

Curacy Profile for Holy Trinity Hinckley



Holy Trinity is a church family of all ages, from a variety of backgrounds with one key thing in common – we trust and follow Jesus. And, we'd love other people to know Him too. We are **Evangelical** and **Anglican** – though the congregation is made up of people from both Anglican and Free Church backgrounds.



OUR VISION AND PRIORITIES

A couple of Scriptures have been particularly significant to us in recent years:

The first is that of a **City on a Hill** (Matthew 5v14) - we feel called to be a community of grace holding out the grace and gospel of Jesus Christ to the town and World.

The second is **Vine and Branches** (John 15v5) – to remain connected to Jesus, whilst also knowing the Father's pruning, which we have experienced through times of planting and weakness, yet looking to God for growth and fruitfulness.

We renewed our vision in 2017, with the emphasis that **God is our Vision** – it is him that we look to and desire. It is his love, ultimately shown at the Cross of Christ that is our heartbeat and motivation.

Flowing from this, we confirmed 3 key aims:

1. **Growing in Maturity** - we want everyone at Trinity to grow in knowing God and living for him.
2. **Serving in Ministry** - as a diverse people, we are given different gifts by God to serve one another and those around us. We want everyone to be serving appropriately in God's ministry.
3. **Being on Mission** - as people forgiven by God and brought into his family, we want the world to know him too. So our aim is to share the Gospel and Grace of Jesus Christ with people in Hinckley and across the world.

We consider these three things to be given by God and essential:

- **The Bible** - God's Living Word, as the basis of our faith and knowledge of God and all he calls us to be and do.
- **Prayer** - Talking to God, to express the relationship he has brought us into, and our dependence on him for all that we are and do.
- **Fellowship** - God calls us to be a Church, a people following Jesus together - we need each other.

And our ministry has a number of supports – Leaders, Teams, Staff, Partners, IT, Fabric and Finances.

We encourage each member of the church family to being growing in Christ, to serve in an area that God has equipped them, and to play their part in mission.

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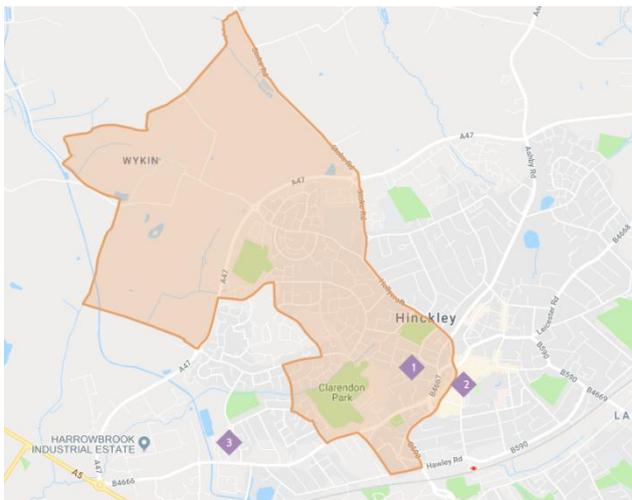


PARISH SETTING

Hinckley is a post-industrial market town, which used to have a big knitwear and hosiery industry, but since that has largely closed down its big employers have been Triumph motorcycles, National Grid (now Cadent) and it has a number of distribution hubs (e.g. DPD) and light manufacturing. The town is mostly working class, though a number of people commute to Leicester, Coventry and Birmingham for work.

Hinckley and Burbage have a combined population of about 60,000. The town has a local community hospital, and a number of care homes.

There are three Anglican Churches in Hinckley and one in Burbage. Holy Trinity's parish is the North East portion of Hinckley, previously having been a larger parish covering the East of Hinckley before St. John's Church grew big enough to take responsibility for part of it. We remain close partners in mission. Holy Trinity Parish has a community primary school, a secondary school and a special needs school. The parish also includes Wykin Village, with the nearby farms. In addition, a new estate is being planned on the edge of the parish for 850 homes and a new primary school.



CONGREGATION

We're a church of all ages, spanning almost 100 years, and we consider ourselves to be a family friendly church.

STAFF TEAM

Alongside the Rector we employ a part-time administrator and cleaner, but we are keen to add to the ministry team.

SUNDAYS

We meet together at 10am every Sunday. A standard service will include a mix of songs and hymns, as well as a sermon for the adults. Children usually join in for the first 20 minutes before going to their own groups and returning on the weeks we celebrate Communion. We often hold All-Age services, where we all join together for an interactive learning and worship time.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

On Sunday mornings we have a crèche for young children during the service, and we run Trinity Kids with **Scramblers** for Preschoolers and **Climbers** for those in Primary School. We encourage teenagers to join in with the service, but would like to have the resources to grow our children's ministry.

When we have All-age services, the children join in for the entire service, as we learn and worship together as a church family in an interactive way.



Through the year we run seasonal events for children, and a holiday club for a week in the summer holidays.

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

- The **Christianity Explored** course is run each year for those interested in exploring the meaning of life
- **Home Groups** help us grow through Bible Study, prayer and mutual support
- **One to One Bible Studies** are arranged informally across the church
- **Trinity Together** is a monthly gathering midweek to encourage each other Praising God and Praying for our Church and Mission.
- The **Prayer Group** meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings to pray for the church's ministry and our mission partners

GROUPS

- **Women's Ministry:** a weekly Women's Bible Study (Oasis) on a Friday morning, occasional Games Nights and we arrange an annual trip to the Midlands Women's Convention
- **Men's Ministry:** men pray together after the service on Sunday, play football fortnightly, and arrange an annual trip to the Midlands Men's Convention
- **Wayfinders** Walking Group: Monthly walks on a Saturday followed by a pub lunch to build fellowship
- **Mothers' Union:** Bi-monthly meetings to inform and encourage mothers
- **Affiliated Scouts Group:** Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers meet weekly in the Trinity Centre and join us for our All-age services
- Our Church Hall (**Trinity Centre**) hosts about 20 community groups through the week

MISSION OUTREACH

- Strong links with local **community primary school**
- **Holiday Bible Club** for primary school children for a week in the summer holiday.
- Pastoral links with **community hospital**
- Occasional homeless contact
- Further opportunities to grow ministry with youth and elderly
- Looking to grow outreach to families of other nationalities

NETWORKS & PARTNERS

- Holy Trinity is a partner church in the **Midlands Gospel Partnership**, a network which blesses us greatly in training, teaching and support. We affirm their Doctrinal Basis.
- We have strong relationships with 5 mission partners across the world, who we support in prayer, giving and mutual visits. In addition we support *The Bible Society* and *Mission Aviation Fellowship*, as well as *Hinckley Area Foodbank*, which we support in food contributions, finance and prayer.

CURACY

- Training in the **general ministry** of the church – both in discipleship and mission, preaching and leading services, and sharing the ministry to the community through School Assemblies, Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals.
- A **focus on discipleship** and training of others should help to grow the church in Christian maturity and develop future leaders for our ministry beyond their time here.

- To **develop a particular area of ministry** and learn to take a lead, depending on their skills – youth work, community outreach, evangelism, discipleship and pastoral care to the elderly.
- A New Estate is planned in our parish, and when it is built, we would like to start a Fellowship/Outreach initiative there, that a Curate could help lead.

AIMS OF THE CURACY

The aim is to prepare someone to be an incumbent themselves. In this, the following are key:

- To assist the Curate to grow in their faith, and patterns of prayer and study that sustain and refresh them
- To train them to apply Theology to life, and pastoral situations
- To learn to lead services and preach to a mixed congregation
- To train them in baptism, wedding and funeral ministries
- To grow in leadership, by taking responsibility for an area of ministry
- To help them to discern the situation of our ministry and mission, and to wisely and graciously plan and lead the church family forward, learning ourselves from their insight
- To give them an understanding of the complexities and practicalities of running a church

THEOLOGICAL CONVICTIONS

We are **Christian** – holding to a Trinitarian faith, and Jesus Christ as the only Saviour.

We are **Evangelical** – we have a high view of Scripture, and Bible teaching is the foundation of our ministry.

We uphold to the **Orthodox** teaching on marriage and human sexuality – upholding marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman. We affirm this teaching and demonstrate grace in broken lives.

Our worship style and church organisation is **Anglican**, whilst our congregation welcomes and consists of Christians from different denominations. We are part of the Leicester Diocese in the Church of England. We affirm the 39 articles and historic creeds of the church.

Our leadership is **Complementarian** – understanding that men and women are equal in creation and salvation, whilst different roles are appropriate in the church and home. Members of our church family hold both complementarian and egalitarian positions, whilst we are agreed on our leadership being complementarian. Previously Holy Trinity was a Resolution B parish, and we have recently passed a Resolution under the *House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests*. As such, we consider that the leadership of the church, preaching in our primary service and the oversight of a bishop should be by a suitably qualified man.

Consequently, we are looking for a male curate with evangelical convictions.

CONTACT

For more information – do visit our website, or contact the Rector, Revd Simon Wearn (vicar@holytrinityhinckley.org / 01455 697738).