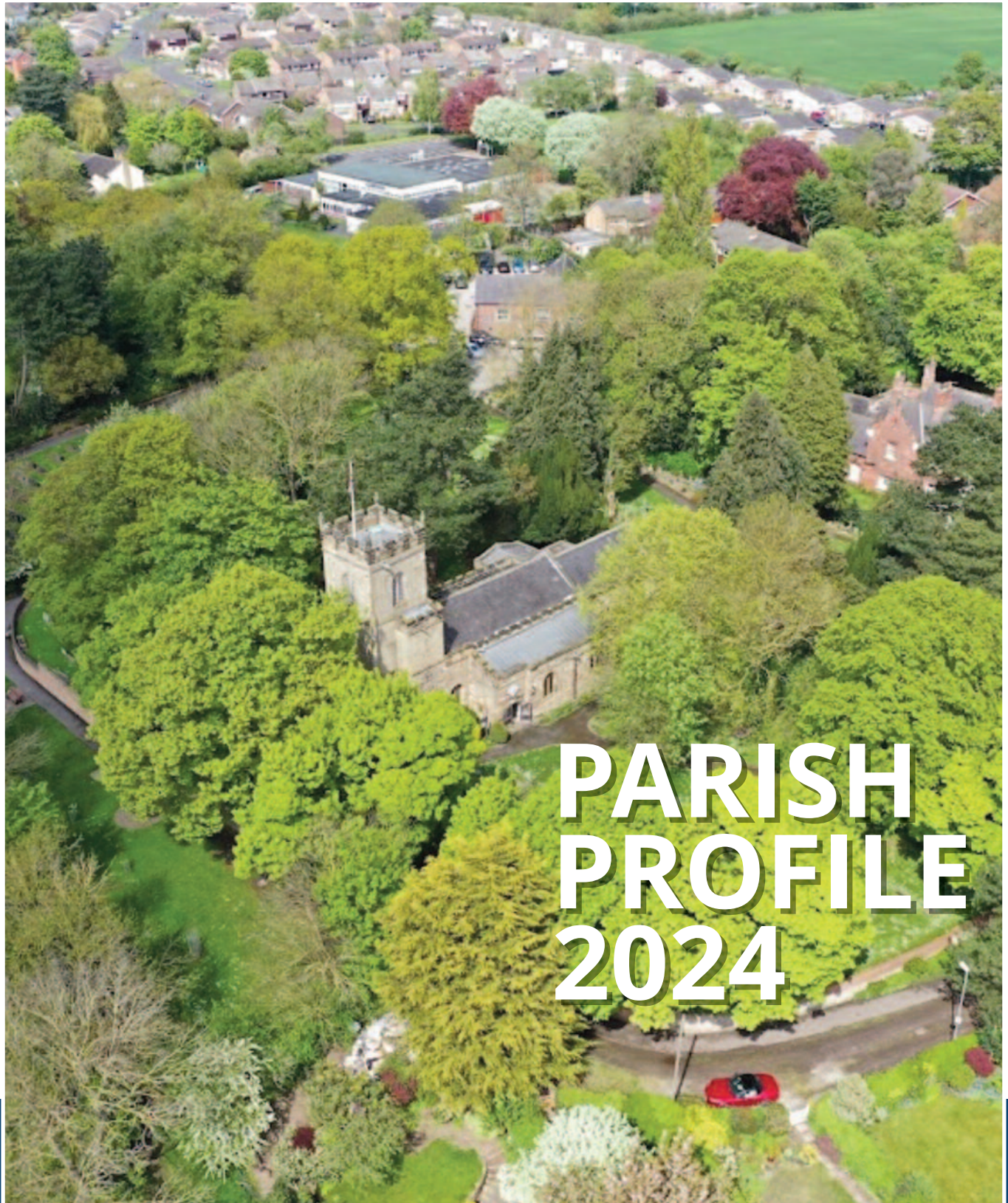


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

PARISH OF EGGLESCLIFFE  
IN THE DIOCESE OF DURHAM



St John The Baptist Church, Egglecliffe with CofE school in the background

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## Our Diocesan Vision - An introduction from Bishop Sarah

This is an exciting time to be exploring joining the Diocesan family in Durham Diocese. We are on the cusp of a fresh chapter in our mission and ministry together. We are currently discerning with the National Church who will be the next Bishop of Durham, called to lead as we seek to make real our vision for the transformation we so desire across our Diocese. We are deeply encouraged by the award this year of significant national funding, demonstrating real confidence in our vision.

Our strategy for transformation and missional growth ('Called to Fruitfulness') is an opportunity and invitation for each of our parishes to step out in faith together, responding practically to our priorities to **Challenge Poverty, Energise Growth, Care for God's Creation** and **Engage with Children, Youth and Young Adults**. Making this a reality it will look different in every community. In some places it will come about in collaboration with others. Nobody is expected to do everything immediately or alone, but we are all invited and expected to find ways to respond relevantly.

In Egglecliffe this feels particularly relevant. We sense the importance of **Energising Growth** – in discipleship and in the number of people served by and engaging in the life of our churches. We also sense the importance of **Challenging Poverty, Engaging with Children and Young People** and **Caring for God's Creation** in an area with lots of families, with some significant pockets of poverty, and with deeply rooted communities that still look to, and are open to, the local church.

In praying for a new Priest for St John's we are looking for someone excited by and wanting to be part of this vision and new future. Together we pray hopefully

*Loving God, guiding the people of Durham Diocese faithfully through the years:*

*We thank you for saints who have marked our path,  
young and old, known and unknown, from all places and in all walks of life.  
Help us to find your way in our generation:  
transformed by your truth, sharing your life, blessing our communities.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen*

We look forward to meeting together  
and sharing in this with you.

In Christ,

**+Sarah**  
**Bishop of Jarrow**  
**Acting Bishop of Durham**







An open door to extend a warm welcome to everyone

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St John the Baptist Church

## Welcome to our Parish Profile

The parish of Eggescliffe is at the southernmost part of the Diocese of Durham, the river Tees between Eggescliffe and Yarm separates us from the Diocese of York.

We are looking forward to welcoming and supporting a new incumbent to lead us and minister with us, and support and develop our parish and church family to realise our shared vision of

***“Working Together to Grow a Community, Sharing, Supporting and Valuing Everyone”***

through reaching out to the community around us, providing a place of welcome and hospitality to people of all walks

of life, and energising our mission together. We are praying for the opportunity to share the Good News of Christ, in line with our Diocesan mission - Blessing our communities in Jesus’s name, for the transformation of us all.

We seek a priest who is full of faith, understands our context and values, and who can help us discern the potential for mission and growth, working with us to strengthen our congregations, to reach the younger people and families of our communities and who is ready to innovate and take the initiative. We have recently completed the Vacancy Audit Process and our PCC has a clear sense of the opportunities and challenges we face and are

keen to work with our new Priest to reinvigorate our mission and life together as we ***“Work Together to Grow a Community, Sharing, Supporting and Valuing Everyone.”***

We are known as a very friendly, warm and welcoming church with regular services of worship, family and children’s events.

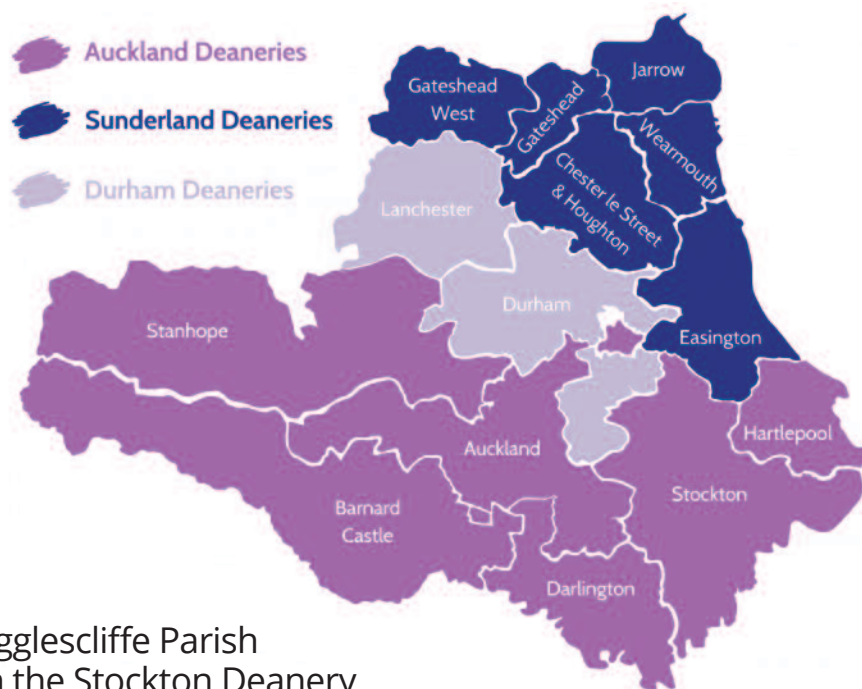


Children’s activities



The picturesque village of Egglecliffe is home to our beautiful, Norman style, perpendicular and historic church which is dedicated to St John The Baptist. Services have been held in our church for well over 900 years. Egglecliffe village is located on the top of a hill looking over the river Tees with the town of Yarm at the bottom.

The parish of Egglecliffe includes the areas north of the river Tees, Aislaby, Newsom, Urray Nook, up to Egglecliffe golf course, Orchard Estate, Sunningdale Estate, Allens West towards Elton and several new housing developments towards Teesside Airport.



Egglecliffe Parish  
in the Stockton Deanery  
of Durham Diocese

## St John the Baptist Church

The church building originates from the 1100s and has had additions over the years, the most recent being an annexe built in 2009 including a toilet, kitchen and additional storage space, with access to a patio area at the north side which is used for coffee after our morning service in the summer months and also for picnics after some of our events. The last QI inspection report was received in 2022, we carry out regular maintenance throughout the year. No major work is required however, some stonework needs to be re-pointed. The general fabric of the church is in good condition.

Considering the age of the church building it is accessible to non-ambulant people with disabilities and has good access to the toilet facilities. The church yard is closed and is well maintained by Stockton Borough Council who cut the grass on average every ten days. The hedges are maintained by the church maintenance team.

We are proud to have ten ringing bells in St John's. There are two bell ropes ("sallies") in the main body of the church which are for ringing the two large bells, dating from about 1400 and 1665.

Upstairs in the tower there are tubular bells as a Carillon, financed upon the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. These eight bells are often rung to play hymn tunes before Sunday services, at wedding celebrations and at Christmas time will ring carols.

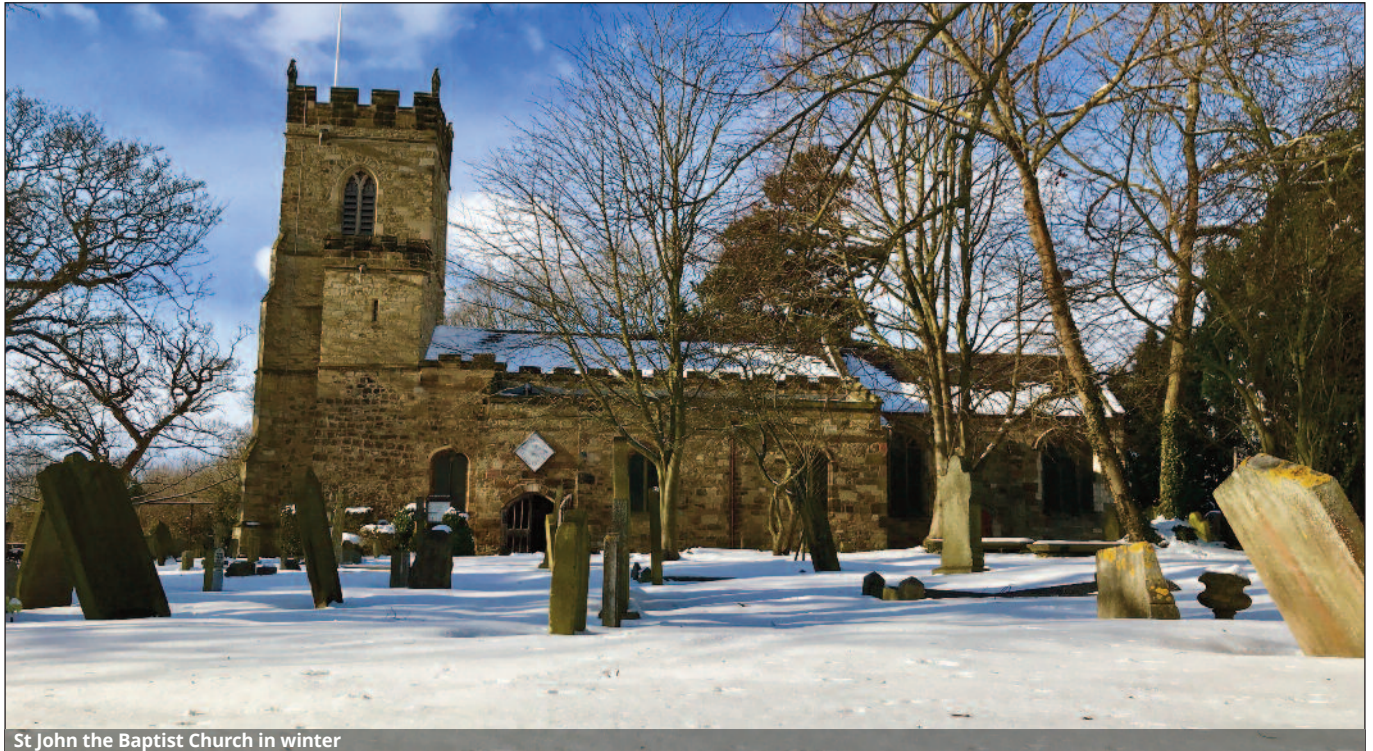
Our church is used by a variety of groups including a history group meeting one afternoon per month with invited speakers. We enjoy visits from local uniformed organisations who find the church and churchyard exciting to be within and around – the belfry is always a point of wonder and fun for scout groups who find that they can ring the bells which has lead to several Duke of Edinburgh award participants using bell ringing as a new task to master.

At all of our services we offer a very warm welcome to everyone! Children are always welcome in our services. We are open-minded, adaptable and welcoming, with a diverse set of skills and experiences. Our two churchwardens are committed to ensuring the life of our church has continued during our vacancy. We have an active leadership team, taking on roles of leading worship, intercessions and officiating at funerals. There are seven church members who are licensed to assist with the administration of the chalice, we have five people who lead our intercessions, fifteen people are on our readers rota and we have three vergers. We have two church members who are commissioned Lay Funeral Ministers.

Services at St John's include 10:00am All Age Worship service the first Sunday of each month, a 10:00am eucharist service on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday and twice per month we have a Sunday 8:00am eucharist service.



# Our Beautiful Church Building



Our congregation at Sunday 10:00am services have an average number of 55 to 60 people attending. On the days of the All Age Worship this number can be much increased with the attendance of families and those who are preparing for or following baptism. We have a mid-week prayer with eucharist gathering.

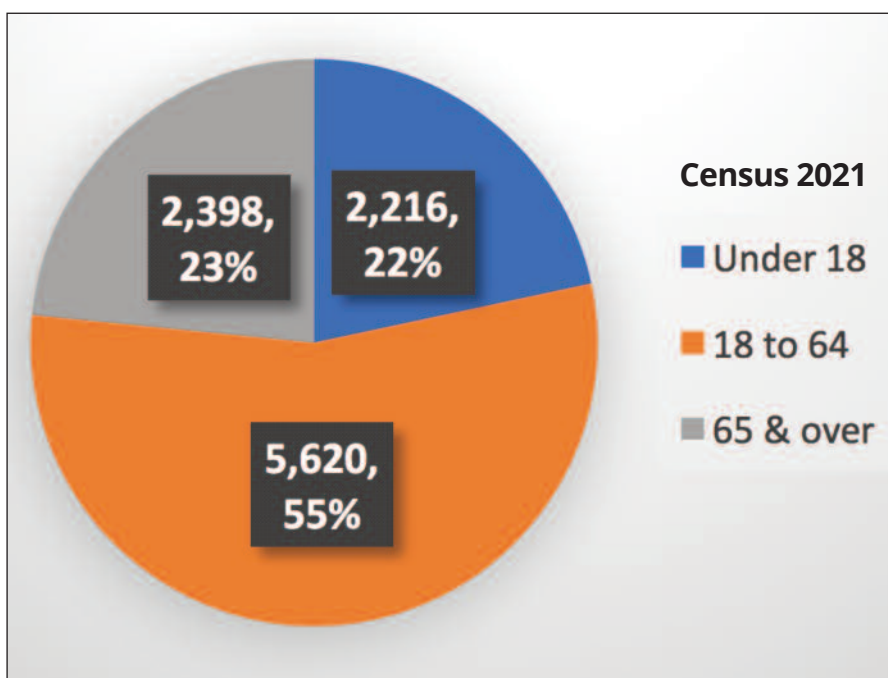
The 2021 census notes the population of Egglecliffe as being 10,244. The electoral roll was 94 in April 2023.

Successful Lent and Advent bible study groups are offered and these have been well attended and this has given people the opportunity to learn more about

Jesus in a supported, informal and well structured manner. Many of our church family have taken part in Alpha groups. These bible study times has generated positive feedback from those attending and for some a deeper faith is now known.

There is a committed and dedicated group of people who form our Mission Group. The mission group ensure that when and where known there is need for some support to the housebound or people in residential care, they can have visits and regular communion including at times of need such as transport to appointments a helping hand is available.

We have a lay leader who takes home communion into our local care home and to the house-bound on a regular basis.







North side patio area, perfect for coffee mornings and social gatherings



# All Age Worship

Our monthly All Age Worship is a joyful gathering of people who enjoy a more contemporary style of worship. It is a time when we welcome our baptism candidates prior to their baptism service and where the month later we anoint them to complete the process.

All of the activities are child friendly and we try to involve our children as much as we can in all aspects of the service. We have the small but



dedicated 'Bright Lights' puppet team who add to the worship experience. Our prayers of intercession are interactive and again involve people of all ages in

a variety of prayer activities. This is a very welcoming service where parents of young children can relax and not worry about the glorious chaos that very often ensues.



Crafts for everyone and puppets for all



## Encounter

Encounter is a fun, interactive worship experience for the children of Egglescliffe CE Primary School. The children attend in their key stage groups. The theme follows either a topic being covered in school or appropriate to the church calendar.

Each session lasts about one hour. There is a time of worship, a bible story followed by 'zone' time. We have four zones; craft, worry zone, private prayer zone and a prayer space activity. We are constantly amazed at the depth of faith the children have and how confident they are in expressing

themselves. Their school faith journey culminates in the year six leavers' service which takes place in church where each child is given information about local Christian youth activities as well as being presented with the gift of a full youth bible.

## Marriage Preparation

Once a year we hold our marriage preparation evening. This gives couples an opportunity to spend time just for themselves reflecting on the commitment they are about to make. We make this a beautiful event which covers many topics. We discuss the five love languages and why they are important. We discuss why getting married in church is such a good thing to do.

Couples are invited to consider 'why this one?' Out of all of humanity why are they choosing 'this one' to commit their lives to. We share the Christian faith with them and talk about how God strengthens marriage.

Financial issues are highlighted and we signpost our guests to various sources of advice for good financial relationships. The feedback to this event has always been very positive.

We close these meetings by each person writing a prayer for their partner. We light candles at the altar table, say a final prayer and have a Prosecco toast for each bride and groom.



Marriage Preparation Evenings



# Baptism

As in many churches we are contacted most frequently by parents/guardians who wish to have their children baptised and, when the occasion arises, Rev Syliva is always happy to talk to adults who may be considering baptism.

With her support, we continue to maintain our pre-baptism preparation for forthcoming candidates. This involves attending an evening meeting with other families to chat about the meaning of baptism, and why you are bringing your children to be baptised.

It is so encouraging when the families after their baptism day continue to attend our All Age Worship, it's a fun way to have Jesus in their lives, with songs, prayers and the puppets!

At the preparation meetings we go through the service and also write prayers for the little ones and light candles. This meeting is lead by Rev Sylvia and our churchwarden, Dee.

We encourage questions to be asked so everyone can join in with their views etc. We also take the time to fill in all the official forms on the evening and check all the details are correct.

The families are encouraged to attend All Age Worship a month before their baptism, this is where our church family welcomes the candidates. We can celebrate baptisms in church during services, it is a joyful time which everyone enjoys. The month after Baptism again families return to church for the final part of the Baptism the Anointing, they also then bring their baptism candles to relight.



Prayers and Puppets



Pre-Baptism preparation sessions with Rev Sylvia



Pre-Baptism preparation sessions with Rev Sylvia



# Flowers for our Church Building

St. John's have a dedicated flower arranging team with a rota for weekly fresh flowers for the altar. The Church is decorated for the three major religious festivals - Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

In addition to the main festivals' flowers are arranged for our Patronal Festival, Palm Sunday, Easter, Remembrance Sunday and Advent. New helpers are always welcome!

Some of our national celebrations have been beautifully exhibited in St John's by very talented members.

The rood screen in St John's lends itself to dignified floral expressions of remembrance.



The Rood Screen decorated for Remembrance Sunday



Flower displays for Christmas



Flowers decorating the Chancel for a very special national occasion



# Mothers' Union

At St. John's we have a thriving branch which was established over a 100 years ago. We meet in Church once a month when we socialise or listen to a variety of speakers followed by refreshments. We also participate in Deanery meetings and activities and outings including the annual Durham Cathedral Mothers' Union service in which each branch of the Diocese parades their banner.

We also support local charities and the MU's chosen charity of the year. Through the Mothers' Union we have been able to source vital supportive information which is easily available in church for people who may be suffering from any kind of abuse in relationships.



## Weekly Community Coffee Mornings

Our Wednesday Coffee Morning is very well attended and offers a friendly atmosphere and safe space for many older and vulnerable people. It goes from strength to strength and provides a warm welcome to the young and not so young people in our community.

We always have something to celebrate and a good time is invariable had by all. For many it is a highlight in the week, when they meet up with friends old and new.

We have welcomed many new people this year and several generations often come together and meet up for the fellowship. We also welcome visitors and walking groups who pop in from time to time to look around our beautiful church.

Fellowship is vital to the wellbeing of so many. In the words of a regular, "Church encompasses my whole being and is the joy of my life. Friendship and helpfulness in the church keeps me going".



Community Coffee Mornings



Community Coffee Mornings



Community Coffee Mornings





Christmas Friendship Lunch

## Monthly Friendship Lunches

For several years now we have held our monthly Friendship Lunch in the parish hall. A small but dedicated team provide a simple two course lunch of soup and desert for around 30 to 40 guests. This is followed by a different form of entertainment each month. We have special events in the summer and at Christmas. This is an extremely popular event for those in our community who are widowed or alone for whatever reason as well as for older couples who enjoy meeting friends. It has become something of a lifeline for many of our guests.

Pictured right is our Friendship lunch in the parish hall at Christmas – a very happy event with delicious food, entertainment and much fun!! It is an added delight that the village school choir come along to sing Christmas carols and songs at this event!



Monthly Friendship Lunch



Christmas Friendship Lunch



# Messy Church

Messy Church at St. John's features fun activities, crafts, games, interactive worship, refreshments, and entertainment from the Bright Lights puppet team for all the family.

Children's activity in church is an area we seek development in going forward.



Messy Church



Messy Church



Messy Church



# Challenging Poverty

As part of our desire to commit to the Diocesan priority of challenging poverty we have an annual Christmas gift giving appeal for the homeless, ensuring that adults as well as children have items often taken for granted in today's world.

We have close connections to an organisation who travel to Romania on an annual basis to deliver shoe boxes filled with donations for children and adults alike. Our harvest donations are given to local food banks and **The Salvation Army**.

In the church there is a permanent collection for **The Mary Thomson Fund**, a hardship fund that responds to the critical and emergency needs of those who are seeking asylum or are settled refugees in the Tees Valley. This supports people who find themselves homeless, by providing weekly food parcels. We also have collections from some church services which provide donations for asylum seekers and at times of worldwide disasters. The church supports the charity **Water Aid** every year by collecting loose change during Lent in jam jars.

**The Children's Society** benefit from our Christingle services which are mutually taken with our local uniformed organisations.

**The Trussel Trust** Supports a nationwide network of food banks and provides emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.







St John's beautiful stained glass windows

## *Energising Growth*

We are open minded, adaptable and welcoming, with a diverse set of skills and experiences. We have an active leadership team, taking on roles of leading worship, intercessions and officiating at funerals. Regular members of the congregation say they have enjoyed the rich variety of ideas and differing worship styles offered by the rota of our retired clergy.

Reverend Sylvia Wilson retired from her post of Priest in Charge in June 2021 and in that time we have been blessed with the support of four retired clergy members.

Our church family are deeply indebted to these four generous and gifted people who have supported our services throughout the last 3 years.

Indeed our church family has grown in numbers over these past years, it has been a pleasure to welcome over twelve new people to our church who have become regular worshippers.



# Care for God's Creation

We are very positive in doing our utmost to ensure that all we do in our ancient church has the least impact on the environment. Our after service refreshments are served in recyclable cups as is our communion wine, all items that can be recycled are recycled and a dedicated member of our family ensures the recycling is collected regularly by the local council.

We have replaced all of the light bulbs to LEDs within the church building and our boilers were upgraded in 2009.

The churchyard has within it a protected area where the local council allow for wild flowers etc to thrive and the 'No mow in May' theory is employed.



St John's Churchyard



Palm Sunday Communion using recyclable cups



# Engaging with Children, Youth and Young Adults

Currently our weekly services tend to be of a more traditional style, and as expected this tends to appeal to older church attenders (and these numbers have seen a recent increase). We would however love to see more young people and families coming, and we would appreciate some guidance and new ideas in this direction.

Our monthly **All Age Worship** services are less formal occasions, where the worship is led by a small band of musicians and is of a more modern style, with puppet ministry. This service is also often attended by local families who are contemplating baptism. There is an area at the back of church with toys and a small space for play. In previous years there was a weekly

**Sparks** children's group, and for a number of years (2014-2022) we hosted a youth worker from Tees Valley Youth for Christ, (YFC) we look forward to hopefully welcoming more YFC people when the organisation is able to resume this work. As well as working in the nearby primary school our YFC member, worked with the older youth in church, running weekly life groups, a youth Alpha and the Friday after-school club for local year 6 children. The life group was taken over by the Youth worker team from All Saints (a nearby parish) but recently folded, as many of this cohort of young people have moved on to university, or attend other local churches with thriving youth ministry.

Previously St John's was home to weekly toddlers' groups run either in the Church or from the parish hall by church members, and many years ago we enjoyed very successful and popular **Messy Church** events which we would like to reintroduce.



All ages are encouraged and supported



Children's Nativity Play





Film show activity in St. John's Nave

## Challenges

As mentioned previously, the demographic of our congregation is decidedly on the older side, with the majority being retired. Since this is the largest growing proportion of the population, in some ways this represents great opportunity!

Many of them have grown up with and appreciate a more traditional church model. There is an understanding that this traditional model is not for everyone, and a keenness to see growth, though how we negotiate this without alienating our current membership is a challenge we will need help navigating.

We are praying for a priest to join us who will be able to take the opportunity of the new homes being built in our parish who will have a heart for engaging with families, children and young people, encouraging them to grow in faith with ability for introducing services which will be attractive in nature and format to those who do not currently attend the more

traditional Sunday morning services. We recognise many family activities such as sports take place on Sunday mornings.

It is our vision that St. John's Church building would become a hub meeting the needs of all people of all ages.

As for many other churches, there is a need for increasing giving as far as possible to maximise the work we can do in the community. Parish income is derived from a variety of sources including regular gift aid and the Parish Giving Scheme. The Parish share of £44,732.00 for 2023 was paid in full.



Easter at St. John's



# Hopes for the Future

Everyone who knows St John's is desperately praying and hoping that it will continue its thousand-year legacy as a source of light and hope to the community, as the **"church on the hill"** (Egglescliffe – in old English).

As previously mentioned, there is a fear that as the congregation ages and becomes less vibrant, the church will too. Although we are keen to see God's glorious joyful life and vitality burst from its doors, we are mindful not to alienate the current membership.

We would love to see some alternative services – perhaps not in place of those that are currently serving people's needs. Ideas have included Sunday evening services, (perhaps once a month – either a more modern worship space, or a quiet prayerful one); restarting Messy Church; being a "warm space" or a hub for people of all ages and backgrounds and thereby increasing the accessibility to those who wouldn't normally consider themselves "church" people.

Some of us would love to see a more joined up approach with the neighbouring churches. Each individual church cannot be all things to all people, but by working in partnership we can provide for and get the best out of a more diverse group of the church family. Whatever we evolve into, we know that we must have Jesus at the very centre of it, and we long for a deeper relationship with God for all of us, one that is not satisfied with the status quo but which truly changes us and through us leads more people to the peace and hope of salvation in Christ.

We have a beautiful Harrison pipe organ, which is annually maintained, but sadly is often only played for weddings and funerals or the occasional recital by visiting organists. There are members of our congregation who find organ music takes them into a wonderful place to worship God. To have someone to lead us back into the world of organ music at Sunday services together with someone who might galvanise people of all ages into singing in a

choir. We have to acknowledge the music provided at the moment for which we are very grateful but to achieve a choir and an organist would enhance our church and glorify our Saviour in untold ways for some members of our church family.

We have an active Events Team who organise different fund raising and social events throughout the year. Murder mystery, pudding nights, treasure hunts, quizzes, hosting of musical festivals and organ recitals amongst others are events which attract many people from not only our church family but also from far and wide and indeed are opportunities to raise the much-needed funds for our church and for us all to enjoy a relaxed and social time together.



Tasty activities for all



A church for all ages and faiths





Palm Sunday service starting in the Parish Hall

## Egglescliffe Parish Hall

The parish hall is also owned by the church, the building is leased to Egglescliffe Parish Hall Association (EPHA) who have responsibility of the running and maintenance of the hall, they pay the church a peppercorn rent.

The hall is well-used by the local gardening club, resident association meetings, birthday parties and other celebrations, foodbank collections also take place in the hall.

St John's have use of the hall on Sundays and on other agreed days of the month. We have a very successful monthly Friendship Lunch which is held on the first Tuesday of each month in the parish hall and is very well-run with a dedicated team of volunteers and is always well-attended with regular and non-regular worshipping people, everyone is always welcome.

Some services, such as Palm Sunday for example begin in the parish hall and proceed over to the church.



Palm Sunday procession to the Church



Palm Sunday procession to the Church



Palm Sunday procession to the Church



# Schools Within Eggescliffe Parish

Within the parish of Eggescliffe there is a Church of England Primary School in Eggescliffe village, voluntary controlled within the Durham Diocesan Multi Academy Trust.

With 270 children attending and a waiting list for places, Eggescliffe school was rated good in its 2022 Ofsted inspection and in the 2023 Phonics screening resulted in the school being in the top 1% of all primary schools in the whole country.

There are many opportunities for working with Eggescliffe CE Primary School. There are monthly whole school assemblies. Preparation for taking Holy Communion takes place in year five and six using diocesan preparation materials. Some children take Holy Communion at the year six leavers service in July.

Along with the children attending St John's for Encounter we have an after-school activity known as **Lighthouse** for year 6 pupils attending the local CofE school.

There are board games, computer games, crafts, football and refreshments. There is also a short Bible time when the children are encouraged to think about faith.

Lighthouse is lead by **Tees Valley Youth for Christ** and members of St John's have assisted. This year however a team of Youth for Christ students have been assisting and it has been such an encouragement to see how they relate to the children and share the relevance of Christ in their lives with them.

Within the boundary of the school is the independent Rosedene nursery school which is very well-attended and a member of our community where we hope to develop and foster close working in the future with the little ones and staff members.

Durham Lane School is located within the Orchard area, whom we have a good relationship with. We have progressed from assemblies for major Christian

events to monthly assemblies on various topics.

There are excellent opportunities for building good relationships with all of the local schools. Contact has recently been made to all of our local schools and hopefully this will result in re-established relationships with Junction Farm School, located on the opposite side of Orchard to Durham Lane School and Links Primary School, situated in the Sunningdale area of our parish.

Eggescliffe Comprehensive + 6th Form college. Close relationships between our previous Youth For Christ members and the school were enjoyed but the arrival of Covid and the ensuing problems encountered in recruitment of YFC people has resulted in the contact now being less than we would like. This is an area where we hope for development of relationship and leadership from our new Parish Priest.



Eggescliffe CE Primary School



# Our Local Community

At some time during 1400 Bishop Skirlaw of Durham built the bridge of stone which still stands today and links Egglecliffe and surrounding areas to Yarm. The larger town of Stockton on Tees is only 5 miles away and Darlington is 9 miles away.

Teesside International airport is 4 miles away, there are three railway stations locally, Allens West, Egglecliffe and Yarm which have good rail links throughout the country.

Egglecliffe is within easy reach of major roads A19, A66 and the A1.

Orchard and Sunningdale estates are long-established housing

developments and each have a shopping parade and a pub which meet locals' needs and those of the new developments.

Additionally there is at Orchard a thriving community centre which offers various classes and social activities as well as two amateur theatre groups and a community space. There are large supermarkets in Orchard and Yarm which serve the local communities and wider.

In the village of Egglecliffe there is a popular village pub, The Pot & Glass, which is directly opposite to St John's and sometimes humorously referred to as the 'other worship centre' of the village.

Within the locality there is a health centre, one residential nursing home, several bed and breakfast businesses and Air B&Bs and numerous hospitality venues.

Next door to our parish is the parish of Preston-On-Tees and the church of All Saints. We have a healthy relationship with All Saints church and would like to enrich and strengthen this relationship further. The opportunity of working together in the faith of Jesus with All Saints has not been fully explored and could lead to the opportunity of development which could enrich both church families with the support of a forwarding looking, energetic new 'priest' these relationships could be beneficial to all age groups across our two parishes.

## Yarm

We are fortunate that our parish borders the pretty town of Yarm. Just a short stroll down the hill from the church we have the charming Yarm cobbled High Street, a national award winner in the Great British High Street Awards. There we have many boutiques shops, cosy cafes, pubs, wine bars and restaurants to enjoy, wrapped around by the River Tees and surrounded by countryside. Yarm is the perfect place to shop and socialise for the whole family.

Where else in the county could you live with so many beautiful destinations on your doorstep? The North Yorkshire Moors, Yorkshire Dales and the stunning North-East coast are only a short drive away with The Lakes and Northumbria also within easy reach. Those who enjoy walking or touring the coast and country side are spoilt for choice.



Yarm bridge that connects Egglecliffe to Yarm and beyond



Yarm high street





The magnificent Preston Park Museum

## Preston Park

Just outside the Parish boundary stands one of the jewels of our area, Preston Park nestled beside the River Tees.

This 100-acre park has various riverside and woodland walks, a Museum, which contains items relating to the history of Stockton and Egglescliffe with special exhibitions from time to time, a Victorian Street, walled garden, children's play area, skate park, cafe and Butterfly World.

There is also a small gauge railway run by volunteers most Sundays and bank holidays. The park also holds a variety of family friendly events throughout the year



Preston Park Museum



Teesside Princess River Tees Preston Park Quay Landing Stage



# Finances

## EGGLESCLIFFE P.C.C.

Year Ended 31 Dec 2023 - Briefing for PCC

Balances		31/12/2022		31/12/2023			
Barclays		£12,711.43		£6,572.24			
CBF Deposit Fund		£19,057.64		£19,668.42	[6]		
		£31,769.07		£26,240.66			
Income		2023	2022	Expenditure	2023	2022	
[1]	Giving under Gift Aid	£38,020.37	35263	[9]	Parish Share	£44,792.00	32325
[2]	Tax recovered	£11,517.28	9540	[10]	Administration	£9,171.45	9320
[3]	Giving - non Gift Aid	£4,222.90	4879	[11]	Utilities	£7,139.04	3710
[4]	Fund Raising	£5,248.23	3610	[12]	Maintenance	£4,913.17	5541
[5]	Legacy	£3,000.00	-	[12a]	Plus extraordinary item	£1,500.83	-
[6]	Interest	£610.80	248	[13]	Church Activties	£1,875.15	3730
[7]	Other voluntary receipts	£2,411.00	6101	[14]	Fund Raising Costs	£1,600.35	913
[8]	Church Activities	£1,578.38	3649	[15]	Mission & Charitable Giving	£650.00	152
		£66,608.96	63290			£71,641.99	55691

[1] Includes Parish Giving, Standing orders, Good Box

[2] Income Tax on Gift Aid, VAT from LPoW scheme.

[4] Events and stalls (e.g. Produce).

[5] From the late Barbara Huebner

[6] CBF Deposit fund interest to 30/9/23 - excludes Q4 interest pending receipt of statement

[7] Occasional service fees. Excludes fees collected on behalf of DBF, Organists etc.

[8] Donations for Coffee, History Group, sales of goods/literature

[9] 2023 sharepaid in full

[10] Includes Insurance, administrator's remuneration, licenses etc.

[11] Gas, Electricity, Water

[12] Includes cleaning & janitorial

[12a] Extraordinary maintenance item - boiler repairs

[13] Services, Youth activities, hospitality

[14] Cost of events (e.g. pie & peas supper, harmony choir) Also cost of Good Box

## Stockton Deanery

**Stockton Deanery** is a vibrant and energetic place to work and live, one whose vision is a unity, working collaboratively with a shared developed vision for the future. We are currently working together revising our deanery plan, we hope to set our vision/plan for the next three years. The chapter has an essential role in reflecting and praying together and feeding through to the deanery standing committee its thoughts and views,

and we hope to share our views at Synod at some point in the summer. The clergy are all good friends and work well together, chapter meetings are essential for pastoral care of one another and a place for encouragement, sharing good news stories and helping where we can when needed. The person that comes to St John's will indeed join a very supportive chapter team.

We pray that the right person will sense the leading of the Holy Spirit to come and join us to develop further the mission of not only St John's but the wider deanery.

We look forward to welcoming the new incumbent of St John the Baptist Egglecliffe soon.





From the Churchyard



Candles



Christmas Friendship Lunch





War Memorial





The stunning view from the top of the tower



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