

**BECK & **  
**TRENT AND**  
**RIVERSIDE**  
**GROUP**





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## **Parish Profile for the Transformational Change Appointment as Priest in Charge for the parishes of the Beck and Trent and Riverside groups (Time-limited interim)\***

The parishes of Beck and Trent and Riverside are delighted to present this profile to candidates seeking an exciting challenge in a beautiful rural part of central Nottinghamshire.

Our 10 parishes are seeking a new priest in charge to lead us into the next season of ministry. We are a group of churches in the Newark and Southwell Deanery that are well connected with our villages and passionate about connecting people with the love of God found in Jesus Christ.

If you have the vision, passion and energy to lead us in new patterns of worship, to reach out and deepen existing connections with our communities that lead to encounters of faith and to work with our local rural resourcing church in a partnership in ministry, then please consider this post.



# WELCOME TO OUR DIOCESE

## **The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham - Growing disciples wider, younger and deeper**

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham incorporates the City of Nottingham, the whole County of Nottinghamshire and five parishes in South Yorkshire. The population is 1.15 million – 51% live in the greater Nottingham conurbation, 31% in ex-mining areas and 18% in rural. There are 305 churches (252 parishes), served by 142 stipendiary clergy and licensed lay workers.

In 2016, a refreshed diocesan vision was embraced across the diocese, recognising the imperative for growing disciples: wider, younger, deeper.

- 'Wider' in that we will seek to grow disciples in every part of the diocese
- 'Younger' in that we will seek fresh ways to harness the boldness and creativity of children, students and young people across the diocese
- 'Deeper' as we grow in knowing Christ

Compelled by the love of Christ, we are seeking to:

- Welcome thousands of new disciples into the fellowship of Christ and his church
- Equip hundreds of young leaders to serve God in our churches and society
- Grow new Worshipping Communities to tell the story of Jesus to all
- Create Resource Churches to support, train and equip others in their ministry

Every parish is encouraged to create its own growing disciples plan so that it can play a significant part in the strategic commitment to growing disciples wider, younger and deeper. The diocese has a growing disciples fund so that each parish can apply for up to £2000 per year to support its growing disciples plan.

The plan may include identifying the opportunities to reach new people within the parish through a new worshipping community. Please click [here](#) to understand our approach and to see some of our success stories. It is possible to apply for a grant to assist the costs of setting up a new worshipping community.

As a diocese we are seeking to invest in the post at Beck & Trent and Riverside Group with the expectation that the following three objectives set around three core values will be met:

- Grace (local ministry team equipped and inspired)
- Growth (clear numerical growth)
- Generosity (financial sustainability reaching full ministry costs)

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A statement from the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams and Archdeacon of Newark, the Venerable Tors Ramsey



## Bishop Paul Williams

"It is my hope that each worshipping community will develop a compelling picture of its own future in God's purposes with an expectation of growing numerically and in the scope of its mission. It is my prayer that the new vicar of Beck & Trent and Riverside Group will have the creative leadership and imagination to develop discipleship, plan for growth and reach out to the unchurched of all ages in its locality."

## Archdeacon Tors Ramsey

"We find ourselves at a crucial moment for the church in relation to a changing culture. The good news of Jesus Christ is as important and life-giving as it has ever been. God is moving in our rural communities and following the pandemic there are many opportunities to reach out in the power of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to supporting these parishes in their mission and welcoming a new priest in charge to lead them into the next season of ministry."



# OUR DEANERY

The Newark & Southwell deanery is rich with both rural and town locations. It covers an area from Tuxford in the north across to Kilvington in the south. The Riverside and the Beck & Trent Parishes are at the heart of the deanery. The local government district is Newark & Sherwood District Council. Our Deanery serves a population of approximately 120,000 people, with a variety of backgrounds including farming and industry. Connected by the A1, the East Coast Mainline and Lincoln/Sheffield railway lines, and nearby Doncaster/Sheffield Airport, the Deanery has ready access to London in just an hour and a half, alongside various local and international destinations.



The Deanery has a variety of churches in size and context from vibrant market town churches, estate ministries, with many commuters working in the surrounding cities, and rural contexts. All, though, are well connected to their local communities through schools, occasional offices, community projects and a growing number of New Worshipping Communities, as well as many iconic church buildings.

All parishes within the Deanery have embraced the Diocesan vision of creating disciples, wider, younger and deeper and fully engaged with our objective of achieving an extra 7000 disciples by 2025. To this end a number of New Worshipping Communities have begun in the deanery as well as ongoing local activities and innovation.

The Deanery is delighted that an appointment of a new priest is to be made to the Beck and Trent and Riverside parishes, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the new priest-in-charge to the Deanery and seeking to support and encourage her/him in this role.



# PRIORITIES



- To grow the existing Sunday congregations numerically and spiritually so that they reflect the age and social profile of the parish population especially reaching young families and young adults.
- To engage with the schools at Norwell, Caunton, Sutton and North Muskham to explore the possibility of midweek new worshipping communities based in one or more of the schools.
- Work with The Potting Shed Church to develop the outreach to schools, children and young families.
- To make the most of all opportunities, for example, through occasional offices, online engagement and create a strategy to develop the stages from first enquiry through to full participation and integration in the church.
- To create a sustainable pattern of services (both traditional and new contemporary styles) that will focus on growing disciples and will be delivered by the ordained and lay resource available.
- To enable pathways of nurture for new believers and existing members and helping newer members of the Christian community find avenues for service and mission, using their gifts.
- To grow a leadership team that reflects a younger, local demographic including the development and mentoring of local missional leaders.
- Create a culture of radical generosity and financial sustainability.

# THE PARISHES



The 10 parishes are made of two groups – The Beck and Trent group and The Riverside group. You can find out more about our beautiful churches and villages, including photographs on our websites:

[www.becktrent.org.uk](http://www.becktrent.org.uk)

[www.riversideparishes.co.uk](http://www.riversideparishes.co.uk)



## All Saints' Church, Sutton on Trent

All Saints has a small faithful congregation but is nestled in the heart of the lively, community-spirited village of Sutton on Trent (SoT) and so is also one of the largest Parishes. The stunning All Saints building sees regular weddings and baptisms, and hosts well attended secular community events such as an annual Christmas Tree Festival and acoustic music nights. There are joint worship events with their friends from the Methodist Church such as 'Breakfast church' and timetabled sharing of specific services such as Harvest etc. All Saints also has a close collaboration with other SoT organisations like the Sports Club and Village Festival Committee. This affords All Saints the ability to host community events with a larger 'reach' to raise the profile of the church whilst also allowing diverse worship opportunities, for example a service on the Sunday morning of the 2 day annual SoT festival on the festival grounds.



## St Laurence's Church, Norwell

We are an open, forward-looking church committed to bringing people to a living faith in Christ. We value traditional worship but are also developing new forms of worship, prayer and approaches to teaching with the Potting Shed Church; our church building is used for concerts, talks and social events and by Norwell Church of England Primary School; in the summer we use our churchyard for worship, contemplation and exploration. Realistically we are finding leadership and finances challenging at present but by working with the Potting Shed Church, other churches in the Beck and Trent Benefice and the Riverside Benefice and by drawing on the interest and support of parishioners we are encouraging new growth and enthusiasm.





### St Andrew's Church, Caunton

Caunton is a small rural village, and St. Andrew's, being located at its centre, is the focal point for all who live, work and visit our village. We are a diverse community and would love someone with a passion for rural ministry who would reach out to our parishioners in faith with dedication and compassion. Also to continue the strong bond between church and the village C of E primary school, as well as supporting our small but committed PCC.



### Holy Rood Church, Ossington

The classical church was commissioned from Carr of York by the Denison family and built in 1782-5. It stands near the village of Ossington in a wooded churchyard watched over by a C17 sundial which was previously in the garden of nearby Ossington Hall, now demolished. The interior has fine memorial carvings to earlier owners of the Ossington estate. There are two organs, one conventional and the second a rare Grade 1 barrel organ dating from 1836, both regularly used in services. There is a notable peal of bells housed in a frame made in the village and is rung for most services. The church is in generally good condition.



### St Mary the Virgin's Church, Carlton-on-Trent

Carlton-on-Trent is a small rural village nestled between the River Trent and the A1. The first sight people have of the village is that of the imposing spire of St. Mary's which places it firmly as the focal point of the village. We have a faithful congregation who value traditional worship, but are open to new ideas about faith-based worship. We are passionate about the church being at the centre of our community. We would welcome someone who would help us to share our passion for faith and is committed to reaching out to the wider village community, welcoming new parishioners, both young and old, serving the spiritual needs of the house-bound and being involved in and supportive of events within the parish.



### St Giles' Church, Cromwell

The church at Cromwell stands on ground that has been hallowed for over a thousand years. Originally there would have been a wooden structure, replaced sometime around the Norman conquest by one of stone. In the church as it stands today, we can see windows dating from the 13th century, the south chancel arcade from the 14th century and the tower built around 1430. There are three bells, the earliest dating from around 1520. Much of the present appearance of the church dates from a major renovation in 1873.



### St. Wilfrid's, Kelham

A former estate owned parish which has three working farms, one public house and two event/wedding venues - Kelham Hall & Kelham House. St Wilfrid's Church, a Grade I Listed Building with 14th century origins is located in the parkland of Kelham Hall, once the home of the Society of Sacred Mission. The congregation is proud of the association with this Anglican religious order and have welcomed members & their families of this order from all around the world.

Pre-covid the church was a very popular location for weddings and blessing/renewal of vows services due to the reception venues in the village. The church is building on the 'indoor/outdoor' church concept as well as the dog walkers service to take advantage the facilities of the church grounds and surrounding hall grounds in conjunction with the history to be found in the church including the graffiti of national importance and the civil war links.



### St Michael & All Angels', Averham

Averham village is situated on the banks of the River Trent and comprises a range of housing and has seen an influx of younger families in the last 5 years. St Michael & All Angels is the oldest church in the diocese of Southwell & Nottingham and over the last 10 years approx. £300,000 has been spent on a refurbished roof and bell tower, the Binns water-powered organ, a new security gate and a wider tarmac path which is now lit at night for the first time. Recently villagers were asked to describe our church and some of the words chosen were peaceful, spiritual, friendly, inspiring, welcoming, beloved and belonging.





### **St. Wilfrid's, North Muskham with Bathley**

St Wilfrid North Muskham dates from the C13, C14, C15 and C16 restored in 1906 and 1907. It is situated in the centre of the village. The church has seats rather than pews and so can be re-arranged for various activities such as school project days. There is a children's corner in the church with books and toys. We have a monthly coffee morning in church & we hold 'Messy Church' monthly. The church is a collection point for Newark Food bank & has close connections with the Emmaus Trust supporting young homeless in Newark. There is a Primary School in North Muskham, this is a State School, we maintain good links with the school. Children attend services, such as the Harvest Festival and Christingle service. The playgroup also attends the church each term/festival. School activities take place in church and link into Messy Church.



### **St Wilfrid's Church, South Muskham with Little Carlton**

The two villages lie on the west bank of the River Trent, South Muskham is the larger of the two villages. The housing is mixed and includes old people's bungalows, and some housing association houses and bungalows. Little Carlton is a small hamlet there is a small development of 'executive' houses otherwise housing is generally mixed. Both villages have a high percentage of retired persons although the numbers of younger families are rising slowly.

The church building is in generally good condition. To maintain the building for this and future generations, work was undertaken on the tower and other major works included re-slatting of the Nave roof, a new heating system, upgrade of the electrical and lighting systems, a disabled toilet and tea bar facility in the vestry area. We are looking at projects to include, maintenance of the church clock and plans to refurbish the organ.



### **The Potting Shed Church**

The Potting Shed Church (TPS) is a rural resourcing church, established in 2017 to reach those living in rural Nottinghamshire, particularly children and young families. The Potting Shed has a pioneering, creative approach to rural ministry reaching the young (in both age and heart) and partnering with local schools. TPS seeks to support and resource the ministries of local parish churches in the villages, particularly in reaching younger families and those not connected with a worshipping community. TPS currently has around 70 regular members and works with schools and families in several of the villages. After beginning life as a small group worshipping in a house, TPS moved to a barn in a rural location. Since December 2022 they have been meeting in a village hall in Norwell. For more information please see: <https://www.thepottingshedchurch.org/>



# THE VICARAGE

## The Vicarage

The Vicarage is a spacious detached house situated on Main St, Norwell, in a pleasant village location with good sized plot and open fields to the rear. Accommodation is briefly sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, hallway with separate lobby to cloakroom with wc, and large office. On the first floor are 4 large bedrooms, bathroom with white suite including bath and separate shower. Mains water, electricity and drainage are connected. Oil fired central heating, with option of LPG gas for cooking. Single attached garage and secure gated parking, plus large drive and turning area, with parking for several cars.

Extensive front and rear gardens, the rear being fully fenced, with enclosed patio/courtyard area. The office forms an excellent working and meeting space, self-contained from the main accommodation.



# APPENDIX 1

## Service Pattern

Church	Sunday service
St Laurence's, Norwell	HC 1 x month + special services
Holy Rood, Ossington	HC 1 x month
All Saints', Sutton on Trent	HC Common worship x 1 month (Methodist link)
St Andrew's, Caunton	HC Common worship 1 x month + special services
St Giles', Cromwell	HC 1 x month
St Mary's, Carlton on Trent	HC 1x month + BCP Evening Prayer weekly
St Wilfrid's, North Muskham	Alternating HC/Morning Prayer on 1st Sunday + Messy Church + weekly evening prayer online
St Wilfrid's, South Muskham	Alternating HC/Morning Prayer on 2nd Sunday + weekly evening prayer online
St Wilfrid's, Kelham	Alternating HC/Morning Prayer on 3rd Sunday + weekly evening prayer online
St Michael & All Angels', Averham	Alternating HC/Morning Prayer on 4th Sunday + Messy Church + weekly evening prayer online

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# APPENDIX 2

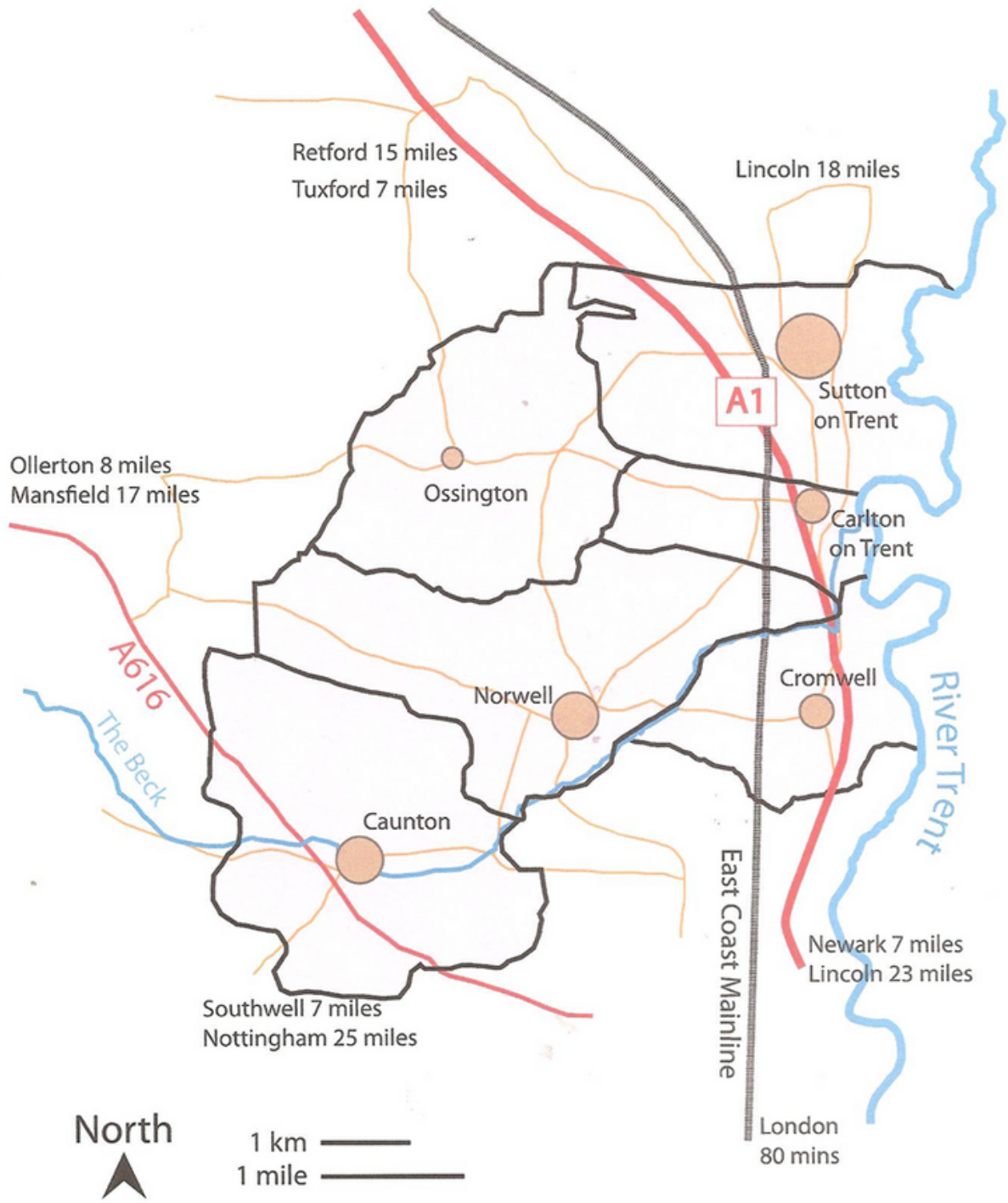
Finance: financial information available on request

Partnerships: We enjoy many local partnerships including with the Methodist Church and The Potting Shed Church

## \*Time limited post

This is an interim Priest-in-Charge post offered under Regulation 29 (1) (j) and (7D) of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of service) Regulations 2009, as amended. As a result, before the end of the first 3 years there would be a review involving the postholder, PCCs, and Diocese to assess progress against the priorities outlined in the person specification section of this Profile. This review could lead to a further extension of up to 3 years. The post could be made permanent after the maximum 6-year period.

## Beck and Trent Parishes: Location Map



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