PARISH PROFILE
for the Benefice of
Kings Bromley, The Ridwares & Yoxall.

Hamstall Ridware
St. Michael and All Angels

Kings Bromley All Saints

Mavesyn Ridware
St. Nicholas

Yoxall St. Peter
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1. **THE CONTEXT**

These parishes are situated on the outskirts of the Cathedral city of Lichfield in the beautiful countryside of South Staffordshire. As from October 1\textsuperscript{st} 2018, our four churches form the United Benefice of Kings Bromley, The Ridwares and Yoxall. Kings Bromley and Yoxall churches are in the centre of large and thriving villages. Mavesyn Ridware Church, serving both Mavesyn and Hill Ridware, is situated in the hamlet of Mavesyn Ridware while Hamstall Ridware church is in a small village. Each parish has its own distinctive character but the common aim of witnessing for God.

We are now seeking to appoint a Rector and a House for Duty Assistant Priest who will both work across the Benefice providing complementary leadership to our Parishes.

2. **THE CHALLENGE**

- Seeking God’s guidance and continuing to grow together as the new, United Benefice of King’s Bromley, the Ridwares and Yoxall.

- To be at the heart of our local communities in order to bring the love of God to all through the application of the Mission Action Plan.

- To foster and develop our relationships with other organisations within the villages, such as the WI, Men’s Breakfast club etc.

- To build our collaborations so that we can more effectively encourage People of all ages in their spiritual lives and the living out of their Christian faith.

- To seek ways to encourage and support families into the worshipping life of the church by welcoming the input and participation of young people, in whatever form it may take.

- To build up links with our local primary schools, two of which, St. Peter’s Yoxall and Richard Crosse in Kings Bromley are church schools.

- To recognise and affirm ministry in all members of the congregation
3. THE ROLE

We pray that God will appoint an Incumbent and Assistant House for Duty Priest, both of whom will:

- Be able to lead worship and to share the faith within the different congregations and the wider village communities
- Be willing and able to work collaboratively across the whole benefice with clergy colleagues and laity encouraging, developing and supporting ministry
- Recognise that our village Churches are Churches for the whole community and therefore will support and encourage those of all denominations to worship there
- Be able to discern the opportunities God gives for outreach, evangelism and mission
- Be someone who knows that God loves and cares for the whole world and wants to enable us to recognize the signs of the kingdom and look beyond our local situation
- Develop their own gifts in the service of the Benefice
- Model a pattern of ministry which is sustainable and life affirming

In Addition

The Incumbent will:

- Provide clear strong leadership
- Develop mission in the whole Benefice
- Provide strong supervision and support for the House for Duty post-holder
- Demonstrate imagination and strength in motivating and encouraging others

The House for Duty Assistant Priest will:

- Support the Rector whilst using their own gifts and talents in the service of God in our Benefice
- Encourage and develop members of the church in pastoral ministry
- Engage with both established local communities and newcomers to the area.
4. PERSON SPECIFICATION

In both roles we seek people who:

- Will be someone who can shine a light for others to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ
- Will be a person of vision with a clarity of purpose to develop our common life
- Will be flexible in approach, respecting existing traditions while not being afraid to innovate
- Will have the ability to motivate and encourage others in their ministry
- Will be approachable and a good communicator
- Will enjoy and understand rural ministry

We are seeking two people who will provide strong complementary skills which will enable us to develop as the people of God.

5. WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

Support for ministry:

1 NSM Associate Minister – The Revd Preb Deborah Sheridan
1 OLM with PTO - The Revd Mike Binsley
1 Reader – Mrs. Kate Beechey (across the whole Benefice)
1 Retired Minister with PTO – The Revd Frank Finch

Each Parish’s PCC supports the ordained ministers by having responsibility for different areas of church life such as building and churchyard maintenance, Gift Aid, monthly village magazines, Rotas for Services and Church cleaning, Fund-raising and Outreach, Pastoral visits, and attending Deanery Synod.

Regular Benefice Warden’s meetings and a Benefice Action Plan in line with our Mission Action Plans

There is a whole range of enthusiastic volunteers across the four parishes that can be called upon to support the life and ministry of God’s church in this place

Benefits:

- Holiday entitlement honoured and encouraged
- Full reimbursement of expenses
- Prayer support
- Financial support for an annual retreat and ongoing training
- Part-time (voluntary) administrative support (NB we are seeking to appoint a paid Administrator)
Accommodation

The **Incumbent** will reside in a 1960s Rectory in Kings Bromley which is situated on the Alrewas Road. The house has 4 bedrooms, lounge, dining room and kitchen, utility room, study, outside store room and good-sized garage. There is a large lawn and garden to the rear. The property is currently being extensively refurbished by the diocese.

The **Assistant priest** will reside at the Yoxall Vicarage which is approached by a private drive, off Savey Lane, in the middle the village of Yoxall. It is situated between a small group of recently built cottages and the Yoxall doctors’ surgery. It has a large surrounding garden with a rear gateway into St Peter’s Church cemetery, just 135 yards from the church itself.

The vicarage comprises of

- Ground floor- Kitchen, Utility, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Porch, WC
- 1st floor- Bedrooms x4, Bathroom, WC
## 6. MISSION ACTION PLAN

The United Benefice of Hamstall Ridware, Kings Bromley, Mavesyn Ridware and Yoxall

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| To consider our service patterns as a Benefice | To restart weekday services | To look again at our Parish praise service | Within 6 months | PCC’s and Ministers |

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7. THE INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

7a The Parish of Kings Bromley

Our Church and Parish
Kings Bromley is a historic village, the ‘chocolate box’ appearance of which conceals a dynamic community. The parish is surrounded by beautiful countryside and farming land. We have a population of around 1,400, with a healthy mixture of young and retired. Our church, All Saints, dates from 1170.

Our church and worship
Regular worship is as detailed in the ‘Benefice in a Nutshell’ section. Intercessions at Common Worship services are lay led to bring before God the needs of the world and our community.

Reading of lessons and administration of the chalice at the Eucharist are also undertaken by members of the congregation at all services.

Several of our congregation come from some distance away to worship with us and enjoy the Christian fellowship and we welcome fellow worshippers from the benefice and the wider community to join us.

Baptisms, including the whole baptism party, are usually incorporated into our normal Sunday worship to spread the experience of Christian celebration as widely as possible.

We encourage and welcome children in a variety of ways, for example with our lay led Good Friday workshop in church for children (and their parents) which includes various craft projects and refreshments and concludes with a short service; and the Christingle and Mothering Sunday services which are led by the local school. We seek to build on these events to attract children and young families to our regular worship.

Our church is widely supported by community volunteers, who continue to make the work of the church and its broad programmes of outreach possible. This includes our talented organist and choir, those who assist with services, florists and maintenance workers (of both church and the award winning churchyard).

Kings Bromley has a very low crime rate and we are able to keep the church open every day to welcome visitors, whether for private prayer or to simply enjoy the surroundings, and our visitors' book records many messages of appreciation and praise.

Our church congregation is made up of mostly elderly people and a key challenge for the new rector will be to guide us in taking the word of God to a more diverse congregation and out into the wider community.

The church building is used by the village Harmony choir at least once per month for rehearsals, and concerts open to everyone are held in church during the year.
Our community

The Rector is a regular visitor to The Richard Crosse Church of England Primary School, the village’s OFSTED ‘outstanding’ rated school. Besides the Mothering Sunday and Christingle services, the school holds end of term, Harvest and leavers services in church. Our Christingle and Christmas Eve Crib Services find the church packed to the rafters.

The recently refurbished Village Hall remains the centre of the village for our local clubs and groups. Events and activities are held in the daytime and evening on most days. The church holds several social events there throughout the year including a Coffee Morning, Harvest Lunch and a Quiz evening, all open to everyone.

There is a Card Stall in church, containing a variety of items, which is available to the public every day while the church is open. Each quarter this is taken to the Village Hall on a Saturday morning and free refreshments are provided to encourage people to stay and chat with friends and neighbours.

We’re fortunate to also have a Co-op grocery store and a cricket club and ground. New additions are regularly made to the 18 or so community groups which regularly meet in the Village Hall, or in the rejuvenated Royal Oak pub. These range from yoga classes to the WI. We also have a new community choir, which performs across the parish to wide acclaim. The Kings Bromley Show, the historic village summer fair, is held annually on the show field in July.

Kings Bromley Nursing Home has been part of the village for many years. It is well recognised for its care and the incumbent is welcomed to give communion to residents.

The Kings Bromley Village News is a monthly publication supplying news, views and information about the village. Although it is produced by church members, contributions are welcomed and received from the whole village.

In addition, the village website - www.kingsbromley.com - contains all the latest news including travel, weather, event information and reports.
7b The Parish of Mavesyn Ridware

The Church of St Nicholas is the parish church of Mavesyn Ridware. These are ancient settlements, referenced in Domesday Book of 1086. **Mavesyn Ridware, Pipe Ridware** and **Blithbury** are hamlets each with about a dozen houses and farms. **Hill Ridware** is the largest settlement and is made up of around 250 mainly family houses. There are also several farms, businesses, a pub, village hall and a primary school. There have been two housing developments in recent years adding approximately a further 70 houses.

**The Church Building**

St Nicholas Church, a Grade 1 listed building, was originally a typical three aisled Staffordshire parish church. The ancient Church building benefits from a small modern kitchen, toilet and play area for children, and sits in its own Churchyard which is open and very well maintained by a local contractor. The PCC maintains full insurances on the building and undertakes the required reviews of Church and Churchyard, which are actioned as necessary.

**The Church Leadership**

Currently, one Associate Minister (non stipendiary) and one Lay Reader (unpaid).

**Benefice Mission**

We believe that God is in charge and we trust in His provision. We are seeking someone who will lead, facilitate, support, encourage us in our journey with God, and our building of the Kingdom in this Benefice.

We are trying to work together as one Benefice while recognising the individual nature of the parishes. To this end we hold regular United Benefice services at least once a month and on special occasions such as Remembrance, harvest and Christmas.

There is generally one service every Sunday in each church with a United Benefice service on and if there is a fifth.

We are very much open to new ideas and different methods of worship.
Music and Bells

There is a small but dedicated choir plus a good team of Bell ringers who support regular worship as well as weddings and special services.

The Congregation

Numbers vary but average about 20 per service made up of a strong, faithful core membership with an Electoral Roll of approximately 74. There is an active flower rota to make sure the altar has fresh flowers each week and tea and coffee is provided at the end of services by volunteers. We are keen to strengthen our links with the local Toddlers group, the Primary School and Youth Club.

Parish Life and the Church

The PCC is proud of its fundraising efforts, well supported by The Friends of St Nicholas’ Church, the 100 Club and the Gentlemen’s Supper Club, whose valuable contributions have enabled St Nicholas to maintain its financial health.

Church Communication

This is maintained via the weekly service sheet and via the ‘Mavesyn Messenger’, a monthly parish magazine which is delivered to all homes in the parish and contains a letter from the Rector and the monthly schedule of church services. Information about St Nicholas is available on the village website www2.lichfield.gov.uk/mavesynridware/

Children and youth work

Henry Chadwick Community Primary School, a small LA maintained school in Hill Ridware and pupils attend special services for Mothering Sunday, Christingle and the Leavers’ Service, at which the Church presents pupils with prayer books and mementoes of their time in school.
The Parish of Hamstall Ridware

Our Church building

Our ancient church of St Michael and All Angels lies in the centre of the village and is reached by a gated drive through the former Glebe field. It aptly fits the description “a place set apart but in the midst.”

The current building dates mainly from the 14th Century although the foundation goes back to Norman times, or even earlier. Next year we are celebrating the 900th Anniversary of the first mention of our church in written records.

The Churchyard

The charm of the church lies in its setting, with the churchyard abutting the ancient walls of the manor and with timeless views over fields towards the river Blithe.

The Churchyard is open for burials and cremated remains, the lower, easternmost section having been extended at least twice in recent years.

Our parish is also responsible for the administration of a small part of the (now closed) church of St. James’s Pipe Ridware which remains open for burials.

Our Mission Aims for the Parish

These are encapsulated in the MAP for the Benefice. To this we would add:-

• We have deep roots in our community and hope for a Rector who will help us to live and speak the gospel in our context.

• We want to make our Church a place where the healing, wholeness and peace that God offers in Jesus Christ can be extended to the whole community.

• We would like to explore ways of developing the spiritual needs of the congregation and the wider community in this very special place, e.g. by offering parish away days and retreats.

• We would like to improve our “Welcome” with signage and information boards and improve accessibility to the building so that we can show ourselves to be a welcoming, caring and approachable Christian community.

• We are trusting that God will bring us a Rector who will inspire and accompany us on the next stage of our Christian journey."
Our congregation and Services

We tend to be an ageing congregation with few new regular worshippers over the last 10 to 20 years, though for major festivals: Christmas, Easter Harvest etc., more and younger members of the wider community regularly attend. The congregation does in part reflect the demography of the village where there are fewer families with young children than in decades past.

We are a traditional village church with Eucharistic worship being the central feature of our Sunday services. However, we are the church for the whole village and welcome Christians of all denominations. From time to time, therefore and on special occasions, such as the Village carol service, we will hold a more informal style of service.

Other Parish Activities

The Church holds an annual village Fete in the grounds which produces much-needed revenue for its upkeep. The Church is also used for concerts, whether from visiting choirs and musicians or by home-grown talents.

The Parish’s association with Jane Austen and her family, through the Revd. Edward Cooper, who was her cousin, has given us opportunities for events and historical tours. Jane is known to have stayed at the Rectory in 1806.

In addition the Church has close link with the village pub. The pub is the hub of the village and a meeting place for various village organisations including the Parish Council, Heritage Group and annual Pensioners’ Lunch.

Our Charitable giving centres around our weekly donations of food to the Rugeley Food Bank. In addition, collections from special services go to Christian Aid, The Children’s Society and the British Legion.
**Communication with the Congregation and wider community.**

The village has a much-acclaimed bimonthly parish magazine which contains, along with information on church activities, messages from the rector, times of services, local news and details of events in Hamstall and surrounding areas. It is the Church’s policy to distribute it free of charge to every house in the parish, as our main outreach tool. It is funded equally from church funds and revenue from advertising. The editor also posts occasional notices and information on the Village Facebook Page or through an email circulation list.

The Church has a weekly pew sheet, listing forthcoming services and events as well as including the readings and collect for that Sunday.

There is a village Christmas card contributed to by almost half the families in the village, in which the Rector also sends greetings and which includes Christmas service times.
The Parish of Yoxall

The Parish of Yoxall

Yoxall is predominately a farming community but has such good road links that residents commute to Lichfield, Burton upon Trent, Derby, Birmingham and Nottingham for work. There is an excellent train service from Lichfield Trent Valley Station to London Euston taking 90 minutes.

Yoxall has a long history, being mentioned in the Domesday Book. The oldest part of the village is now a conservation area and includes St. Peter’s church, which is Grade II listed, and has parts dating back to the 13th century. The church is in a prominent position at the centre of the village and is kept open every day. In 2018 Yoxall was awarded the status of being a Dementia Friendly Community by the Alzheimer’s Society. Activities are organised by a local steering group.

The Church

There is a monthly church and village magazine (The Fisherman) with a circulation of 500, funded and managed by St. Peter’s Church and covering events and happenings in both the church and village. The church building is well maintained by the PCC’s Fabric Committee who oversee the day to day maintenance of the building. General church co-ordinating is carried out by our voluntary church administrator.

Church Activities

- ‘Searchlights’: Stories, crafts and activities for children during 10 a.m Parish Communion
- Parish Praise: Informal worship aimed at families monthly at 10 a.m.
- Messy Church and Experience Easter sessions: held on an occasional basis
- Bible Study Group - looking in more depth at Sunday readings Informal group meets weekly during term time
- Pilgrim course – looking at the basics of Christian Faith to grow disciples Six week sessions run 2/3 times a year, another starting in October 2019
- Ladies Prayer Fellowship: meets regularly to pray for the church, people in need and world situations
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – Prayer shawls, twiddle muffs, bonding squares Knitters meet in a prayerful atmosphere to knit items for those ill or in need
- Mothers’ Union - working in the church, the community and worldwide Members support a Refuge, local prisons and MU projects in UK and overseas
- Tea and Toast – Monday mornings during term time
- MU welcomes parents, preschoolers and others to refreshments in church
- Coffee shop – following the Wednesday 10 a.m. Communion services Tea, Coffee and Buns, a drop in for other villagers too
- Men’s Breakfast – monthly in church A cooked breakfast, speaker and good discussion for men in the village
• Bellringing:
  An enthusiastic band of ringers ring for services, weddings and other events
• Choir: A well trained choir enhances our worship on a monthly basis
• Christian Meditation:
  Meeting on occasions for a time of reflective meditation

Main Street and The Golden Cup.  St. Peter’s Church in winter.  Children at the Fete.

The PCC have a reordering committee who are undertaking and costing a review of current facilities and opportunities, in line with our Mission Action Plan, to open up interior spaces to facilitate present and future church and community projects and events. This will be continued under the guidance of the new ministers.

**Church and the wider community**

St. Peter’s welcomes community groups to meet in Church

• The Royal British Legion
  monthly meetings held at St. Peter’s
• Neighbourly Natter
  a fortnightly meeting for chat, a cup of tea and cake

Food plays quite a part in church activities - a basket in church collects items of food to be sent to the Salvation Army food bank in Burton, which also receives food from the Harvest Festival. Hunger Lunches, Harvest Lunch and a Passover meal are all organised by St. Peter’s and encourage non church goers.

The young mothers of St. Peter’s school have organised events on Shrove Tuesday and also in the summer, events timed to bring in children and Parents as they collect their children from school. They also organise a ‘Reverse Advent Calendar’ collecting food for the Salvation Army food bank.
The Church and Parish council have produced a ‘Welcome Pack’ for newcomers to the village.

Yoxall boasts many clubs and organisations to suit a wide range of age groups.

Each year the whole community come together for the annual Village Fete. Most of the local clubs have stalls and the school children perform Maypole dancing.

At Christmas the village hosts a Community tea for the over 60’s, held in the village hall.

**Church links with St. Peter’s Primary School.**

There are close links between the church and St. Peter’s Primary C of E VC school which is also an Academy, part of the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust.

Every week a team from St. Peter’s takes the Bible Society’s ‘Open the Book’ into a school assembly and another assembly is taken by the Minister.

A member of St. Peter’s church sits as Foundation Governor on the school governing body.

A Church/School council is in the process of being set up.

The school plans and delivers worship at Easter and Christmas.

A competition to design a village Christmas Card is held at the school – the winning card being delivered to every house in Yoxall with times of Christmas services for all the denominations.

Secondary age children usually attend the excellent, John Taylor High School 3 miles away in Barton under Needwood.

St. Peter’s has a space on a Facebook page and a parishioner who will publicise events on Social Media – the Yoxall Community page. We are in the process of revising our website.

More information about the village and surrounding area is available via the internet. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoxall](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoxall) and website for church at [https://stpetersyoxall.org.uk](https://stpetersyoxall.org.uk)
## 8. BENEFICE IN A NUTSHELL

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<td>1st / 3rd Sunday: 11.15.m. Holy Communion – Common Worship Sung 2nd / 4th Sunday: 8.45a.m. Holy Communion – BCP said service 5th Sunday United Benefice service</td>
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<td>Mavesyn Ridware</td>
<td>1st Sunday: 6.30.pm Choral Evensong 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday: 11.30.a.m Holy Communion (Coffee first at 11.00am) 3rd Sunday: 6.30. pm Holy Communion 5th Sunday United Benefice Service. Times as set</td>
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<td>Yoxall</td>
<td>1st Sunday: 10 am Parish Praise - 4pm Winter 6 pm Summer Holy Communion 2nd / 4th Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion - 10.00am Parish Communion 1st / 3rd Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion 3rd Sunday: 10.00 Parish Communion 5th Sunday United Benefice Service</td>
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**Ministry Team**

- **Incumbent (to be appointed)**
- **House for Duty Priest: (to be appointed)**
- **NSM Associate Minister- The Revd Preb Deborah Sheridan**
- **OLM with PTO Revd Michael Binsley**
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9. MAP OF THE BENEFICE
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10. THE SURROUNDING AREA

The villages of the Benefice lie in a quintessential countryside setting but enjoy good train and road links, including the M6 Toll Road and a main line rail route. Commuters and leisure seekers are therefore offered the benefits of rural living together with the convenience of cosmopolitan and diverse towns and cities close to hand. Airports including Birmingham, East Midlands and Manchester, make both business and pleasure travel easily accessible, again highlighting our convenient central location.

Hospitals at Burton Upon Trent, Lichfield, Derby, Sutton Coldfield and Cannock serve our area and are all easily reached by car with the local Doctors surgery in Yoxall available for day to day medical requirements.

We are within easy reach of Cannock Chase, the Staffordshire Moorlands and Derbyshire Dales for outdoor activities including walking and cycling while Birmingham offers theatres, award-winning museums, excellent restaurants and good shopping experiences. Most
notably on our doorstep we have the beautiful City of Lichfield with the jewel in the crown being Lichfield Cathedral founded by St. Chad in the 7th Century.

The Trent and Mersey canal, running through our valley affords great walks, fishing and boating, with a marina just outside Kings Bromley. Another, a little further away at Barton-under-Needwood, has attractive retail, dining and cinema facilities. Many visitors to the area now come because of the National Memorial Arboretum just down the road at Alrewas. This, and the National football Centre at St. George’s Park have given a boost to local pubs and places to stay.

Like most areas of the British Isles, this area has several challenges. One is the ever-present pressure to find more land for building houses and while that demand has largely been met there is now the added pressure on local services as well as a growing demand for school places. In addition, the possibility of a High Speed rail line has caused anxiety and uncertainty for the farming community and village residents alike.

Staffordshire is an unsung County but it has a fascinating and rich history as well as areas of outstanding natural beauty. More importantly, those who are new to the area find local communities warm and welcoming. Our churches aspire to maintain and build on that reputation.