

Skegby with Teversal

St Andrew's Skegby | All Saints' Stanton Hill | St Katherine's Teversal

PARISH PROFILE



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WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the Benefice of Skegby with Teversal. We are a warm, welcoming, and a community-rooted Benefice made up of three churches and two parishes being St Andrew's Skegby, All Saints' Stanton Hill and St Katherine's Teversal.

Across the Benefice we are known for being friendly, caring, and approachable. When we reflected on who we are, we described ourselves as being dependable, warm, and faith filled. We are a people who love Jesus, value one another, and seek to serve our communities with openness and generosity.

We are now looking ahead to a new season and are prayerfully seeking a vicar who is Spirit led, relational and mission minded. Someone who will help us grow in unity, deepen our faith and guide us with clarity and purpose as we serve our communities.

As a Benefice we have committed ourselves fully to the Vision 2030 of the Diocese; as you read through this profile we hope that you will get an insight to what we have achieved towards fulfilling it.



OUR VISION AND PRIORITIES

As we look to the future, we sense a call to:

- Grow as one together across the three churches with stronger unity and shared purpose
- Develop a clear missional pathway from first contact to discipleship. In the past we have run Alpha, Emmaus and Saints Alive courses and this is an area we would like to re-introduce.
- Engage more effectively with children, young people, and families
- Deepen and expand our relationships with local schools, building on our growing connection with St Andrew's C of E Primary School and developing further school partnerships across the parish including Healdswood Infant & Nursery School and Skegby Junior Academy and the local secondary school, Quarrydale Academy, which is just outside the Skegby Parish boundary.
- Establish links with uniformed organisations.
- Strengthen leadership and participation across the church
- Improve communication and organisation. Whilst we have a social media presence with St Andrew's and St Katherine's having Facebook pages and there is a Parish Whatsapp group, communication could be better. The 10am service from St Andrew's is also live streamed on Facebook.
- Build momentum and follow-through in key areas of ministry

We long to offer the Living Hope of Jesus to the communities of Skegby, Stanton Hill and Teversal through being compassionate, confident and courageous disciples.



OUR STRENGTHS

We are a parish marked by faithfulness, generosity, and commitment. People serve sacrificially, and there is a strong culture of involvement across many areas of church life.

We are particularly encouraged by:

- A strong culture of prayer
- Inspiring and varied worship. At St Andrew's & All Saints' this is a mixture of traditional and contemporary music. St Katherine's are more traditional
- Good relationships within the congregation. All three churches work hard at fundraising and St Andrew's has an annual well attended Christmas Fair around St Andrew's Day.
- Active community engagement
- A willingness to embrace new ideas

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

We are honest about the challenges we face. Our congregations are ageing, and we are not yet connecting effectively with younger generations. Leadership development needs strengthening, and communication across the parish would benefit from greater clarity and consistency.

As a Benefice of three churches we also recognise the need to grow in unity and shared vision. At times, there can be a sense of separation between churches and we would value stronger collaboration and alignment.

Alongside these challenges are significant opportunities. New housing developments, changing demographics, and strong links with other local schools all point to potential for growth. We believe this is a moment to become more intentional, focused, and outward-looking.

The Vicar will be joining a Benefice with both significant strengths and clear areas for development.

OUR NEXT VICAR

We are seeking a Priest who will help us step into this next season with confidence and clarity. He or she will provide spiritual, pastoral, missional and strategic leadership across the Benefice enabling us to grow in unity, confidence and effectiveness in sharing the Gospel. He or she will lead us in developing a clearer sense of shared vision and mission, equipping and releasing lay leadership and strengthening engagement with children, young people, families and schools.

We are looking for someone who will:

- Lead us in developing a clear and effective mission and discipleship pathway
- Have a heart for children, young people, and families
- Build, equip, and release leaders and teams
- Strengthen unity across our three churches
- Bring clarity to communication and vision
- Be a visible and engaged presence in the community and schools
- Value our pastoral heart while helping us grow in mission

Above all, we are seeking someone who will love us, lead us, and help us grow as disciples of Jesus and someone with whom we can build a loving working relationship.



1. Spiritual and Missional Leadership

- Lead the church in worship, preaching, teaching, and sacramental ministry
- Encourage a deepening culture of prayer and discipleship
- Help shape and embed a clear missional pathway from first contact through to discipleship and belonging
- Provide theological and spiritual leadership that is rooted, accessible, and outward-facing

2. Leadership Across a Three-Church Benefice

- Lead and support the development of a shared identity across St Andrew's Skegby, All Saints' Stanton Hill, and St Katherine's Teversal
- Strengthen collaboration and communication across the three churches
- Enable each church to flourish within a shared Benefice vision
- Work effectively with PCCs, Lay Ministers, Churchwardens and leaders

3. Developing Lay Leadership and Teams

- Identify, encourage, and develop lay leaders across the parishes
- Build healthy, sustainable teams for worship, pastoral care, mission, and administration
- Support leadership development and succession planning
- Release others into ministry rather than centralising all responsibility

4. Mission, Outreach, and Growth

- Lead the Benefice in becoming more outward-looking and missionally focused
- Develop engagement with children, young people, and families as a key priority
- Build on and deepen the growing relationship with St Andrew's C of E Primary School, and strengthen wider school engagement
- Encourage and shape outreach initiatives that connect church and community life
- Develop further our online mission

5. Pastoral Leadership

- Provide compassionate pastoral oversight across the Benefice
- Support and strengthen the strong culture of care and fellowship across all ages
- Equip others to share in pastoral ministry
- Ensure pastoral care is both responsive and sustainable across three churches

6. Communication, Vision, and Organisation

- Bring clarity, focus, and consistency to communication across the Benefice
- Help align church life around shared priorities and vision
- Support effective decision making and governance structures
- Work with lay and administrative teams to improve systems and communication

7. Stewardship and Resources

- Work with the PCCs to ensure wise stewardship of buildings, finances, and resources
- Help explore and maximise the potential of church halls and community spaces
- Support ongoing responsibility for historic church buildings

Relationships

The Vicar will:

- Work closely with churchwardens, PCCs, and lay leaders across all three churches
- Engage constructively with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham
- Build strong relationships with all our local schools
- Maintain and develop links with the wider community and civic partners

Key Challenges and Opportunities

The Vicar will be joining a Benefice with both significant strengths and clear areas for development. Key opportunities include:

- Growing engagement with children, young people, and families
- Strengthening unity across a three church team
- Developing a clear and accessible discipleship pathway
- Deepening relationships with schools and the wider community
- Improving communication, leadership development, and organisational clarity
- Building momentum and follow through on mission and outreach

WHO WE ARE

At the heart of our churches is a strong sense of fellowship and pastoral care. People know one another, support one another, and value being part of a church family. There is a culture of involvement, with many contributing to worship, ministry, and practical service.

We are a church that is:

- Warm and welcoming
- Caring and pastoral
- Faithful in prayer and worship
- Willing to serve and try new things

There is a genuine sense of goodwill across the Benefice and a desire to see the church grow and flourish and lots of people to support our new Priest and share the vision that we all have.

To help our new Priest we have two LLMs plus one in training to be licensed in September 2026 plus a Recognised Lay Minister. We also have a team of other lay people who lead and preach and two fully committed PCCs. Skegby and Stanton Hill each have two Wardens and Teversal has one. We have two retired Priests with PTO who help us out. We also have a part time paid administrator who currently works three afternoons a week.

Church members take an active part in worship, including leading intercessions, reading lessons, welcoming and providing refreshments. Teversal has a ring of five bells with committed bellringers and have recently welcomed new ringers. Bell practice is every Tuesday. Open tower takes place annually where they welcome groups from other towers. Skegby also has a small worship band who play on the first Sunday for "All Together Worship".

We have a number of home groups that meet, usually, every two weeks. Each has a leader who choose what that particular group studies. Recent studies include;

- Women in the Bible
- Children's Bible stories through adult eyes
- Paul's letter to the Romans
- The Chosen
- Characters in the Bible

During Lent we all meet together weekly at All Saints' and this year we studied Exodus and on Maundy Thursday we held an ecumenical supper in the Parish Hall. Each church has dedicated teams that work well together in all aspects of church life.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Worship across the parish is varied and accessible, reflecting the different contexts of our three churches. Lay leadership plays a significant role in sustaining worship, supported by a committed worship team.

Prayer is central to our life together. We have identified nurturing prayer and inspiring worship as key strengths, providing a strong spiritual foundation for the future.

We have a prayer ministry team who are available in the Lady Chapel at each morning service at St Andrew's for anyone who wants private prayer or who would like people to pray with them.

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Forth Sunday
10am	Skegby All Together Worship	Skegby Holy Communion	Skegby Morning Worship	Skegby Morning Worship
11am	Stanton Hill 1st Sunday Service	Stanton Hill Morning Worship Teversal All Age Worship	Stanton Hill Holy Communion	Stanton Hill Morning Worship
6:30pm	Teversal Evensong	Teversal Holy Communion	Teversal Evensong	Teversal Holy Communion

Additional services are held on special days such as St Andrew's Day, All Saints' Day, Good Friday, Ascension Day, etc.

Children, Young People and Families

We have begun to see some encouraging engagement with children and families, including newer attendance at certain services and activities. Our relationship with local schools is a growing strength, particularly through our partnership with St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, which is an increasingly important point of connection with families.

However, we recognise that this is an area where we need to grow significantly. At present, we are not consistently reaching children, young people, or adults aged 30–50, and we long to become a church where younger generations feel welcomed, engaged, and able to belong.

Each of the three churches have an All Age Worship once a month. At St Andrew's this is café style with a breakfast available. There is a craft table where children can make something based on the theme of the worship and the worship band play the music. It is always well attended but work needs to be done to encourage them to come at additional times in the month with the hope we can, once again, set up a Junior Church and a youth group. Teversal & Skegby celebrate Creation Season and have an A Rocha Bronze Award.



Community Engagement

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Each church is embedded in its local community and seeks to serve in practical and relational ways. Across the parish, this includes initiatives such as open church, midweek “Places of Welcome,” and a well-supported charity shop, The Vine Tree.

The Vine Tree was set up in 1993 when two church members received a donation of £781 from the PCC to establish the shop. Today there is a paid manager and is established on Stanton Hill High Street selling clothes, books, toys, etc. It is open every weekday and Saturday mornings with a team of volunteers. Last year it gave away £2,993 to various groups. Church members are very active including as Trustees.



St Andrew's CofE (VC) Primary School is an average size (PAN 45) and has served the village for over 150 years. The school's distinctive Christian character is enriched by the exceptionally strong connection and partnership with St Andrew's Church. The church plays a crucial part in the school's calendar, with children and their families visiting throughout the year to celebrate key events. It is a deeply caring school where Christian values and teachings are embedded in everyday life. Ofsted and SIAMS both rated the school "good" in July 2023. We are encouraged by the relationship with St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, which provides an important link with children and families. This connection has born fruit and represents a key area of opportunity for deeper engagement and mission.



The Beacon Project is a homeless charity based in Mansfield. All three churches have supported this for some years, both financially and with our Harvest gifts of food and with one of our Church Wardens volunteering much of her time there.

CCC (Coffee, Chat & Cake) is a monthly meeting at All Saints'. Free tea and coffee is available, homemade cakes are for sale and chat in a friendly atmosphere. There is also a book stall and a raffle and the worship area of the church is open for prayer and for people to light candles.

Little Fishes is our pre-school group that meets in St Andrew's every Monday afternoon during term time with babies and toddlers from 0 to 4 years old. We have up to 20 children each week attending with parents or grandparents. The Christian message runs through the activities as we play, do crafts and sing. It is a lively group with parents and children making friends and having fun.



First Sunday Service (FSS) – at All Saints' is worship for all ages. This lively service uses as few written words as possible, includes a craft activity for everyone and encourages times of silence as well as noise.

St Katherine's has open church every Wednesday morning and is registered as a Place of Welcome. People can go in for private prayer, light a candle or just for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. It is much appreciated by the local community and helps combat loneliness and isolation. It also holds four coffee mornings a year and is open every Bank Holiday to welcome walking groups and other visitors.

Food share provides food for people who need it with volunteers from Teversal. It is based in Skegby library and is run in conjunction with the Co-op to help combat waste.

Justice & Peace Group was formed in order to discuss our response to events happening around the world and the issues arising therein. It meets every three months via Zoom and has been involved in planning services for Creation Season, in achieving the A Rocha Bronze Award and in taking care of God's creation, for example, in the Operation Noah campaign to divest from fossil fuels. It has been involved in prayers for the victims in Gaza and in supporting the link between the Diocese and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Christmas is, of course, a special time of year. The Benefice holds a senior citizens Christmas lunch where the choir from St Andrew's School come along and sing carols. There is an Advent Experience held over two days in All Saints' and each of the three churches hold a Christingle service. St Andrew's and All Saints' have their Christmas morning service and Midnight Communion is at St Katherine's.

These ministries offer hospitality, connection, and care, and are an important part of our presence in the community. We also recognise the significant role of our local schools in shaping community life and future generations.

Safeguarding is at the forefront of everything we do. We have a PSO over the whole Benefice and she ensures that DBS checks are renewed as required and that all appropriate training is undertaken. She attends both PCC's.

Our Diocese

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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 Skegby with Teversal 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, 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 Vicar of Skegby with Teversal, to join us on this faith-filled journey.

Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham



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 Skegby, Stanton Hill and Teversal with the gospel of hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. These parishes have a vision to grow the church younger and to continue to build on their 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. I look forward to supporting the congregations of Skegby with Teversal in its mission and welcoming a new Vicar to lead and implement the vision for the parishes.

The Venerable Tors Ramsey, Archdeacon of Newark the Archdeacon

Newstead Deanery

The parish of Skegby with Teversal has a proud heritage, a warm community spirit and significant opportunities for mission. As part of Newstead Deanery, it contributes to a family of churches committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ across our towns and villages. Situated within the Nottinghamshire district of Ashfield, the Deanery serves a diverse and changing population while maintaining a strong local identity. It comprises a mixture of towns and villages of varying sizes in a former coalfield area and has a population of around 140,000 which is growing, with new housing developments.

Within Newstead Deanery, we seek to encourage one another in mission, share resources and expertise, and support one another in prayer and ministry. We believe that every parish has unique gifts to offer, and that together we can bear a stronger witness to Christ than we can alone. The new incumbent of Skegby with Teversal will find supportive clergy and lay colleagues who meet regularly at Deanery Synod and Chapter and as Clusters. We greatly value collaboration and mutual encouragement and a shared commitment to God's mission.

Like many parishes, Skegby with Teversal faces challenges, including engaging younger generations, nurturing new disciples and ensuring the long-term sustainability of its ministry. As a Deanery we support one another through these challenges looking for opportunities to respond, with compassion to the needs of our communities, with courage to embrace new ways of sharing the gospel, and with confidence in the faithfulness of God, who continues to call and equip his Church for mission.

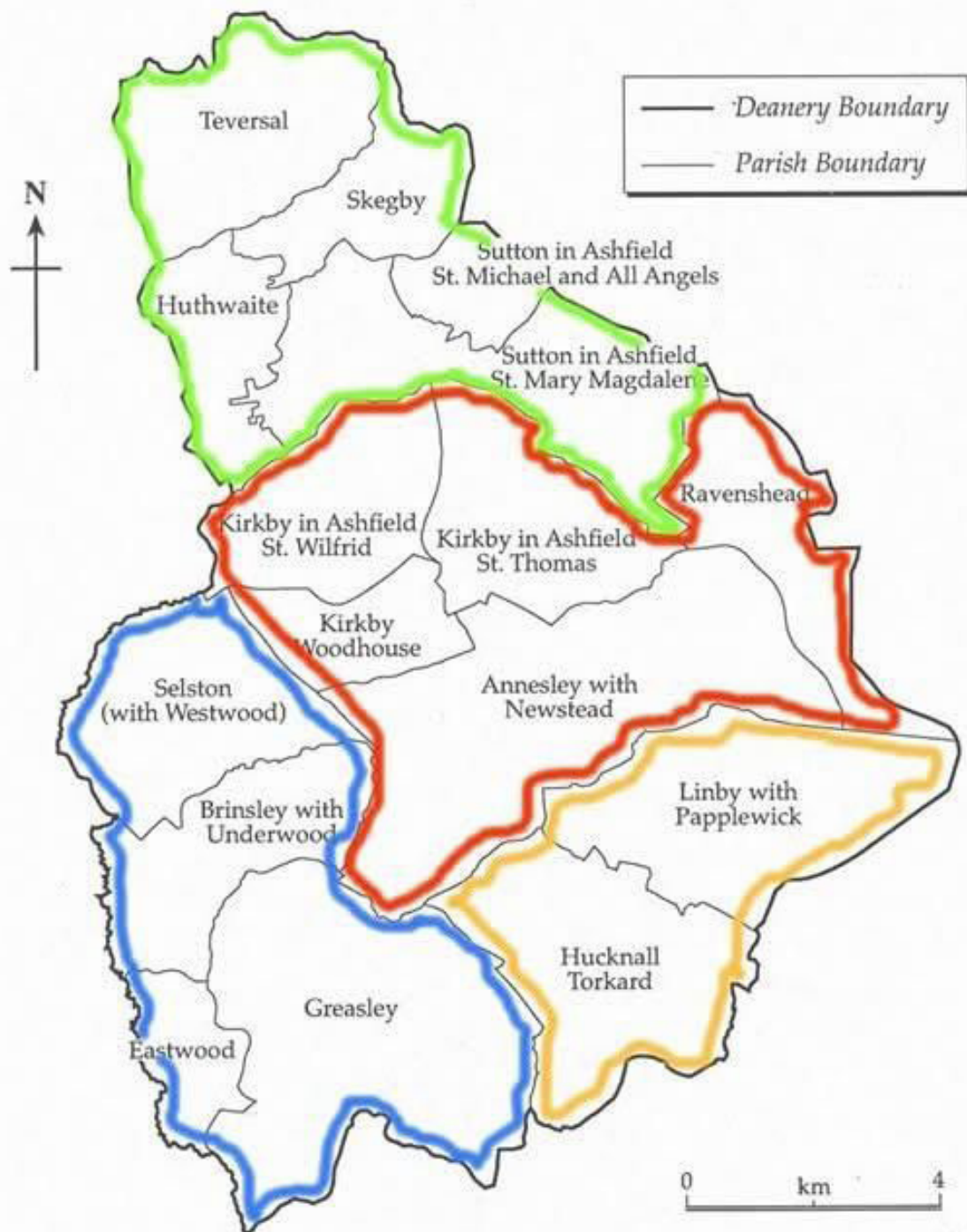
We warmly commend Skegby with Teversal to those discerning God's call. This is a parish with faithful people, strong community connections and a hopeful future. Just as the Teversal Trail connects many places and invites people to journey together, so this parish offers the privilege of walking alongside others in faith, helping them discover the transforming love of Christ and joining in God's mission to grow disciples for his Kingdom.

Revd Dr Lee Gordon, Area Dean



Newstead Deanery

Parish Map





OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

The united Benefice comprises the parishes of Skegby, which includes Stanton Hill, and Teversal. There is much overlapping of mission and ministry and three worship centres each with its own identity and context but sharing a common commitment to serving God and our communities:

- St Andrew's Skegby
- All Saints' Stanton Hil
- St Katherine's Teversal

Although one Benefice we recognise that we are still growing into a stronger sense of shared identity and collaboration across the three churches.

Our buildings include historic church spaces, some dating back to the 12th century, which are both a gift and a responsibility. Alongside these, we have halls and community spaces that offer further potential for mission and engagement.

St Andrew's, Skegby is situated on a hill above Mansfield Road and is Grade 2 listed with some sections dating back to medieval times. The church is in good order with repair work being carried out as necessary. The interior is well cared for and we have just been granted final approval to level the floor and put in more flexible seating. This work will start in August 2026. This is part of an exciting "renewal project" for the church which may, funds permitting, lead to an extension to the church and include a new kitchen area, meeting room and accessible toilet. The churchyard is closed and is in the care of Ashfield District Council but there is an area for cremated remains.

In recent years we have spent a considerable amount on the tower and in 2022 we had new Eco Greener heating system installed which has been a huge benefit especially in the winter months.



All Saints' Church, Stanton Hill is located on Fackley Road in Stanton Hill. It is a stone building built in 1900 and was originally a Chapel of Ease to St Andrew's. It is also in good order. The rear of the building has been converted to provide a social area although the folding wooden partitions can be opened when additional space is needed. Skegby PCC meet here.



St Katherine's, Teversal is situated on Buttery Lane and is a Grade 1 listed beautiful medieval church in a conservation area attracting many visitors. The church is complete with 17th century furnishings with box pews, hatchments and a combined pulpit and reading desk. There is also a Crypt. Generally in good order although the roof needs repairing with a significant sum already raised towards the cost. It stands in the centre of Old Teversal Village.

The Vicarage is set in spacious grounds adjacent to St Andrew's Church. It was built in 1973 and has solar panels, three reception rooms including a study and downstairs toilet and four bedrooms. There is a garage and ample parking. A footpath connects the Vicarage to the church. The Benefice administrator works from here.



St Andrew's Parish Hall is on the main road down the hill from the church. It is well used by local groups as it is available for hire. The Manor Room, Teversal whilst not formally the church hall, is available for the church to use free of charge and is adjacent St Katherine's. Teversal PCC meet here.



WHERE WE ARE

The two most northerly parishes in Newstead Deanery right on the border with Derbyshire. These are former mining communities with a variety of housing from terraced rows to many larger new builds, interspersed with many green fields. We are just five miles from J28 of the M1. We are on the edge of Sutton in Ashfield, close to Mansfield and Chesterfield with the bigger cities of Nottingham, Derby and Sheffield just 45 minutes away.

Skegby is predominantly urban and has a population with Stanton Hill of about 8,500. It is a ribbon village set each side of the B6014. There are good community networks and a real sense of identity. It now acts as a dormitory for Nottingham, Mansfield, Chesterfield, Derby and much of the East Midlands. There are three primary schools including our Church school, recreation areas, a library and three public houses. There is significant new building work on the edge of the parish along Beck Lane.

Stanton Hill is a community within the parish of Skegby. It was built in the late 1800s to serve the coal mines. It has a High Street with shopping facilities where you will also find The Vine Tree – our charity shop. There is a small industrial estate but no public house.

Teversal, including the hamlets of Stanley and Norwood, is a predominantly rural manorial village with a population of less than 1,000. It stretches from the Derbyshire border on its western edge to Stanton Hill. There were two coal mines in the village, the last of which closed in 1993 but, apart from farming, there is little industry. There is a public house and restaurant, The Carnarvon, named after Lord Carnarvon (5th Earl Carnarvon) who funded Howard Carter's journey to find the tomb of Tutankhamun. They were major landowners in Teversal. There is a caravan park and holiday cottages in the village.

The whole area around the three villages is marked with walking trails from the former railway lines serving the collieries. Many of these are now country parks. Just across the fields from Teversal is Hardwick Hall, managed by the National Trust. There is also easy access to the Dukeries including Sherwood Forest and the Major Oak, famous for the legend of Robin Hood.

THE VICARAGE

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The Vicarage is a spacious family home set in large grounds adjacent to St Andrew's church. It is close to local amenities and primary schools and benefits from solar panels to generate electricity.

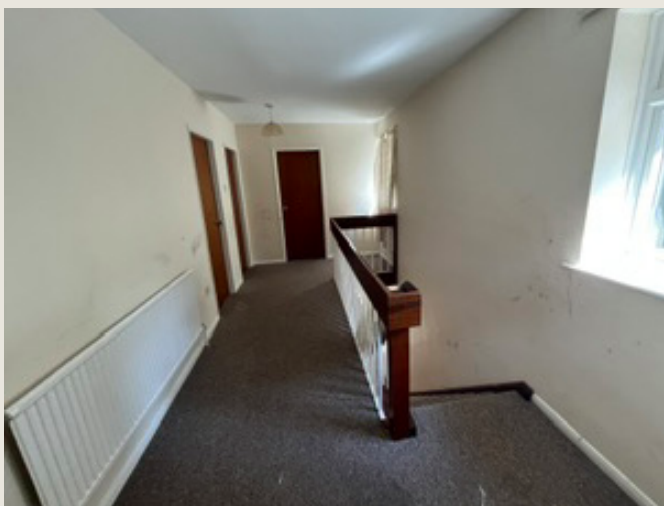
It comprises:

Entrance hall and cloakroom and toilet adjacent to the study where the parish administrator is based.

There's a large lounge, and separate dining room off the kitchen. A new kitchen will be installed for the new vicar. There's also a pantry and utility room off the kitchen.

Upstairs there's three double bedrooms, a large single bedroom, family bathroom and separate toilet.

There's a single garage attached to the house and a large parking area by the entrance. There's a private rear garden and extensive grounds.





St Andrew’s

	2025	2024
Baptisms	4	17
Weddings	1	2
Funerals	17	17

In 2024 the average weekly attendance was 66 adults and 17 children
In 2025 the average weekly attendance was 53 adults and 8 children

All Saints’

	2025	2024
Baptisms	2	4
Weddings	0	0
Funerals	1	1

In 2024 the average weekly attendance was 21 adults and 0.5 children.
In 2025 the average weekly attendance was 21 adults and 1.5 children.

St Katherine’s

	2025	2024
Baptisms	2	4
Weddings	0	0
Funerals	1	1

In 2024 the average weekly attendance was 27 adults and 1.4 children.
In 2025 the average weekly attendance was 24 adults and 1.5 children.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

St Andrew's

	2025	2024
Income	£116,515	£215,821*
Expenditure	£100,189	£140,915
Cash Balance	£133,571	£149,360

Includes a legacy of £79,214

All Saints'

	2025	2024
Income	£ 28,581	£ 99,289*
Expenditure	£26,774	£19,089
Cash Balance	£93,456	£96,649

Includes a legacy of £79,214

St Katherine's

	2025	2024
Income	£ 79,556	£ 55,096
Expenditure	£ 38,658	£ 50,335
Cash Balance	£ 48,858 (inc designat- ed funds)	£ 7,960

	2025 Ask/Paid	2024 Ask/Paid
Skegby (inc Stanton Hill)	62124/62124	59739/59739
Teversal	22212/11000	21360/21360

Parish Map



Conclusion

The parishes of Skegby w Teversal is a community with deep roots, strong relationships, and a genuine openness to change. We believe God is already at work among us and in our communities.

We are ready to take the next step, growing together as one Benefice, reaching out with confidence, and becoming the church God is calling us to be.

Visits to the parishes are warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit please contact;

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