

St Wilfrid's Church

Calverton



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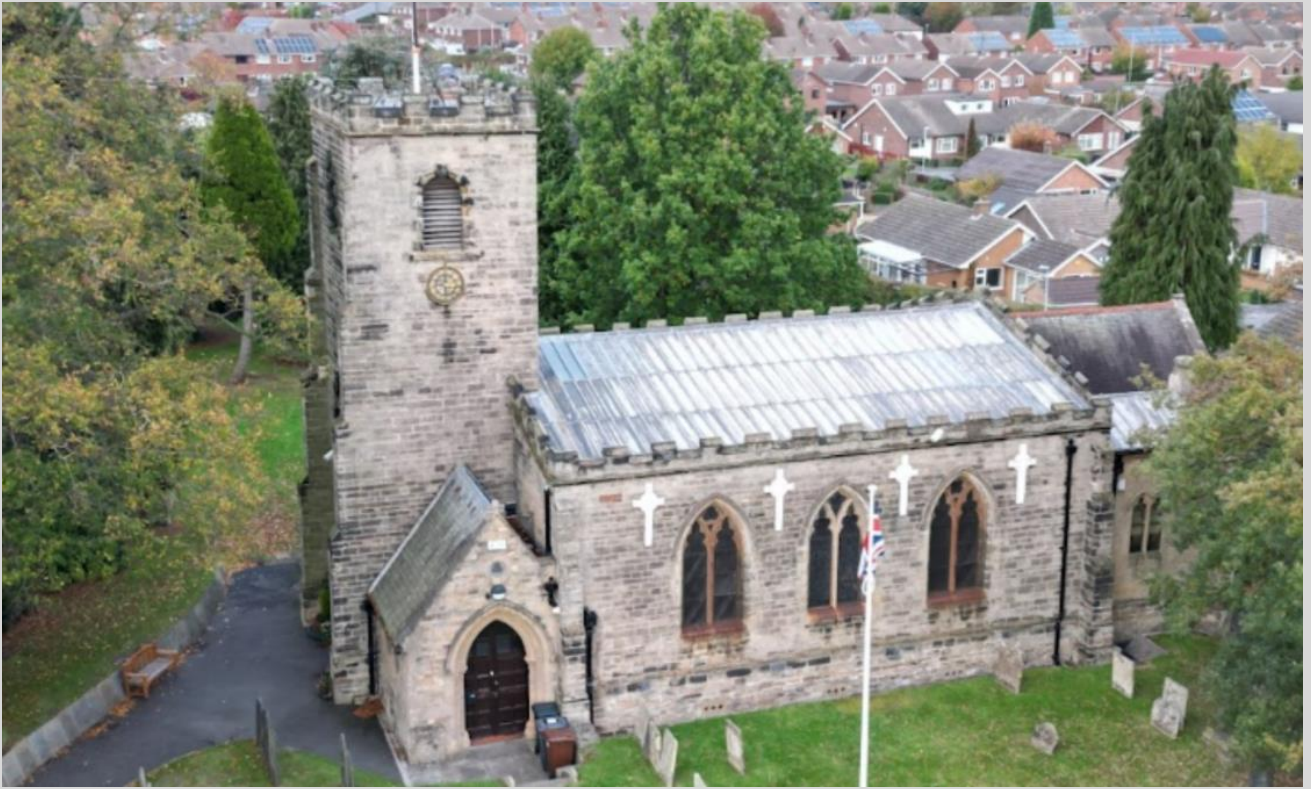
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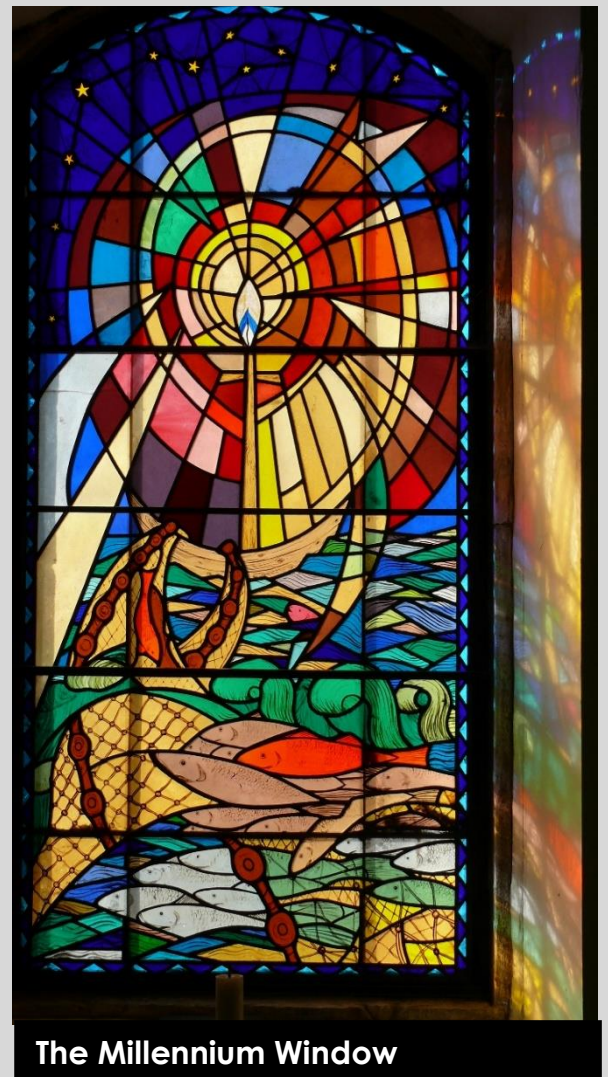
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Parish Profile 2026



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The Millennium Window

1. Welcome!

From our Church Wardens

Welcome! Thank you for taking the time to look at our Parish Profile. We hope it will give you a true and inspiring picture of our church and local community, with both its joys and challenges.

Although necessarily packed with information, we hope that you will see within and beyond this document people seeking to follow Jesus, and to be guided by the Spirit to the person God is calling to this place.

We are an Anglican Parish Church which seeks to deliver parish ministry to everyone in our care through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship, Biblical teaching, pastoral care, service to and engagement with our community. We seek to include and encourage everyone to develop their God-given gifts in generous ministry.

We are a welcoming supportive church, a family of pilgrims with various backgrounds, walking together in faith.



Peter Cansfield & Paul Howard
Church Wardens, St. Wilfrid's

The Bible

CALVERTON NEEDS YOU !!

Number one School Need a number one vicar

Do YOU think you're up for the job?
Are you a positive and committed Leader?

Our beautiful village of calverton is Searching for an enthusiastic faithful and inspiring vicar to join our church School (St. Wilfrid's) and community.

We are looking for someone who can:

- Be in the middle of our community.
- Support and encourage all the people in the village.
- Help people in a tough Situation
- Caring and kind vicar.

Why join us?

- A warm and welcoming church family.
- Friendly children eager to learn
- A role where you can truly make a difference
- A place where you can feel home.

Here you will find:

Join us!
become part of something special.

Don't delay - Apply today.

Y5 St. Wilfrid's School – Job advert

We hope that you will catch something of the character of St Wilfrid's: a church where all people are known, valued and encouraged to grow in faith, and where we believe there is a place for everyone.

As God continues to shape the story of St Wilfrid's, we wonder whether you might be part of the next chapter?

From our Bishop

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 2024 we launched our refreshed vision of Living Hope for the city, towns and villages in Nottinghamshire and beyond.

We believe the presence of thriving, growing churches across the diocese is vital for people to discover Living Hope and make the best decision anyone could ever make for their lives – to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. To enable this vision, we are committed to our mission of Growing disciples of Christ with compassion, confidence and courage.

To support both parishes and the diocese in this we have identified 7 areas of focus: inspiring worship, reaching younger, enhancing diversity, growing leaders, enabling commitment, encouraging generosity and nurturing prayer. This vision is set out in more detail on our [website](#). It is my hope that each worshipping community in the diocese 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 St. Wilfrid's Calverton 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.



As you consider the role of vicar of this parish, may I encourage you to take time to look over and reflect on our diocesan vision as part of your discernment as to whether God is calling you to be part of this diocese at this exciting time. I look forward to welcoming the new incumbent of St. Wilfrid's to join us on this faith-filled journey.

Rt Revd Paul Williams - Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham

From our Archdeacon

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. There are many opportunities to serve the people of Calverton with the gospel of hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. This parish has a vision to grow the church younger and to continue to build on its kingdom work for the future.

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 of Jesus Christ with compassion, confidence and courage. St Wilfrid's is looking to grow the church in Calverton. I look forward to supporting the congregation of St Wilfrid's in their mission and welcoming a new incumbent to lead and implement the vision for the parish.

Ven. Revd. Phil Williams - Archdeacon of Nottingham



2. The Person We Seek

Visioning events in our church and St Wilfrid's school identified the characteristics we would like to see in our vicar. Do you see yourself somewhere in this picture?

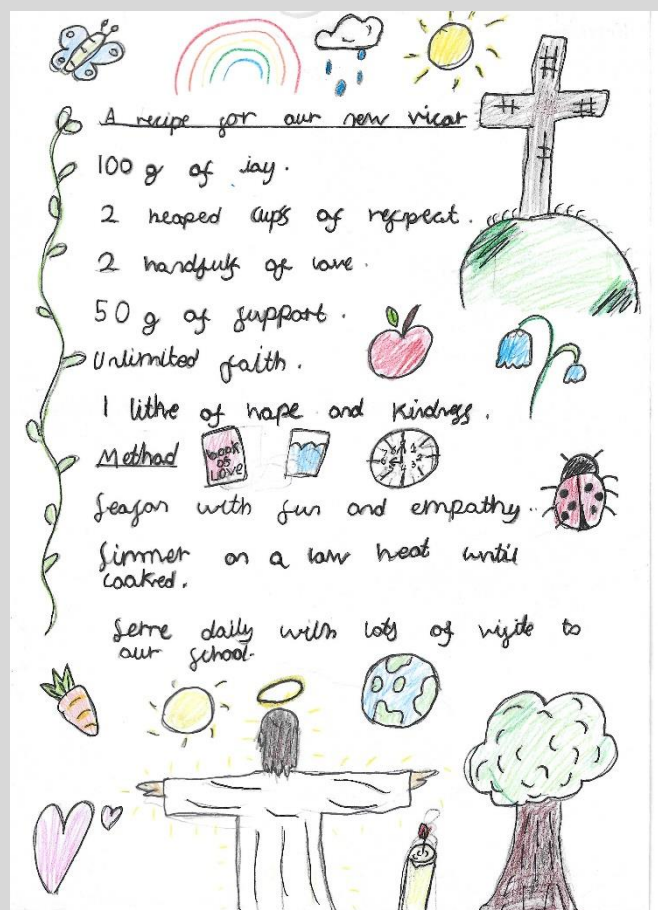


We are already an active church with a growth strategy plan in place. We recognise our church and community challenges, needs and opportunities, and the new ways in which people engage with church.

We are looking for Spirit-led leadership, someone who will:

- be enthused and inspired by the challenges
- take us forward with discernment and encouragement
- help us grow in our faith and in our Kingdom living
- nurture and enable each person to deepen their spiritual walk
- engage and encourage groups that offer first contact with church life, such as Messy Church, Living With Loss, Food Bank
- build relationships across the village, bringing our worshipping congregation and wider community closer together
- demonstrate good communication skills and develop our online presence through social media and our website

and, will you bring us fresh ideas to consider?



3. Vision & Future Direction

We share and embrace the Diocesan Vision for church growth. This forms the framework for our [Growing Disciples Plan](#), which shows some of the practical steps we are taking to maintain and broaden our mission set out in the 7 areas of focus set out below. We are seeking to maintain and broaden the reach of our current activities.

Inspiring Worship

Our aim is that our worship be centred on God our loving Father as revealed to us in Jesus and encountered in the presence of the Holy Spirit amongst us.

Our worship services embody both contemporary and traditional styles that enable everyone, at every stage and age, to be included.

We are mindful to be accessible to those who find church unfamiliar or who have special needs. Main services can be followed on AV screens and on large print handouts. We have a loop system for the hard of hearing. We have held quiet Holy Communion and Christingle services tailored for those who are neurodiverse.

Reaching Younger

We hold a variety of activities, groups and events for young people and their families throughout the year:

- **Play mornings** - for family groups to enjoy craft, toys and grow friendships.
- **Little Wilf's** and **Messy Church** – with a focused theme and teaching time.
- **Roots** - primary aged children exploring and growing in their Christian faith in a school-based setting
- **G1** - for older children, with a teaching focus.

Our vision is that we enable children, young people and families to build strong relationships and friendships within the wider family of the church.

Funding from the Diocese towards a Children's and Families Worker has supported the development of this work, as well as our links with local schools. We see *this work as an important means, not only of supporting children and our schools, but also of engaging with parents.*

Enhancing Diversity

We aim for St Wilfrid's to be a place where everyone feels welcomed, valued and can find their place.

For those living with disability we have adapted the seating layout. We have an accessibility and diversity champion on the PCC who helps us to maintain our focus.

Encouraging Generosity

Being generous according to the grace we have received is a value we teach and encourage.

Many give of their time and abilities to keep the church running. The addition of our new servery in 2025 has enhanced our ability to offer hospitality at services and events, to welcome one another and meet new people.

We have held services or collections in support of charitable work, such as: *Trussel Trust*, *VOW* (tackling isolation in older people in the village), *Framework* (Nottingham's homeless charity), the *Parkari Community Development Programme* and the *Royal British Legion*. Christmas collections have gone to *The Prison Fellowship* and *The Children's Society*. Members of the congregation also regularly donate to the *Foodbank*.

We have met our Parish Share year after year. Regular financial giving through the Parish Giving Scheme to St. Wilfrid's has increased over the past year. However, we continue to be reliant on some external grants and fund-raising events to meet our full costs.

Enabling Commitment & Growing Leaders

A key aim for us as we walk together is to grow in the knowledge of our faith and of the life and message of Jesus.

Learning together, we want to be enabled and equipped to understand and communicate our faith with confidence, and to be resourced and strengthened for times of difficulty by our understanding of God and his purpose for our lives. In this way, we seek to bring truth to bear fruit in our lives, to deepen our faith commitment and to live authentically.

We encourage every member to recognise their God giftedness and importance to others in the gifts they bring to the body as a whole.

We have people at various places in their understanding of their faith, from unchurched newcomers to those who have decades of Christian experience. Wherever we are in our journey of faith there is a need to grow and to help others as they grow too.

To this end we have:

- **Alpha** and **Discipleship** courses on roughly an annual basis,
- **Confirmation** and **baptism** preparation.
- **Termly teaching** themes, carried through in our preaching and programmes
- **Six Growing in Faith (GiF) home groups**. We aim to increase the numbers of these groups and the proportion of our regular congregation who are in a group.

Those sensing a call to ministry are encouraged to explore and take up opportunities for further training by the Diocese. At present we have Licenced Lay Ministers who have followed this

path and one in training, and we look for this emphasis on developing ministry to be embraced by future leadership.

Nurturing Prayer

In our services and home groups we encourage each other by example and develop our confidence in praying with others. We have held training for those leading service intercessions and offering prayer ministry in services.

We have run *The Prayer Course* for the wider church on roughly an annual basis. Each year between Ascension and Pentecost we support *Thy Kingdom Come* as a church, adopting the 'Prayer for 5' throughout the year.

Recognising that God is with us in all things, we seek to make prayer the foundation of all that we do, taking time for prayer, individually and together.

As we look to the future, we aim to be a Spirit-led church that clothes all that we do in prayer.

4. Our Context

Our Parish

Calverton is a large, historically rich, commuter village and civil parish in Gedling, Nottinghamshire. 7 miles north-east of Nottingham, its setting is semi-rural countryside, and it has convenient transport links and access to the city. According to the 2021 census the resident population was 7,300, but recent housing developments have taken this figure nearer to 10,000 (2026 mid-census estimate).

Originally a small farming village, Calverton experienced substantial expansion after the National Coal Board opened Calverton Colliery in 1952. Although the mine closed in 1999, it significantly shapes the village's modern identity.

Calverton has an aging ex-mining community with below average health and a working next generation whose occupation is often found in the trades. More recently new private estates have brought more commuter and professional families to the village.



Although statistics suggest only average levels of deprivation, we are aware of substantial need in a significant proportion of our community. We work with the Core Centre (a community hub providing advice) and other referrers to provide a foodbank for the area. We are also able to provide substantial grants to those in need via the church's Jane Pepper Trust.

Despite these challenges, Calverton remains a thriving and friendly community with a strong sense of local identity and pride, as evidenced by the huge turnout at the annual Village Get Together. There are good local amenities: a village hall (the venue for u3a), local pubs (such as the Admiral Rodney and The Gleaners), shopping precincts, schools, and the Calverton Leisure Centre. Calverton has its own cricket club, and three golf courses (Ramsdale, Springwater and Oakmere Park) close by.

Calverton has one infant school (Manor Park), two primary schools (St. Wilfrid's C of E (Voluntary Controlled) and Salterford House School), one junior school (Sir John Sherbrooke) and one senior school (Colonel Frank Seely Academy). A number of children from St Wilfrid's Primary School move on to Southwell Minster C of E (Voluntary Aided) for their secondary education.

Weavers' cottages and a restored pinfold are found at the historic centre of the village. Calverton is famous as the 1589 birthplace of the Framework Knitting Machine (the foundation for the modern hosiery industry), invented by William Lee, once a curate here at St. Wilfrid's.

The church building is of considerable historic interest. Parts of the church date back to the 11th century however most of the church is 17th century. It is a Grade 2* listed building. Details are listed with the Church History Project [here](#).

In 2019 the Parish Council took control of land south of the village to protect green spaces for nature, reflecting the value many local people place on the countryside that surrounds us. There are also many places for walking and recreation around the village including the nearby Watchwood Plantation.

5. Opportunities & Challenges

Expansion of the village

Calverton as a village has expanded significantly at various stages in its history and this has been reflected in its church life. The influx of miners from the north-east brought in a strong working-class community for whom church was a part of the heritage but little beyond the place for weddings and funerals. Recent expansion has seen a diversification of the population with new individuals and families, some of whom have mixed Christian backgrounds, but the majority for whom church does not feature in their lives. We see widening our reach within the community as both an opportunity and a challenge.

Consolidation and growth

Recent years have seen a broadening and expansion of our activities, many of which have been encouragingly successful. However, much has depended on key individuals to carry forward the work. To maintain our progress, we need to ensure our activities are sustainable, with renewed enthusiasm for existing commitments. We need to keep priorities achievable, as well as to grow to meet the challenges ahead. We also want to see a deepening faith and continuing movement of those on the fringe to become a part of the heart of the worshipping community.

Communication

Although many of us are known and active on the church's behalf, we see an important leading role for the Vicar to be visible and engaged with our community. With the advent of social media, there is also a significant opportunity to further raise the visibility of St. Wilfrid's in the village. However, this also has its challenges in that this has relied heavily in the past on the Vicar to manage our website and Facebook page. Though we have updated our technology with a new PA and AV system, we have few individuals who are 'tech savvy' enough to support functions such as the live streaming and posting on YouTube. Though these channels are not widely accessed, we see them as important ways of people connecting with us, be they confined at home, or just curious.

Giving

Despite a growth in regular giving, we are aware that much of our work with children and families would not be sustainable without support from Church Growth Programme Funds. Whilst the Diocese has indicated it is minded to continue its support, we would like to be able to increase financial support from within the church, not only to maintain the building and meet the Parish Share, but also to sustain this work into the future.

EcoChurch

As proud achievers of the AROCHA Gold award we aim to maintain our progress. However, we are still to take forward our Land Management Plan, our aspirations for the church entrance, and looking toward the future, consideration of how, given our means, we can move toward solar and air-source as more sustainable meeting of our energy needs.

6. Church Life

Our Worship & Ministry

Sunday

Worship for All at 10am every week

1st Sunday of the month – All-Age

2nd & 4th Sunday – Holy Communion

Worship for All at 6pm on the first and third Sunday of the month

Adventurers, Climbers and Explorers (ACE) Sunday morning children's groups which run on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month.

G1 on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5.00-6.30 pm. Once a term the morning service is led by members of **G1** (young people in years 5-8).

Morning services are contemporary in style and the evening services traditional. A music group usually provides the musical support to the morning services and an organist the



accompaniment to the evening services. Currently we have musicians who span a variety of worship styles (folk, contemporary and organ-based) who can select suitable worship songs and lead sung worship.



Services are led by members of our ministry team. We have two recently retired clergy with permission to officiate. We also have four Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs), and one LLM in training who contribute. Our Children and Families Worker also supports activities during some of the morning services.

Services are usually interactive and participatory. Readings and intercessions are frequently led by members of the congregation.

During term times we follow teaching themes in line with our focus for the year. At other times we revert to the Common Lectionary readings. Holy Communion is in the evening service on the first Sunday of the month and the morning service on other Sundays.

Adventurers, Climbers and Explorers

Each of these groups aims to lead the children in their first steps in faith, discovering God's love for them and learning through a range of activities, discussions and bible study.

During 2026 our Climbers and Explorers (KS1 & KS2 children) have had a regular number of up to 8 children attending.



G1

G1 (God First) aims to grow our young people as disciples. There are 10 young people attending G1 from various year groups and different schools. G1 sessions include welcome activities, refreshments and an opening prayer. a bible reading followed by discussion. Crafts, games and a prayer complete the session.

Worship in the week.

MONDAY – Community Morning Prayer at 10.30 am on the 4th Monday of the month. An informal gathering with opportunity for sharing around a bible reading.

TUESDAY - Little Wilf's (term time) **9.15am.** Toddler church with play, stories, songs and activities for under 5's.

WEDNESDAY – Springwater Lodge Service 2.00pm on the last Wednesday of the month. A service of hymns and prayers for the residents of our local care home.

THURSDAY - Calverton Village Prayer - 2nd Thursday of the month. A time set aside to pray specifically for the needs of the village.

- **Roots** – after school on 2nd Thursday of the month at St Wilfrid's School.

SATURDAY - Messy Church - 4pm (4th Saturday of the month).

Little Wilfs

At Little Wilf's children under 5 and their carers come together to discover God's love, play, meet other people, make new friends, have fun and be creative. Each Little Wilf's



session involves a short under 5's friendly service in which we welcome everyone through songs, prayer, lighting of a candle and a short story from the Bible. Children engage in a craft activity linked to Bible readings which they then take home with them. Each week we regularly have approximately 20 - 25 families attend along with local childminders in the village.

Roots

Roots aims to help primary aged children explore and grow in their Christian faith in a fun and relaxed environment. It is led by a team from St Wilfrid's Church and supported by school staff and parents. We always start with some gathering time with lots of fun table games & crafts, and the chance to chat over coffee and some tasty Breads & Spreads. We then spend some time together learning about the Christian faith, exploring different topics and themes each week with fun teaching, activities and songs.



Growing In Faith (GiF) Groups

Growing in Faith (GiF) groups are our home groups meeting weekly, where the focus is on learning together and mutual support. We currently have six of these groups. As these are small groups of 5-8 members, their character varies. Several groups have developed out of Alpha groups, or social groups such as our 20-30's group.

Material continues to be available for a group to follow up on the Sunday teaching topic, but groups may follow their own path e.g. the Bible Course, where this is more appropriate to their needs. The diversity of the groups means that there is usually a group for newcomers whatever their stage of faith, and efforts are made to integrate those wishing to join in a suitable group. GiF groups continue to be a place of pastoral care and a part of our strategy for growth as a church.

Prayer

As a church we pray to see 'God's Kingdom come' in our lives and in this place. We have a **Monthly prayer focus** which is in the Wilf's Weeklies notice sheet. This is to encourage us to pray specifically for our church family, community and world. We have **Intercessory prayer** within church services led by members of our congregation. We also have trained people able to offer **prayer ministry** to those seeking it both during and after our services.

Our **Confidential Prayer Chain** is a group of faithful people who pray on behalf of those in need. Some of these people are no longer able to attend church due to their own life challenges, but this does not stop them being active and integral to our church family

and life. This important and blessed ministry has helped and supported many through life's difficulties, for which we are thankful.

Befriending and Pastoral Team

The **Befriending and Pastoral Team** support people who are lonely, sick or bereaved. For those who are unable to come to church services or social activities through ill health, or for other reasons, members of the Pastoral Team befriend them through visits, phone calls, and by offering **home communion** (where appropriate).

Electoral Roll and Occasional Offices 2025

• Funerals	26
• Baptisms	17
• Weddings	3
• Renewal of wedding vows	0
• Electoral Roll	134



7. Working With Our Community

Schools Work

The church enjoys a strong and valued partnership with St Wilfrid's Primary School, and we see our relationship with the school as an important part of our ministry within the community. The Vicar is *ex officio* a Foundation Governor. The Vicar and/or the Children and Families Worker lead regular worship each Thursday morning. Worship follows a structure of gathering, welcoming prayer, lighting of a candle, Bible reading, reflection, discussion and closing prayer.

St Wilfrid's school regularly attend church for their own school services. Throughout 2025 these were very busy with many parent/carers attending in church to watch the school service. We attend St Wilfrid's primary school open days for new reception children who would be starting at the school to introduce ourselves and share information on how St Wilfrid's Church works closely with the school.

We also carry out primary school assemblies in the other local village primary schools. Schools and local nurseries have attended *Experience Easter*, *Experience Pentecost* and *Experience Christmas* in church with positive feedback received from these events.

Calverton Churches Together

At Calverton Churches Together, ministers and representatives of the churches meet to plan and coordinate jointly sponsored events. Calverton has Baptist, Methodist, Roman



Catholic churches, and Kingsword, a fellowship meeting in the Village Hall. Together we plan Lent Lunches, an open-air service before the Village Get Together and our Christmas events. The Lent Lunches have raised money for VOW, a local charity supporting older people in the village.

Foodbank

Foodbank is open every week on a Tuesday afternoon run by a dedicated group of volunteers. In a year we give away over 150 food parcels. We are supplied by Trussell Trust, Calverton Baptist Church, Sainsbury's, the Core Centre and our own members. Foodbank provides practical support to families across the parish and creates opportunities for us to build relationships, offer encouragement and work alongside other organisations such as the Core Centre to signpost community services.

Jane Pepper Trust

Jane Pepper Trust is a charitable trust tied to the church for the support of people in need in the parish. In 2025 it gave away £4,469 to 11 people. The trust is well placed to continue helping local people in need and the funding of educational school trips for families who cannot afford them.

Tea & Chat

Tea and Chat is an informal social gathering open to all, mainly attended by retired and older people. It meets every Tuesday, 2pm to 3.30pm. Attendance varies but is usually between 8-12 people. There are occasional parties and special events. The focus is a warm welcome to those who visit.



All-Age Social Events

During 2025 we held many different social events for people to come together, share their faith, meet new people and learn more about St Wilfrid's Church. From summer BBQ's, an under 5's Teddy Bears picnic, under 11's play mornings, family quiz nights, coffee and craft mornings, Beetle Drive and Harvest supper. We have also joined in with local village events, hosting our own children's craft activities at the Family Fun Day.



Care for Creation

We believe that caring for creation is a fundamental part of our God-given calling and an important expression of our faith. This has become a key theme for our services, social activities, use of resources, and our interaction with our community and the wider world.



Some of the achievements that have contributed to our progress include: adopting a creation theme for our autumn services, home study groups and young people's work; engaging in environmental activities with local schools and Little Wilfs; and encouraging other churches in their concern for the environment.

We have been greatly helped to focus on this theme within church life through the work of AROCHA. After steady progress over several years, we were pleased to achieve AROCHAs Gold Award in 2025, and we look to maintain progress in the future.

8. Support & Resources

The Vicarage

The Vicarage is a spacious family home adjacent to St. Wilfrid's Church and close to local amenities. It comprises:

- Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen,
- Lounge with partition to Dining Room, Large Study
- Utility Room with Pantry and Walk-in Storeroom
- Ground Floor Toilet with Cloakroom
- Four Double Bedrooms, En-suite and family bathroom.
- Drive, Parking Area and Garage
- Large Garden to Front and Rear



The Church and Church Office

During 2011-12 the church underwent a major reordering including installation of underfloor heating. Facilities were updated to improve accessibility, disabled facilities and to provide hospitality within the church. Our servery has had a major upgrade in 2025. The church building currently has no substantial fabric issues.

The church bells are regularly rung before the 10am services. The tower, bells and clock have recently been repaired and serviced, as have the stained-glass windows in the nave and chancel.

The nave of the church is a large open space used for multiple activities throughout the week. The church has a recently upgraded sound system, induction loop, camera for live streaming, and screens for audio visual display. The pipe organ is in good order and is commonly used for festive and traditional services. The chancel and altar are accessed via steps plus handrail. (This remains an accessibility issue).

The Church Office is off the chancel and serves as both an office and church vestry. There is a disabled WC, and storage at the south entrance porch and in the cellar (from which we run our Foodbank).

The church grounds comprise a (closed) graveyard and green space with multiple trees and shrubs. Although this area is managed by the District Council, we have used this space for outside displays and 'care for creation' activities.

Communication

Communications are generally handled through the Church Office. Email is our main route of internal communication. We use the iKnow system (which is GDPR compliant) to maintain a contact database and circulation lists. A notice sheet advertising forthcoming events and activities (Wilf's Weeklies) is circulated weekly. Our website, <https://www.stwilfrids-church.co.uk/> has been recently updated and we also have a presence on Facebook and YouTube where services are streamed.

9. Leadership

Personnel

Church Wardens – Paul Howard, Peter Cansfield

Deputy Church Wardens – April Woods, Audrey Stocks

Treasurer – Paul Jackson

Giving Secretary – Mark Clipsham

Church Administration – Jackie Davies

Retired Clergy – Revd. Mandy Cartwright, Revd. Wendy Murphy

Licenced Lay Ministers – Nick West, Peter Cansfield, Chris Hirst, Jane Cook

Children & Families Worker – Kirsty Clipsham

Organists – Geoff Nield, Steve Saxton

Worship Leaders – Chris Hirst, Steve Saxton, Rachel Cansfield, Andrew Patterson

Verging – Phil Cartwright

Interim PCC Chair – Audrey Stocks

PCC Secretary – Jackie Davies

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Tom Ward

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is chaired by the Vicar and meets bi-monthly. We have **2 Church Wardens** with over 20 years' experience in the church, and several recognised ex-wardens who are able to deputise (for example at services) when needed. Our **Treasurer** is a qualified accountant. We also have a separate **Giving Secretary**. We have a newly appointed **Parish Safeguarding Officer** who attends PCC to speak to a standing item on the agenda. Our **Church Administrator** handles our communications and is also **PCC secretary** and **Electoral Roll Officer**. Across the members of the PCC we have a spread of talents, both practical and administrative, which are put to use in our subcommittees: **Fabric; Finance;** and **Growing Disciples Strategy Group**. The latter group oversees the *Growing Disciples*

Plan which sets out our aims over the near, medium, and longer term. This provides direction for the PCC and enables our dialogue with the Diocese as it continues to support us with our **Children and Families Worker** whose post is largely funded from Church Growth Programme Funds.

Leaders & Preachers

Service leaders and preachers meet on a termly basis to review practical aspects of services and discuss forthcoming teaching series. This group also makes recommendations to the PCC where appropriate.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding team is comprised of **Parish Safeguarding Officer, Children and Families Worker** and the **Church Administrator** (who maintains the records of DBS checks and Training). Using the Church of England dashboard and hub to keep up to date, the team meet termly to discuss safeguarding culture and practise, and to ensure St Wilfrid's is living out a safe culture. All in positions of leadership and volunteers follow our safer recruitment practice.



10. Financial Information

Church accounts - Year ending 2025

Financial Year 2025 - Annual Accounts	2025	2024
RECEIPTS		
Covenants & Pledges	45697	38838
Gift Aid	11326	10163
Grants	14189	11322
Donations	4881	1117
SDBF Funding	11095	14603
Charity Collection	0	0
Open plate	10148	13225
Fees (weddings and funerals)	12743	4298
Church Hire	0	230
Church Events	0	0
Legacies	0	0
VAT refund (on fabric spend)	0	2373
Bank interest	0	0
Transfers in from other bank accounts	24300	18380
TOTAL RECEIPTS	134381	114549
EXPENSES		
Administration	665	1643
Independent examination	0	0
Charitable donations	1525	493
Community (Food/energy support etc)	437	16431
Fabric	24490	500
Fees	7714	
Licences	896	810
Insurance	2828	2759
Ministry	2154	4707
Mission	1402	1242
Parish Share	69660	66168
Staff	21765	22882
Tax		0
Telephone	1266	1294
Stationery & computer	1025	515
Utilities	3679	4330
Vicar's training	194	360
Vicar's Expenses	317	524
TOTAL EXPENSES	140908	125368
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	-6527	-10819

Cash Funds	General	Special	Total	Total
Fund	Funds		2025	2024
Bank and cash	4944	17489	22433	45567

Investment assets

CBF Deposit account balances		
Chancel		24375
Building fund	17490	39668
CBF Share account at cost		
Chancel		15170

Treasurer's Comments

We have successfully managed to pay our parish share in full for the last 5 years. Church income over the last 5 years has increased broadly in line with inflation (from c£97k in 2021 to £127k in 2025), but with the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme, we have seen a gradual transition away from cash donations on the plate towards more automated forms of giving. The Parish Giving Scheme ensures donations increase with inflation and also makes the claiming of Gift aid more streamlined.

From the money we have been able to bring into church, we have spent c.£65,000 over the past 5 years on the upkeep and improvement of our wonderful Grade 2* listed building, and this has included purchasing new audio-visual equipment, a new sound system, and a brand-new kitchen/servy area at the back of the church which makes it easier and safer for people to prepare hot drinks and food.

We have also spent over the last 5 years c.£12,800 helping some of the most vulnerable people in our community pay for food and energy, which over the last 5 years has been a significant issue with the continuing cost of living crisis continuing to bite. This is in addition to members of the congregation generously donating food items to our own homegrown foodbank, which is operated by members of the congregation on a voluntary basis.

We have also made cash donations of c.£6,100 to charities over the last 5 years, including Water Aid, Framework and Prison Fellowship (Project Angel Tree).

In terms of future areas of focus, grants continue to be a good source of income but identifying opportunities requires a level of focus and proactivity which is likely to diminish without supportive clergy. Specific fundraising events would also lead to a growth in church income, but maintaining this income stream is currently a challenge.

