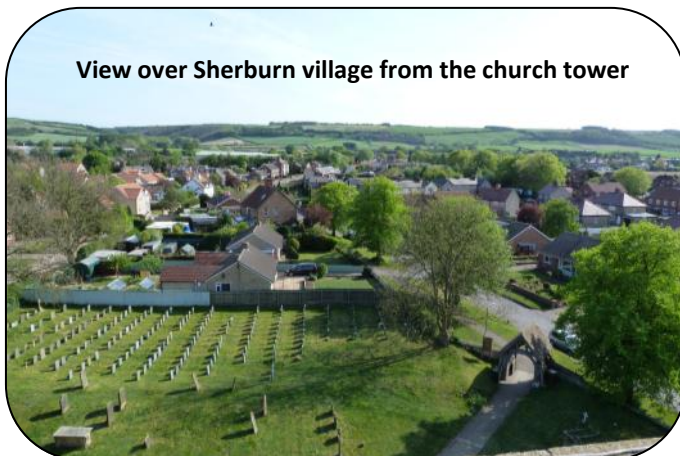
Holy Communion (CW) is celebrated once and sometimes twice a month by the incumbent accompanied on the magnificent 100 year old organ by an organist. Our lay worship leader leads a monthly informal morning service on the second Sunday accompanied by a PCC member who sings and plays guitar.

CONGREGATION

Of the 27 parishioners on St. Hilda's Electoral Roll, 17 are regular worshippers. In 2011 there was an average attendance of 18 at Holy Communion Services over a 12 month period.

Other well attended "special" services held during the year include: Anglican/Methodist Family Service, Worship and Praise, Lay-led Morning Service, All Souls Benefice evening service, Big Sing, Carol Service and Anglican/Methodist Christmas Eve Eucharist.

View over Sherburn village from the church tower



The Parish of Sherburn: St Hilda

CHURCH COUNCIL

Of the church council's six members, five are over 70, one has been warden since 2008 following six years without an appointment. Members of the congregation take turns in lesson reading and serving at Holy Communion. Despite a small congregation, rotas ensure the church is clean with flower arrangements and coffee and biscuits for all services.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Church of England Primary School in the centre of the village currently has 44 pupils on roll. Following the last inspection in 2008, the school was found to be "a good school providing a good education for its pupils". The school has strong positive links with St. Hilda's Church, holding community services at Harvest, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter. Our worship leader leads school worship twice a month and will lead the community services during the interregnum. The Diocesan Inspection Report found that the aims and ethos of the school reflected a shared set of values that are embraced by everyone in school, adults and children alike and aims to serve all children by promoting health and emotional well-being, creativity and pleasure in discovery.

FINANCES

Sherburn Parish suffers from the same inability as most parishes in the Benefice to meet the parish share in full. The PCC hope to be able to pay about half based on present income levels, a high proportion of which is gift aided for tax recovery, and expenditure is kept under tight control.

THE FUTURE

We continue to pray for spiritual growth amongst us and that the individuals and families living in Sherburn 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 services.



The Parish of Thorpe Bassett: All Saints

THE VILLAGE

Thorpe Bassett is quite widespread and consists of 45 households, with a population of around 100 people. Farming is the main occupation, the majority (but not all) of the farms being owned by the Wintringham Estate, with around a dozen households directly involved with agriculture. A similar number consist of retired people ; of the remaining 20 or so, people are involved in a number of occupations, with quite a high proportion self-employed.



Visitors admiring the village history exhibition during the Benefice Open Day 2011

THE CHURCH

All Saints Church dates back to the 12th century, and is a Grade 2* Listed Building. It consists of a Nave, North Aisle, Chancel and Vestry. Major restoration took place 1878/79. The 2007 Quinquennial report gave a favourable verdict on the condition of the building, and much attention has been given over the past 5 years to dealing with items recommended for attention. The Church is heated by an oil-fired boiler, and the PCC is currently giving thought to the best cost-effective way to provide a toilet facility. Pew accommodation caters for around 75 in comfort, and there are around 40 extra chairs for special occasions. The church is open daily.

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

There are normally 2 services each month, both based on the Book of Common Prayer:-

Holy Communion at 9.15 am on the 2nd Sunday - led by the Rector

Evening Prayer at 6 pm on the 4th Sunday - lay-led, but once per quarter takes the form of a Methodist Service, is led by a Methodist minister, an ecumenical arrangement of several years standing.

On the 3rd Sunday services have rotated between the various Parishes in the Benefice, and so an additional service has been held at least twice per annum, also Book of Common Prayer when at All Saints.

An additional Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol service are held each year, the latter being especially popular. Holy Communion has been held on Easter Day and Christmas Day in alternate years, and the congregation would like there to be a service each year at All Saints to mark these Festivals, and, ideally, a service each week at the Church. Occasional other services have been held - Candlemas, Easter vigil etc, according to the availability of the Rector.

LAY WORSHIP

The service of Evening Prayer is currently led by the Churchwarden and his wife, who both benefitted from a Deanery training course ; the service is BCP, supplemented by a short address by the churchwarden, and Intercessions led by his wife.

MUSIC

All Saints is fortunate to enjoy the services of a villager who regularly plays the organ. Hymns are from the New English Hymnal, supplemented as necessary with the Methodist Hymn Book.

The Parish of Thorpe Bassett: All Saints

THE CONGREGATION

The **average** congregation in 2011 was 19 adults and 1 child for 'normal' services. Perhaps like many churches, our age profile is somewhat high, the majority being of pensionable age, but with one family with children. The Holy Communion service attracts some worshippers from other Parishes who may not have a service that Sunday, and some worshippers from All Saints travel to other services (notably to Yedingham) for the same reason. The **lowest** number at a normal service in 2011 was 12, and the **highest** (for All Saints Day), 34 ; 34 attended Harvest Festival, and 76 the Christmas Carol service.



Church fund-raising concert held in 2011

ACTIVE LINKS

Apart from the link with the local Methodist Circuit mentioned earlier, All Saints is a Fairtrade church, and in recent years we have had, during our Evening worship, presentations on Fairtrade, and projects such as aid for victims of the Haiti earthquake and also the Karen Hill tribes in Burma. A door to door Christian Aid collection commenced in the village in 2011.

FINANCES

Last year All Saints received income of £12,230 (incl. £148 interest on restricted funds), against expenditure of £12,219, although exceptional items occurred on both sides of the balance sheet. Parish Share is the largest single expense (now over £6,000), and, whilst we have successfully risen to the challenge for the past 5 years, this is contentious and difficult to sustain - equating to £60 per resident p.a. for this cost alone.

In addition to the general account, All Saints has a fund designated for general maintenance and upkeep, of £5,900 at the last year end, and a Restricted Fund kindly bequeathed some years ago by a local resident, which amounts to £15,500 and may only be used for repairs and improvements to the Church building. Members of the PCC, supported by villagers, actively fund-raise throughout the year.

STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

All Saints has three major strengths, namely : -

We always try to offer a warm welcome to worshippers, and especially visitors. This is backed up by fellowship after the service over tea/coffee etc.

Our church is small and well heated, thus relatively intimate and with a welcoming feel (especially appreciated in winter!). The small size helps to keep maintenance within reason.

We believe that the wider village community find it important to have the Church at its centre - there is no other 'public' building in the village.

Our weakness in the longer term is the older age profile of the congregation, and the need to attract new worshippers and supporters to make the Church continue to 'live' but also be financially self supporting ; there is also a problem in finding new people willing to take office.

Parish of East and West Heselton with Yedingham:

All Saints West Heselton

THE VILLAGE

West Heselton has approximately 100 dwellings with about 70 properties actually in the village itself with the remaining on the Wolds or over the A64 towards Yedingham. Although it is an estate village belonging to the Dawnay Family about 40% of the dwellings are privately owned. The land is farmed by the Dawnay Estate.

There is a garage selling petrol and heating oil on the A64. Other businesses include a joiner and undertaker, sand quarry and an engineering company. The village has a mobile post service four times per week. Amenities are a public house, a village hall and a modern village school.



THE CHURCH

Dating from the 13th century this church was partially remodelled in 1859 and is known as one of the Sykes Churches. The chancel is early English with a decorated Easter Sepulchre and the gable tympanum contains a carving showing the coronation of the Virgin. There are late 17th century grave slabs in the sanctuary and on the south wall there is a tall wall tablet with a fulsome memorial to Sir Christopher Sykes of Sledmere. A 19th century brass chandelier hangs in the chancel. There are some attractive and distinguished stained glass windows.

Remedial work suggested by the quinquennial review has been carried out. Pew accommodation caters for around 94 people and there is a children's' corner. Tea and coffee are served after all services. The church is locked except during services.

All Saints is fortunate to enjoy the services of a great friend of the Church who plays the organ. Hymns are from the New English Hymnal.



SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Presently there is one Holy Communion (Common Worship) service per month. On the 3rd Sunday services rotate between the various Parishes in the Benefice and so an additional service is held at least twice per annum. These services are based on the Book of Common Prayer. Additionally there are various services with the local school - Harvest and Christmas and also individual services for the children. The Church also holds Harvest Thanksgiving and Carol Services. During 2011 there were 3 baptisms, one wedding and a funeral. Also a Bible Service commemorating King James Bible.

Parish of East and West Heslerton with Yedingham:

All Saints West Heslerton

THE CONGREGATION

The average congregation in 2011 was 13 usually of pensionable age. We are fortunate that our services attract worshippers from other Parishes and for this we are very grateful, it is one of the great strengths and blessings of our Benefice. There are 11 parishioners on our Electoral Roll and all are resident in the Parish

WEST HESLERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

West Heslerton School serves the villages of West Heslerton, East Heslerton, Yedingham, East and West Knapton. We are a mixed school for pupils from 4 to 11. We currently have 42 pupils on roll. Approximately half of our pupils travel from other areas to attend our school. The school is a modern single storey building, which opened in 1967. There is one classroom in the main building, and one mobile classroom, each with its own cloakroom. We have our own school hall, a well-stocked library, an exciting IT suite, a well-appointed



after school club and a range of resources to support learners of all ages and abilities. The school is fortunate to be surrounded by gardens, play areas and a large playing field. We have a wildlife study area and a fenced pond/conservation area.

Our last Ofsted inspection took place in June 2009. Inspectors viewed the school as 'Good'. A full copy of the report can be viewed at www.ofsted.gov.uk

We work as a church school in partnership with the Diocese, the local and wider community to encourage pupils to reach their potential whilst reaching out to others. We host a daily collective act of worship as well as prayers and time for reflection throughout the day. The church provides a weekly assembly in school. As a school we hold an act of worship in church each half term. A weekly Bible Story Club is held after school to help children investigate their own faith and find meaning in the Bible. The school also regularly works closely with the Churches Conservation Trust to explore the wonder of closed church buildings in the wider locality.

We work hard as a team to follow our school aims and ethos:

“Children are at the centre of all we do.”

FINANCES

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds was £5092 after expenses the net result for the year was a loss of £272. A balance was carried forward of £1704.05. The largest expense is now the Parish Share and recently we have been unable to pay our full contribution.

Parish of East and West Heselton with Yedingham:

All Saints West Heselton

STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

Our strength is the warmth of our welcome to church and Mrs Harrison's homemade biscuits. The size of the building is manageable, but there are some issues with the fabric. We have some very staunch helpers who care for the churchyard and others who will help if called upon.

We have had the great good fortune to be part of the wonderful Benefice community events during 2011 /12 with the wedding dress exhibition, Open Churches and the Heritage weekend when All Saints' was open to the public with the Bible exhibition in our village hall. These were happy and enjoyable occasions with lots of external visitors.

Our weakness is we are too few and too old!

THE FUTURE

Our future must see us continue to build the community links, working closely with the villagers and strengthening our ties with the school. By doing this we will spread the Christian message and encourage younger members to join us.



Parish of East and West Heselton with Yedingham:

St John the Baptist, Yedingham

THE VILLAGE

The small hamlet of Yedingham lies in the valley of the river Derwent and is subsequently surrounded by fertile farmland. As a result of which there are a number of farming families, some residents are also connected with farming, the remainder are either retired or work in town. The village comprises approximately 40 homes, plus outlying farms, plus the Village Hall and Providence Inn. 30% of homes belong to the local Housing Association, the remainder being privately owned with some farm cottages. There has been very little new development for decades due to local planning regulations. As with many rural communities, there is no longer a village shop, school or Post Office. The Providence Inn is the hub of the village and is where in alternate years we have held our 50/50 Auction of Promises for the church and other local charities. It has also been host to renowned Bonfire Displays on Guy Fawkes night and “Tugs of War” across the river, all for charity. The Old Vicarage, with its beautiful garden, has been regularly used in the past for our annual Garden Party for church funds. There is a Dog Handling Class held weekly in the Village Hall.



THE CHURCH

The church, along with the Abbey, stands out as the oldest and most important building in the village. It is a stone structure of considerable antiquity dating from 11th century, being restored, along with the Abbey, after the destruction caused by Henry V 111. The church is small, which is its saving grace, and is well maintained by the PCC and a regular group of parishioners, it was not in need of any major repairs at the last quinquennial inspection. The church is locked except during services.



SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

On the first Sunday of every month we have Holy Communion with hymns and we have a regular organist. We use The New English Hymnal and the Book of Common Prayer. With only having, as a rule, the one service per month, the PCC is very keen to have a Holy Communion service on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. We always have a Good Friday Easter Garden service for the children and a Carol Service the first Monday before Christmas. Naturally we do enjoy our Harvest Festivals .

Parish of East and West Heselton with Yedingham:

St John the Baptist, Yedingham

THE CONGREGATION

At present there are 6 PCC members, including the churchwarden, secretary and treasurer, 4 of whom are from the farming community. There are 11 on the electoral roll, 2 of whom do not live in Yedingham. Apart from the special services, which are very well attended, the average monthly attendance is 12 adults, approximately half of which come from the farming fraternity of neighbouring Thorpe Bassett. We have a flower and cleaning rota and also a rota for mowing the churchyard during the summer months. The church is always well decorated for festive occasions and for the Benefice "open churches weekend" last year, our theme was "times gone by" with flower arrangements and local history. This proved very popular and we were well visited.



FINANCES

Although as part of the neighbouring parish of West Heselton, our A.G.M. is held jointly with them, we are keen to retain our own identity and independence. Our parish finances are in reasonable shape with a modest surplus of income over expenditure this last year although we did not pay our Parish Share. We have a competent Treasurer who can be relied upon to generate maximum revenue from Gift Aid. On average, we only have a few weddings, funerals and christenings per year. We are always striving to find new ways of raising money in a small community.

THE FUTURE

We feel it is good for the Benefice as a whole to continue to work together as much as possible and if necessary have services on a shared basis. During the interregnum (and indeed looking further ahead) the PCC believes that it must maintain a regular, published pattern of services. Not to do so could lead to drift with regular worshippers not knowing what is happening.

We do understand the difficulties of a widespread Benefice, consisting of 8 separate communities and the pressures this brings. We therefore need a proactive, approachable and enthusiastic incumbent to participate in village events and bring people together through gentle powers of persuasion and innovation to be part of an active (and mobile) church congregation. It would be very sad to see more church closures within this Benefice.

THE FUTURE

The future for all six churches over the medium term offer challenges to us all as we seek to manage the changes that are being forced upon us in our Benefice by reducing congregations, limited funding and a shortage of clergy. As the family of the church in this place we appreciate the difficulties, but also many opportunities, presented by this situation. The Deanery of Southern Ryedale Deanery Plan of 2012 provides an aspirational vision of how we can work together in serving God's mission but also highlights the practical problems that we face.

Mission

The Benefice proclaimed mission has already been stated to be "To Proclaim the Love of God in Christ Jesus" and examples of how this has been done are shown throughout this document. Our recent work in the Benefice through our "Church in the Community" initiative is an example of how this Love can be shown in a practical way. It is hoped that the new Incumbent will give leadership, guidance and encouragement to expand and build upon our efforts to encourage more people to join us, especially the younger families and expand our Christian family, enhancing and enriching our Christian lives. In doing this s/he will have the support of fully staffed PCCs and, in following the Deanery Plan of 2012, the mutual support of our neighbouring Benefices.

Church in the Community

The past two years have seen the parishes work closer together to reach out to our local community, both young and old. These initiatives which included exhibitions, visiting the local Malton Show, displays in Malton shops and opening all 9 churches in the Benefice to everybody on the same day has brought Buckrose Carrs firmly into the public eye. Taking the lead from our ecumenical partners we have developed contact with our elderly, together with children and their parents, through the medium of films, food and Christian example. This is an area that the PCCs with guidance and support of our new Incumbent could develop.



Some of the children who attended the first Benefice-sponsored fun afternoon and tea during August 2012.

THE FUTURE

Church Attendance

Congregations travel more today than they did 10 years ago and approximately 40 “souls” attend our Benefice services on a Sunday; some will attend their local village church only and some are prepared and physically able to attend, or be taken to, neighbouring churches. Some are happy to attend other ecumenical services both within and outside the Benefice. Some members of the church family simply cannot travel because of age or infirmity and their spiritual wellbeing must be cared for locally. Our ambition is to change the elderly profile of the church and find new ways to attract younger members and their families into the church family.

Buildings

The Deanery Plan 2012 touches the most emotive subject in our Benefice, the survival of the village church, by stating:

“As long as a community is able to maintain a building and pay its way and provide its church officers, and accept a reasonable pattern of services, its church building should remain”.

In our Benefice only one church qualifies within these financial guidelines today but we can draw strength in the love and dedication to our churches shown by those who are involved week by week with their dedication which is demanding in voluntary time and effort. Our church buildings are largely in good repair.

Since 2000 two churches have been made redundant in this Benefice. This was done at great cost to the tiny congregations and also at some cost to the local communities, including those who are resolutely non church goers, as in rural areas the church is a pivotal part of village life. This strong feeling, occasionally because of long-standing family ties, causes people to think that “their” church is valuable and should be supported and kept open.

In Scampston the PCC is looking at the possibility of sharing the church building for wider community use by replacing the village hall, but this possible income-generating option is not available to the other churches as their villages already have thriving village halls or, in the case of Yedingham, the church is too small.

Therefore new and innovative ways of fund raising by PCCs need to be explored and developed if the large amounts of money needed to pay their way and maintain their buildings is to be achieved. This is particularly challenging as some villages have a high degree of rural poverty.



BENEFICE MONTHLY PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES**First Sunday**

9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Rillington
10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Yedingham

Second Sunday

9.15 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Thorpe Bassett
10.30 am	Morning Service (Lay)	Sherburn
10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)	West Heslerton

Third Sunday

9.15 am	Holy Communion	Alternate between West Heslerton / Yedingham / Sherburn/ Thorpe Bassett and during summer months redundant churches of East Heslerton / Knapton / Wintringham
10.45 am	Family Service (Lay)	Rillington
6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	Alternate between Scampston / Thorpe Bassett / Yedingham

Fourth Sunday

9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Sherburn
10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Scampston
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (Lay)	Thorpe Bassett

Fifth Sunday

10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alternate between Rillington / Sherburn as a Benefice Communion
4.00 pm	Non - Eucharist Service	Wherever appropriate

PARISHES IN BRIEF**2011**

<u>PARISH</u>	RILLINGTON	SCAMPSTON & WINTRINGHAM	SHERBURN	THORPE BASSETT	EAST & WEST HESLERTON	YEDINGHAM	TOTAL
Population	1080	600	710	100	450	50	2990
Electoral Roll Resident	34	18	23	46	11	10	142
Electoral Roll Non Resident	7	6	4	27	0	1	45
Actual number of Churchwardens	2	1	1	1	2	1	8
Number on PCC	5	5	6	9	5	5	35
Baptisms in last 12 months	11	0	5	4	3	0	23
Weddings in last 12 months	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
Average Sunday congregation	18	10	18	19	13	12	
Income	£24418	£5879	£17896	£12230	£5092	£4722	
Expenditure	£22711	£6693	£17589	£12219	£5364	£2978	
Surplus or Deficit	£1707	£814	£307	£11	£272	£1744	
Benefice expenses	£3400	£1245	£3636	£900	£900	£700	
Benefice expenses paid	£3400 100%	£1245 100%	£3636 100%	£900 100%	£900 100%	£700 100%	
Diocesan Parish Share	£10600	£6069	£9122	£5751	£6743	£4767	£43052
Parish Share paid	£6000 57%	£3196 53%	£5829 64%	£5751 100%	£2446 36%	£1696 35%	£24,918 58%
Parish Share unpaid 2011	£4600	£2873	£3293	£0	£4297	£3071	£18,134