

PARISH PROFILE 2025



St. David's Church,
Broom Leys
'Growing in Christ,
living in faith'



VICAR OF
ST DAVID'SCHURCH
BROOM LEYS



The Diocese Welcome

Thank you for your interest in this role. Please be assured that there are many people praying for this process of discernment, and we trust that you will know God's guidance as you explore whether it is right to apply.

As part of your consideration, it is important to understand that the Diocese of Leicester, like every diocese in the Church of England, is in transition. After a long process of discernment (a process which we called Shaped by God Together and which involved much prayer and literally hundreds of small group conversations in every part of the diocese), Diocesan Synod agreed a new framework for the diocese known as Minster Communities. (see more on our website). Anyone coming to work in the diocese therefore needs to be committed to engaging with this new framework and embedding it within the church communities they serve (understanding that it will be applied in different ways in different contexts) and be flexible and prayerful in discerning how their particular role fits and will evolve within this wider framework.

This will be explored with you at interview, and, if you are appointed, will be major part of the induction process.

In addition to this, we are on an exciting journey of learning about church planting and fresh expressions of church, and about intercultural mission and ministry — two areas where we have received substantial funding from the national church. We are also committed to exploring intergenerational work, reducing our impact on the environment, and crossing the divides both in the church and in the world. We therefore want people who are open to learning, who are humble in admitting that they don't have all the answers, and yet who are bold in proclaiming the Gospel in word and action. These changes require not only considerable flexibility and adaptability from clergy and lay ministers but also great resilience. This is why we also place a strong emphasis on wellbeing — seeing this as a partnership where you take responsibility for your own wellbeing, while knowing that there is always support available from bishops and diocesan staff. Additional support is also offered by our partner organisations such as Launde Abbey (retreat centre), St Philip's (interfaith centre), Community of the Tree of Life (residential and dispersed community for young adults) and of course the Cathedral.

I hope that I may have the opportunity of meeting you in the near future, but the meantime be assured of my prayers. Yours in Christ,

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow
Bishop of Leicester



Shaped By God Together – a brief introduction

Our new Shaped By God Together Minster Communities framework will help our local worshipping communities to grow the Kingdom of God and live out our everyday faith.

Shaped By God Together (SBGT) is the process through which the diocese is currently reshaping to ensure our ministry and mission is equipped and supported in the best way possible within our vision of the Kingdom of God, and our diocesan finances are used in order to resource our strategic priorities.

As part of this SBGT process, the Diocesan Synod voted strongly in favour of the Minster Communities framework in October 2021. Between 2022 and 2026, every parish, fresh expression of Church, clergyperson and lay minister, chaplain and school, will be expected to participate in conversation between local context and the diocesan leadership, in order to determine how they find their place within the framework as we form 20-25 Minster Communities across the diocese. Alongside the structural changes (which are likely to involve Joint Church Councils), we are encouraging all worshipping communities to develop how they enable discipleship and encourage vocations, grow in outwardly focused mission, engage with children, young people and schools, and work in partnership across differences. The development of a healthy culture of wellbeing is also vital.

More detailed information can be found on the Diocesan website, the SBGT webpages.

A PRAYER FOR SHAPED BY GOD TOGETHER

Eternal God,
You call your people to fullness of life in you
and promise to be with us
in all the changing scenes of life:
may we be shaped by you in our lives
and communities to refresh the Church,
transform the world, and build the kingdom,
as with thanksgiving for the past,
we step out in hope and trust into your future;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Claire Bampton
Diocesan Programme Manager



Who we are

The Benefice comprises of St David's Broom Leys, a Parish Church within the Deanery of North West Leicestershire in the Diocese of Leicester.

The Benefice has seen a steady growth in housing over the last few years. The Parish has several large housing estates designated as areas of recognised urban and social disadvantage.

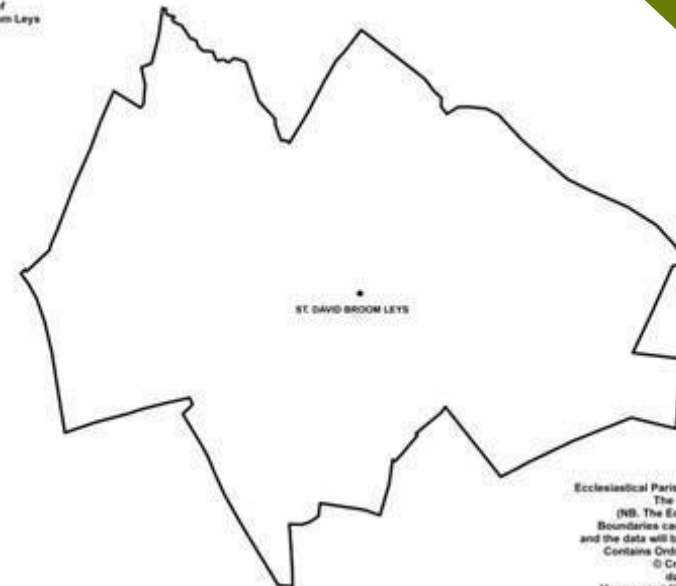
Where we are

Broom Leys is a suburb of Coalville, a former mining town, situated approximately 12 miles north of Leicester and lies within the National Forest. We enjoy good access to the M1, M42 and A511 and have convenient rail and air traffic links. Within the parish we have four schools, a Community Hospital, a doctors' practice and pharmacy, a dental surgery and Tillson House which is a residential home for the elderly.

There are several local shops including a Post Office with access to a wide selection of supermarkets. There is a Methodist Church, a Baptist Community Church, Public House and thriving Rugby and Cricket Clubs. Broom Leys has a population of over 12,000 and is a well-established community, and with local development this area continues to grow in size and population.

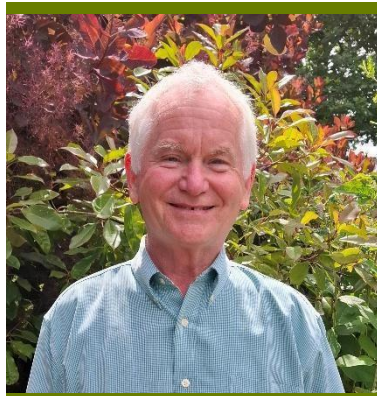


Parish of
St David, Broom Leys



Ecclesiastical Parish boundaries from
The Church of England
(NB. The Ecclesiastical Parish
Boundaries can change over time
and the data will become out of date)
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Meet the team



IAIN ALLEN

Churchwarden
Treasurer
Schools' Ministry Lead



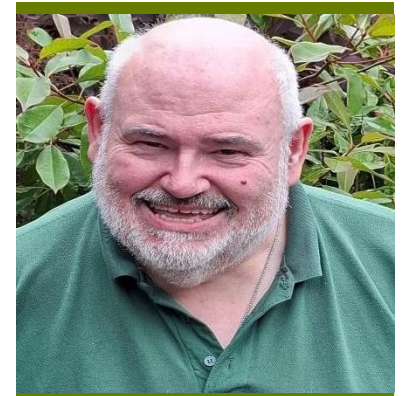
TARA GAMBLE

Churchwarden



JILL HARRIS

Deputy Churchwarden



STEVE WILLARS

Deputy Churchwarden
Administrator



JENNY HOLLAND

Licensed Pastoral
Assistant



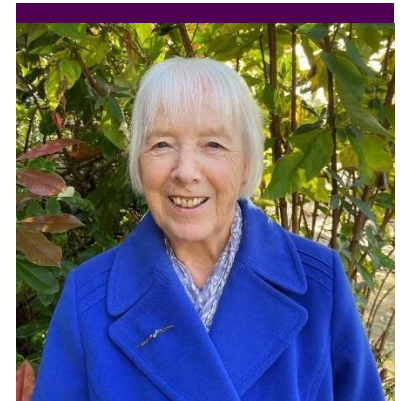
MARY SMITH

Worship Lead



PAUL BINGLEY

Buildings & Grounds



LIZ EAMES

Recorder & Sacristan

Meet the team



BEC BURTON

PCC Secretary
Hall Management



LIZ SEYMOUR

Deanery Synod Rep



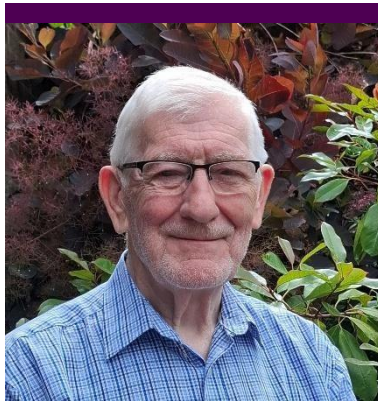
SARAH JACKLIN

Deanery Synod Rep



ANN SANKEY MBE

Safeguarding Officer



JOHN ALLWOOD

PCC Member



LESLEY BOWLER

PCC Member



Our Vision

Our vision is to be a vibrant church, which welcomes all people, serving our community as disciples of Christ.

We would like our church to be a hub for the community, through witness and prayer encouraging all ages to be part of the wider mission of God. We would hope to grow in number and faith seeking to inspire and share with others our love of Jesus and his hope for all.

Key points of our vision are:

- To embrace, encourage and value all as the family of God.
- To deepen our own Christian faith and spirituality through engaging and relevant worship, prayer and study.
- To encourage people to use their gifts, skills and talents in the wider ministry of the church.
- To strengthen our work with young people and families and to be open to change.
- To work with and serve our community, as we seek jointly to discover the joy of Jesus Christ and to provide a place that is comforting and where people feel welcome.
- To play a full part in the strategy and vision of the Diocese of Leicester as part of a Minster Community. This involves exploring the 3 Key Questions and being guided by the 5 Strategic Priorities.
- To be able to offer a variety of styles of worship to bring together all generations.
- To develop our buildings and grounds into a hub to meet the varied needs of our local area and to be grounded within the community.
- To continue and build upon our courses, such as Alpha and Home Groups to all ages to encourage a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith.

NEW

REACH those with no contact with church.

INTERCULTURAL

LEARN with Global Majority Heritage people.

INTERGENERATIONAL

BRING TOGETHER all generations.

RECONCILING

MODEL peace, justice and reconciliation.

ECO

CHAMPION care for God's Creation.

Realising Our Vision

As the Body of Christ we are committed to engaging and welcoming all within our Benefice. As followers of Jesus we recognise that we all have a full part to play in our vision, by deepening our own discipleship, sharing our faith and bringing others to know Jesus Christ.

- ✓ We hope to continue to be actively engaged within our schools with a ministry and lay team offering practical support and prayer.
- ✓ We seek to provide opportunities for those we meet with, to know and share the love of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ We recognise that we need to gather and worship in prayer and praise to strengthen our faith.
- ✓ We would encourage people to take on leadership roles to fulfil our ministry to all.
- ✓ We hope to continue to be actively involved as a church in the community, supporting our local food bank financially and practically.
- ✓ We hope to build a diverse community where everyone is included.
- ✓ We seek to partner with the local Anglican churches as part of Minster Communities and other denominations to encourage one another to live as Christians in our local area.
- ✓ We seek to better understand the Shaped By God Together process and embrace the opportunities it brings to serve God and share the Good News through Minster Communities.



Who We Are Looking For

You are likely to be:

- ✓ A confident leader who is an approachable and effective communicator who will place Christ and the Gospel at the forefront of all that the church seeks to say and do.
- ✓ Someone grounded in prayer who will inspire us on our spiritual journey.
- ✓ Enthusiastic and willing to accept help from others and provide opportunities for others to use their gifts, in order to bring people to Jesus.
- ✓ Able to embrace and encourage the ministry of all and work collaboratively with lay people.
- ✓ Proactive in ensuring your own spiritual, training and well-being needs are maintained.
- ✓ A friendly people-person with a good sense of humour.
- ✓ An encourager and a teacher to inspire people to explore new vocations.
- ✓ Someone who has a heart for our community, with its diverse social and economic population embracing the challenges it presents.
- ✓ Committed to the development of the faith of young families and children.
- ✓ Able to lead a range of worship styles including contemporary.
- ✓ Prepared to embrace change, especially as Minster Communities are formed throughout the Diocese.
- ✓ A person who will serve across the Minster Community.



Role Description

A single parish role with oversight of St David's church and with the expectation that the role will evolve as the Minster Community of which the parish will be a part, forms and develops.

- ✓ To be committed to, and actively involved, in the formation and successful implementation of our Minster Community.
- ✓ Ensure provision of Pastoral Care in conjunction with our Pastoral Team.
- ✓ Offering encouragement, training and support to ensure the further development of our ministries.
- ✓ To develop strategies to enable the church to grow in faith and prayer.
- ✓ Enable the church to engage with those who have yet to know Christ, providing guidance and structure for the growth of disciples.
- ✓ To live out and share your everyday faith, modelling and encouraging others to do the same.
- ✓ Developing a culture of hospitality, community, and love sustained in Christ.
- ✓ As part of our mission, to bring partnership and develop outreach, using our buildings and resources.
- ✓ To provide ministry as part of the Minster Community.





What We Can Offer

- ✓ A warm, friendly welcome and our prayer-filled, active support.
- ✓ People prepared to take on leadership roles in all aspects of ministry, in a well-organised church.
- ✓ A licensed pastoral assistant whose main emphasis is to the elderly and the bereaved.
- ✓ The use of our gifts and our time to help in the mission in the church and to work in collaboration with others.
- ✓ The assistance of a paid administrator.
- ✓ Hospitality to all we encounter within and outside the church.
- ✓ Our willingness and sensitivity to changes and developments which might arise.
- ✓ A friendly church family offering fellowship to all and encouragement to care for your own spiritual health and relaxation.
- ✓ A church grounded in prayer.

Looking To The Future

Minster Communities

The North West Leicestershire Deanery in the Diocese of Leicester is in the process of forming four Minster Communities. Their formation stems, at least in part, from the Diocese' financial position which renders the current model of stipendiary clergy in every parish unsustainable. Each Minster Community will consist of several parishes. The process is well underway and is expected to be complete before the end of 2025. St David's will be part of a Minster Community with a working name of The Beacon in the Forest.

As a stipendiary minister within the Minster Community, you will play a vital role in shaping collaborative, contextual, and missional ministry across a diverse group of urban and rural parishes. This post is part of a shared vision to grow disciples, deepen faith, and serve the world in love. You will work alongside a team of ordained and lay ministers, with a likely focus on intergenerational worship but which may also include growing faith, eco mission, community outreach and pastoral care—aligned to your gifts and the needs of the community.

You will support the development of focal ministry in local churches and contribute to intergenerational work, engagement with new communities, and shared worship. The role requires a commitment to collaboration, theological breadth, and the flexibility to minister across parishes with varying contexts and worship styles.

We seek a prayerful, creative, and relational leader who values both local identity and the potential of working together. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a pioneering team committed to reimagining ministry and mission in Leicestershire.



Safeguarding

The Diocese of Leicester has dedicated safeguarding resources to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

For assistance, please reach out to Rachael Spiers, Rachael.Spiers@LeicesterCofE.org.

Claire Wood, Archdeacon of Loughborough and the Bishop's Lead for Safeguarding, is a member of DSOG (Diocesan Safeguarding Oversight Group) and an important link with the Bishop's Leadership Team and the deaneries. DSOG is aware of the vital role that the parishes play in safeguarding across the Diocese of Leicester. This includes: prevention, safer recruitment, identifying and reporting concerns and overseeing church safety plans, and the care of victims and survivors. Importantly, parishes are at the forefront of creating safe church settings for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The role of Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators (PSC) is crucial in this work and, in Leicester, we are fortunate to have an experienced and committed group of PSCs. However, it is a demanding role, and it is vital that they are fully supported by their Parochial Church Councils, whose role and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding are clearly outlined in the national document, the Parish Safeguarding Handbook: Promoting a Safer Church. Regular reports by the PSCs to their PCCs are important, as well as the presentation of the Safeguarding Annual Report.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team provides advice and support to PSCs through regular communications and drop-ins, online and face-to-face, as well as organising a yearly PSC conference.

They also support PSCs in the use of the Parish Dashboard, which provides valuable information about safeguarding activity and can generate parish action plans when necessary.

The Diocese of Leicester, part of the Church of England, is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community. We follow the Church of England's Safeguarding Policies and the relevant statutory legislation and guidance. We believe that safeguarding is everybody's business.



Our Worship And Services

St David's enjoys a wide range of services planned and led by our vicar and a strong lay team and is committed to the involvement of lay people in our regular and special services. We strive to ensure everybody who comes to our church feels welcome and that our worship is as accessible as possible.

We have a Music Group, two Organists, a small Choir and a Band Ensemble. We are committed to continually assessing and reviewing what we do to ensure that our worship is the best we can offer to our community.

Our current pattern is: -

Sundays	Music Provision
1 st Sunday 10am Praise Service	Music Group
2 nd Sunday 10am Holy Communion (CW)	Organ
3 rd Sunday 10am Holy Communion (CW)	Organ
4 th Sunday 10am Holy Communion (CW) 6pm The Gathering	Organ With music
5 th Sunday 10am Morning Worship	Band Ensemble

Wednesday – 3.30pm After School Church

Thursday – 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Plus a monthly Agape Service.

There are a variety of special services to celebrate events in the Church's year and in the community. These include Advent Carols, Carols by Candlelight, Nativity, Christingle, Mothering Sunday, Passover Supper, Good Friday Meditation, Easter Sunrise, Harvest Festival, Memorial Service for those we have loved. Remembrance Day Evening Service with a brass band, as well as Christmas, Easter and Harvest Services for our local schools.

In addition, we have joint services with our Ecumenical Partners.

STATISTICS

Occasional office statistics within the last 12 months

Weddings	Baptisms	Funerals
0	3	14

Our Parish Life

Population: 12 - 13,000

Electoral Roll: 68

PCC Members: 13: 2 Deanery Synod, 2 Churchwardens

Meet 9 times per year + APCM

Churchwardens: Iain Allen and Tara Gamble

Deputy Churchwardens: Jill Harris and Steve Willars

St. David's is a modern church built in 1965 of a unique architectural style. Our hall was added in 1992 and the grounds were landscaped when the car park was laid. Serving a parish of over 12000, our congregations are largely drawn from the private homes. We have varied service patterns and different congregations. Our main Sunday service averages between 50 and 55 regular worshippers with a smaller attendance at our other services. The service pattern ranges from Praise Services, Holy Communion to The Book of Common Prayer, a monthly evening, contemporary service, so everyone can find worship that suits their needs. Music is provided by our organists and small choir or our music group.

Fresh Expressions of worship include Café Church held monthly, attracting around 20 elderly people and weekly After School Church with over 30 children and adults. School Assemblies are taken in our Primary Schools every fortnight by a dedicated team. We have a monthly Prayer Group. Our prayer ministry includes a Ring of Prayer using WhatsApp. In addition, a Prayer Morning is held at various times throughout the year. Currently, one home group is running. It is hoped that more will start in the near future.

We have a licensed Pastoral Assistant; whose prime ministry is to the elderly and the bereaved. This involves visiting them in their homes. She is also responsible for taking communion to the housebound. Should they wish, every member of our church can be linked to a visitor through our Pastoral Link Scheme.

Our well-attended Summer Fair and Christmas Fair, whilst providing a substantial income, are both witnesses to the parish of our Christian fellowship.

Along with our website, we make use of social media to engage with our wider community. The church family is linked by WhatsApp and email.



Urban Deprivation

Coalville has two large housing estates, which contribute to the above average rating of deprivation in the area. Our church family make donations of food in supplied brown paper carrier bags, which are then taken to Kingsgate, part of a local Baptist Church, reaching out to the marginalised and to those in need.

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Ecumenical

Our ecumenical partnership with Greenhill and Hall Lane church is a great encouragement of unity and co-operation between our different Christian denominations. Our intention is to bring our three churches together, promoting our shared beliefs and working together. Working towards a calendar of events all three churches have an intention of rotating events at our different churches with the common goal of understanding the ethos and teachings of the differences between the three.

Local Churches

For many years, St. David's has worked with its neighbouring local churches at Hall Lane Methodist Church and Greenhill Community (Baptist) Church. We worship together three times a year.

Churches Together in Coalville

St. David's has a long history of supporting Coalville Churches Together, an organisation that incorporates several local churches in the town. Churches Together has a good relationship with the local authority and is involved in community events throughout the year. A Saturday morning, monthly prayer meeting rotates around the churches.



Schools

There is one Secondary School, two Primary Schools and one Special Educational Needs School in our Parish.

Broom Leys Primary School is situated across the road from the church and is one of the largest Primary Schools in Leicestershire, with three classes per year and a maximum roll of 630 children, from 4+ to Year 6. The school is a member of the Lionheart Educational Trust.

Warren Hills is situated in one of the most deprived housing estates in the county. It is under local authority control and has close links with four other small local primary schools through the Collaborative Partnership Charitable Trust. There is one class per year, with a maximum roll of 210 children. The school has a nursery and a very successful nurture unit and has recently worked closely with Forest Way School to offer mainstream education to some of their students.

Both Primary Schools have well-established and strong links with the Church. Along with School Assemblies, the children visit the church on a number of occasions throughout the year, and the church hosts the Carol Services.

The Castle Rock School is a secondary school that takes most of its students from Broom Leys and Warren Hills. It is also part of The Lionheart Educational Trust, as is Newbridge High School which is outside our parish.

Forest way is a school providing education for those with physical, psychological or sociological issues. It is looking to join a Multi Academy Trust.



Our relationships go back many years with several of our congregation having worked at one or the other of the schools.

Currently one of our members is the Chair of Governors of Warren Hills and a trustee of the charities trust. Our current activities are:

- Leading fortnightly assemblies in both schools. These are for years 1 to 4 at Broom Leys and for the whole school, including 4+ and nurture classes at Warren Hills. These assemblies are loosely based on Open the Book and include acting, in costume, a Bible story, with involvement from the children, sharing a short simple message, singing a song and offering the children the opportunity to be involved in prayer.
- After school church, in which children, accompanied by a parent or carer enjoy refreshments and take part in games and crafts in the hall, followed by a short service in church - including lots of participation from the children (and adults), in singing, Bible stories and prayer.
- Visiting individual classes to answer their questions about Christianity.
- Welcoming the schools to church for their carol services and harvest festivals.
- Inviting children to Experience Easter in church.

In the future we aspire to have contact with Forest Way and Castle Rock.

Where You Will Live

ST DAVID'S VICARAGE,
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COALVILLE, LE67 4RL



Front Entrance



Rear Of House



Office Extension



Corner View Of House

More Information

MORE INFORMATION

For an informal conversation about this post, please contact the Archdeacon of Loughborough, Ven. Claire Wood.

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