

Parish profile

Burton St Chad & Stretton with Claymills

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Welcome

Thank you for looking at our Parish Profile. We want to share with you our ambitions and our appetite for a close working relationship with our future vicar which will grow our lives together in Christ. Like the Philippians we believe we display an emphasis on joy, confidence, unity and perseverance in our Christian faith and life.

We are looking to appoint a full-time vicar with a vision and gifting for pioneering work. The role is initially, in the first 2-3 years, focus on further building up St Mary's congregation so that it has the capacity then to resource others, and then with the support of St Mary's to pioneer revitalization at St Chad's.

Following over a year of vacancy, after an initial fall in enthusiasm at St Mary's we believe we have picked ourselves up. We are growing our congregation with new members and have completed a successful Alpha course. We are exploring how we can develop our Church using money from a large legacy to grow our Church and serve our local community. We have plans for community outreach and believe we are working well together united by the challenge of a Church without a vicar but with the leadership of Christ.

At St Chad's we continue to be faithful and hopeful in our worship, prayer and mission, but are struggling with low numbers, limited resources, and a cold building.

We look forward to a new vicar who will work strategically with both parishes to enable us to thrive in our own faith and in the mission to which Jesus has called us.

Our profile will tell you a little about both of churches.

Might God be calling you to lead us? We're praying for you as you consider your answer to that!

The person we're looking for

We are looking for someone who is:

- A servant leader and enabler, nurturing and empowering others in their faith and calling.
- A mentor, willing to provide feedback and support to those who preach, lead worship, or take on key roles.
- An encourager, trainer and facilitator helping the whole body of the church to grow
- Passionate about mission, evangelism and church growth
- A person of intelligent kindness, who listens to God, walks with humility, and encourages love, service, and spiritual development.
- Able to inspire and lead through change help us rise to challenges, stimulating a new wave of life in our congregations.
- Will see us through all seasons of church life, nurturing what has been planted, but also willing to prune and encourage new growth with love
- Will build strong relationships, both within the church and with other churches and Christian groups in Burton.
- Is committed to ongoing personal development in ministry and encourages the same in others.

We know nobody's perfect, but this is the kind of person we'd love to welcome, and we hope any future candidate will see themselves in at least some of these qualities.

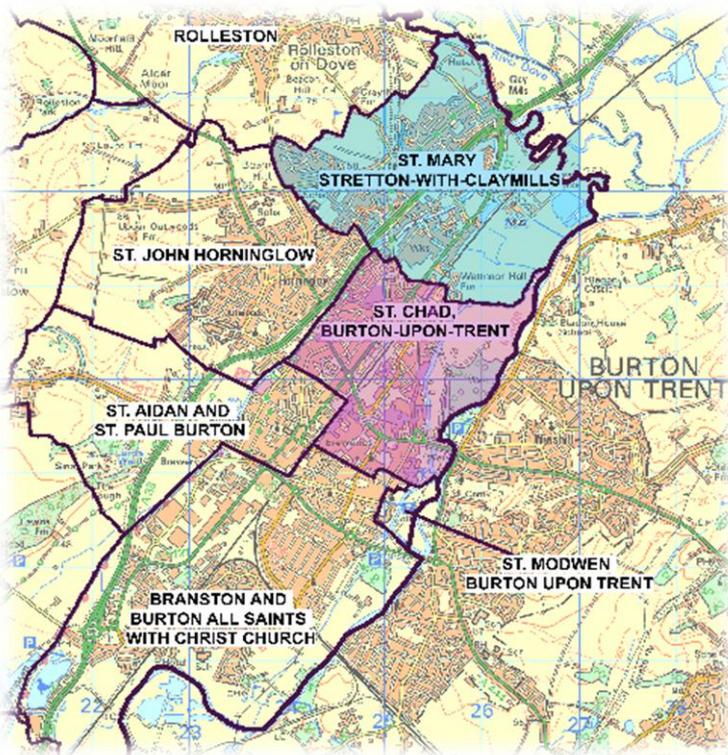
- Lives by biblical standards of morality and conduct.
- Relies on the Holy Spirit and is open to the Spirit's gifts in action.
- Loves teaching and sharing the Christian faith with real enthusiasm.
- Brings fresh gifts and new ideas to help the church grow in its witness.
- Is passionate about working with young people
- Isn't afraid to challenge, or to be challenged and is willing to encourage change when it's needed.
- Is willing to be a visible presence in the community, actively building relationships with local schools, councils, charities, other churches, and community groups.
- Is organised and manages their time well.
- Works collaboratively with others.
- Has a good sense of humour and fun and can work with people from different backgrounds

We are happy to offer our new incumbent:

- Respect for days off and holiday entitlement
- Full reimbursement of expenses
- Prayer support
- Willingness to collaborate
- Administrative support
- Financial support for an annual retreat
- Support of time for ongoing training

Together, we hope to grow, deepening our faith, strengthening our community, and continuing to be places of welcome, support, and hope. We aspire to be a church that supports and nurtures our vicar, so they can thrive alongside us, bringing the light and joy of Christ to all. Amen.

The Opportunity



These two fairly densely populated parishes form part of the centre and northern extremity of Burton on Trent.

They have shared ministry for a number of years and the new vicar will hold the benefices in plurality.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is excited to revitalize the mission of the church in a sociologically deprived area sees and believes that engaging in mission is a core part of discipleship for all.

St Chad's parish has a relatively young population with high ethnic diversity and a significant proportion identifying as Muslim. Housing is largely small closely packed terraces. Stretton has an older age profile and the population is predominantly white.

St Mary's has previously been larger than it is and has the capacity to regain its strength and missional heart and become a resourcing church to actively support mission in the poorer parts of Burton, especially the parish of St Chad's.

There is very clear church spiritual life at St Chad's and a heart to grow through mission in its local community, but the congregation needs significant revitalization to enable this.

Both congregations are of a spiritually where they are open to grow in confidence of their own story of faith and sharing it with friends and neighbours.

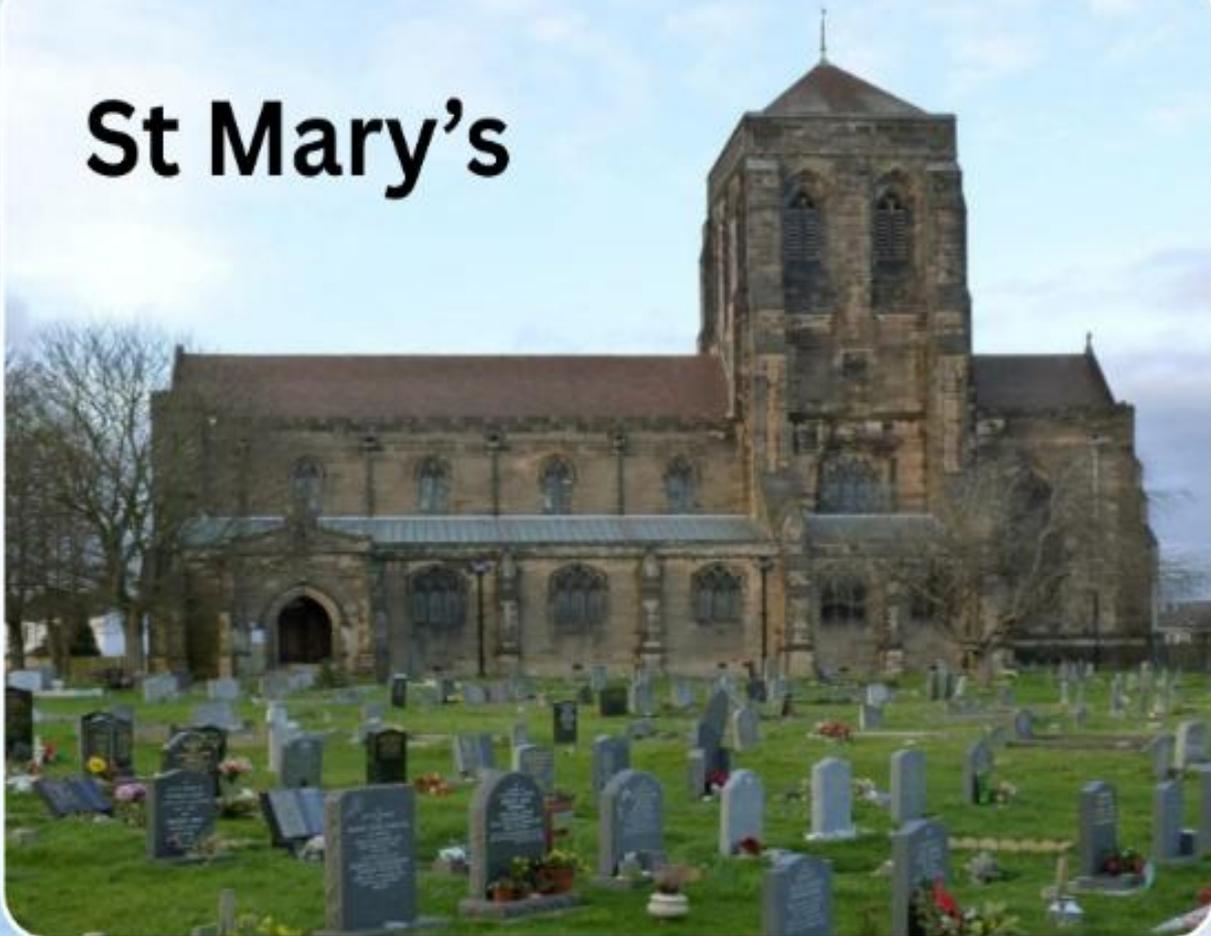
Population:	IMDs:
S Mary = 10,000	S Mary = 9,904
S Chad = 8,000	S Chad = 917
Total = 18,000	

Schools (Pupils):

S Mary – 1 x non-CE Primary (650) + 2 x non-CE Secondary (2,700)

S Chad - Holy Trinity CE Primary (200) + 2 x non-CE Primary (375)

St Mary's



The Context

Stretton is a large village on the outskirts of Burton upon Trent. It is in the east of the county of Staffordshire, close to the border with Derbyshire and the lower Peak District, in the Diocese of Lichfield. Staffordshire is in the heart of the country, in the Midlands.

Stretton has good transport links, with the A38 running through the village, and the A50 to the north of the village, with links to both the M1 and M6. Stretton is served by regular bus services to both Burton and Derby. The closest railway station is in Burton (approximately 3 miles).

The church tradition is evangelical with leanings towards charismatic. We have recently held an Alpha course, instigated and led by members of the congregation and the PCC.



Our Mission Statement:

We exist to worship and to know God, and to bring others into relationship with Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We strive to be a place where worship is both nurtured and lived, not just within our walls but out in the streets and homes of Stretton. Yet we recognise a significant challenge: our congregation is predominantly mature in age. While we do have a Sunday School that ministers to children and their parents, and we celebrate baptisms, we struggle to retain young families and to make our presence felt in the wider community.

Despite being the tallest building in the village, both we and our church seem invisible to many who live and work here. We believe that the local geographic community is vital to our worship and identity. It's here, in daily life and not just on Sundays, that we can support and strengthen one another. Our aspiration, and the invitation to any applicant joining us, is to help us develop a church that is genuinely attractive and welcoming to all ages within our local community. This could mean building connections with thriving church communities elsewhere, learning from them, and inviting them to participate with us as we grow toward sustaining our own youth and family work.

Building Connections and Community

A key part of this vision is re-establishing relationships with local schools, from primary through to senior levels, and integrating our Sunday School more deeply into the life of the church. We've had Youth Workers in the past and know the value they bring, even as we currently lack one. We want to improve our ability to keep in touch with baptism families and foster lasting involvement in church life. Our engagement with the community, while present, needs to deepen significantly. We are eager to expand our interaction, becoming not just visible but indispensable to those around us. To do this, our social media and online presence must be revitalized. Our web page, Facebook, and live streams are a start, but we need guidance to make these truly effective and current, reflecting all the resources and activities happening here.

Discipleship, Evangelism, and Spiritual Growth

At the heart of our calling is the desire to share the Good News of Christ. We know this requires more than good intentions it demands training, encouragement, and mentorship. We are looking for someone who can guide our members, equipping us to feed ourselves spiritually and then share that nourishment with others. We need refreshing perspectives and renewed knowledge to empower us for the future God is calling us toward. This growth will involve both learning and unlearning, being open to new ideas while respecting the wisdom and experiences already present in our church family. We hope for a leader willing to challenge and stretch us, but also ready to listen and walk alongside us as we live and learn together.

Sustainability and Openness to Change

Like many church communities face the challenge of growing our numbers, caring for our buildings, and stewarding creation responsibly. We are already working towards environmental sustainability and striving for a carbon zero footprint. We

welcome new ideas and energy in these areas, and we are happy to share what we've already explored with any new leader who joins us. We want to continue and enrich our regular rhythms of worship, our weekly Sunday services and monthly mid-week communion while also remaining open and willing to embrace change for the sake of a vibrant, healthy, growing future.

Moving Forward Together

We seek a companion and guide for this journey, someone who will help us integrate all generations, strengthen our outreach, and build a sustainable, loving, and spiritually vibrant church. We are ready to be challenged, to listen, and to grow together. Our hope is that, in all these things, we will not only benefit our community and ourselves but also, above all, grow the Kingdom of our living God and Saviour.



Our church is supported by a dedicated and capable team:

- Pastoral Care Officer
- Church Warden (currently also our Parish Safeguarding Officer)
- Retired vicar (assists with Holy Communion)
- Lay Readers (preach and lead services)
- Non Stipendiary ministers (from the Deanery)
- Diocesan team (Archdeacon and Bishop)
- Volunteers (lead intercessory prayers, support worship, maintain the church, apply for grants, and more)
- Administrator (coordinates rotas, weddings, funerals, and church life)

We value and support these contributions, and do not expect to offload additional work onto our new vicar.



The Church Leadership

We have a retired Non-Stipendiary Minister, Dennis Warner, 2 Reader: Shirley Irons and Jenny Knopik, a Church Warden: Janet Royall and other lay people who have leadership roles within the Church.

Our Leadership Team meet every three months to draw up a rota for the following three months. Other lay people, mainly long-standing members of the Church, are also involved in leading the services.

A service rota consists of a Leader, a Preacher, a Celebrant, Sacristan Assistants, a Bible Reader and an Intercessory Prayer Leader, Sides people and a Refreshment Team and this is produced by our Administrator. We also have a Prayer Ministry Team who offer private prayer for individuals after our Sunday Service.

We have two adult volunteers who run the weekly Sunday School during term time and they are also assisted by some parents of the children who attend. (see Children's Work section). This takes place in our Church Hall during our morning service.

Our Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator keeps in contact with Church members who are no longer able to attend in person and arranges pastoral visits on request.

Worship and administrative functions are supported by **two vergers**

The Parish

Deprivation rank (1=most deprived, 12,154=least deprived)	10,695
Parish population (2021 census)	9,490
Parish number of occupied households	4,105
Area (square miles)	2.0
Population density (people per square mile)	4,850
% aged 0-4	5.3
% aged 5-19	16.4
% aged 20-29	10.4
% aged 30-44	18.9
% aged 45-69	33.8
% aged 70 and over	15.1
% Asian ethnicity	4.4
% Black ethnicity	0.6
% Mixed ethnicity	1.9
% White ethnicity	92.3
% Other ethnicity	0.8
% Buddhist	0.1
% Christian	54.2
% Hindu	0.4
% Jewish	0.0
% Muslim	3.1
% Sikh	0.4
% Other religion	0.4
% No religion	36.1
% Religion not stated	5.3

To get a closer look at Stretton, check out the Stretton Parish Councils [Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2031](#).

The only significant housing project on the horizon is on Craythorne Lane.

Discipleship, Vocation, and Evangelism

Parish Activities and Community Engagement

Over the past year, we have hosted a range of events designed to foster fellowship among church members and build connections with the wider community. These have included a Big Band concert, a church fuddle, and a Party in the Park. Our aim is to offer inclusive and engaging activities that draw people into the life of the church.

We run several **house groups** throughout the week both daytime and evening sessions providing regular opportunities for discipleship and fellowship. In addition, we successfully delivered an **Alpha Course** this year.

In the past, we have organised **parish weekends** that were well attended, and more recently held a **Quiet Day**, which attracted 10 participants seeking spiritual reflection and renewal.

We also offer the following regular activities:

- **Men's Munch** held monthly on the third Saturday, this fellowship group continues to grow and is consistently well attended.
- **Thursday Afternoon Cafe** draws a significant number of non-church attendees, many of whom have since begun attending Sunday services.
- Our **Helping Hands** initiative offers practical support to any household in the parish. This includes transport to medical appointments, assistance with shopping, gardening, friendly visits, and other acts of service. The programme is entirely volunteer-led, has been operating for many years, and is provided free of charge. It exemplifies our commitment to compassionate, practical outreach.

Children and Youth Ministry

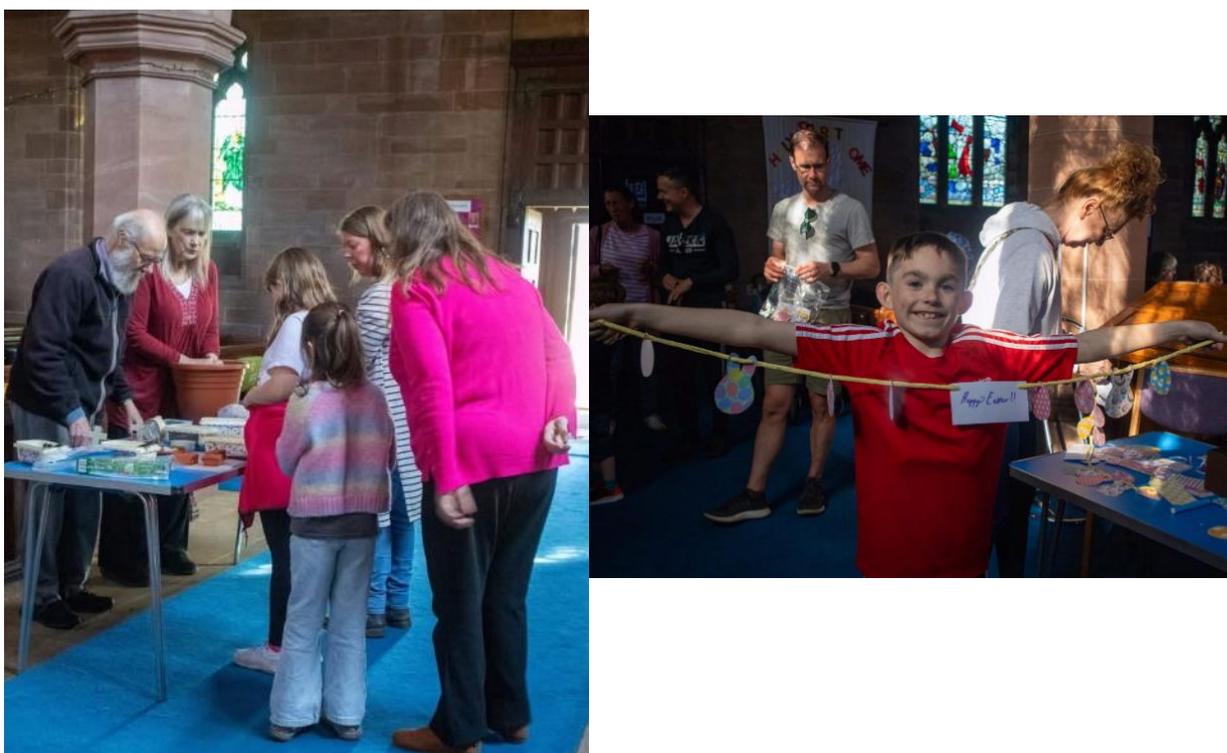
Sunday School

Our Sunday School operates during term time alongside the main Sunday service and is led entirely by volunteers. It currently serves 10 children and 5 young people. 5 adult volunteers, who are also spiritually nurtured through their involvement.

The young people recently completed a **Youth Alpha** course. We continue to encourage children to receive **Holy Communion**, a practice initiated by our former vicar.

In Our Back Yard

This family-friendly initiative offers four community events each year, held outdoors at the front of the church to maximise visibility and engagement. Attendance varies from 24 to 60 children and their families, depending on the event. The programme is coordinated by a core team of six volunteers and supported by additional helpers on the day.



Holiday Club

We run a three-day **Holiday Club** at the beginning of the summer holidays in partnership with Burton Youth for Christ (YFC). This is staffed by 15 volunteers, including support from our young adults. Last year, 26 children participated.

Schools Ministry

Our parish includes:

William Shrewsbury Primary School (approx. 680 pupils)

Fountains Primary School (Special School)

Fountains High School (Special School)

Although we are not currently delivering in-school ministry primarily due to the absence of a vicar or youth worker, we maintain **strong relationships** with all three schools. All regularly visit the church for Religious Education (RE) lessons, Harvest and Christmas services

Communication and Media

We maintain a multi-channel communication strategy to keep our congregation and the wider community informed and engaged:

- **Weekly Newsletter** Distributed via email to subscribers, printed for those who prefer hard copies, and shared with visitors on Sundays.
- **Church Communication System** Uses email and SMS to disseminate important updates.
- **Noticeboards** Internal boards for church and community information.
- **Website** Contains all current church information and event details.
- **YouTube Channel** Hosts weekly service livestreams, Sunday talks, and worship music.
- **Facebook Page** Used to promote events and foster digital engagement.

Pastoral Offices

Baptisms

13 baptisms were conducted over the past year.

- Baptisms are held during the **10:00am Family Service** on the first Sunday of the month (non-Communion).
- Families attend a preparation session with the baptism team, watch a short clip, and have the opportunity to ask questions.
- Each family receives a baptism candle, a children's Bible, a certificate, and a knitted lion or sheep.
- Children's names are added to our **Baptism Tree**, and they and their families are regularly prayed for.
- Birthday cards are sent annually up to the age of five.

3 Weddings were celebrated last year

7 Funerals were conducted over the past year, some led by a Reader

We are grateful to local funeral directors who partner with us to hold an annual **Memorial Service** at the church.

Pastoral Care



Style of Worship.

We try to create a welcoming style of worship in our services which creates a comfortable environment for everyone who comes, making newcomers feel valued. We are relaxed but take our worship very seriously.

Services.

Our main Sunday service at St. Mary's is at 10am. This is currently either Holy Communion or Morning Prayer.

We follow the Common Worship Order One. The whole service can easily be followed on screens from the front.

The baptism of children generally takes place within our main service. On these occasions this is a family service with no Holy Communion service.

We usually also celebrate Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month.

The music is led by a worship band comprising a pianist, guitar and 3-4 singers. We use a mixture of musical styles, ranging from traditional to modern, aimed at helping worshippers to understand and reflect God's majesty, power and also his welcoming love. Occasionally we use recorded music.

Preaching and teaching is Biblically based, but varies in style, being aimed at all ages including families and uses a mixture of visual material, as well as the more traditional forms of teaching. During the service children are invited to join together for their own activities in our Sunday School.

Prayer ministry is offered by a team after the service in the side chapel. There is also an opportunity for everyone to meet over refreshments.

Since Covid, our main services have been streamed on YouTube. This has been welcomed and valued by those unable to attend church and has also resulted in a few people coming in person after viewing our broadcast.

The building

St Mary's Church is Grade II* Listed. It was built as the Parish Church in 1895-7 by Micklethwaite & Somers Clarke for the first Patron, John Gretton of Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton Brewers, at a cost of £30,000.

It is built of sandstone from Stanton, Derbyshire, with tiled roofs to nave and chancel, copper to aisles, in a powerful and poised decorated style.

There is a substantial tower at the crossing, nave, chancel, north and south aisles (both with porches) and vestry to transept. It has a font of Purbeck marble, well figured octagonal bowl and ornate moulded stand, with a beautifully carved octagonal spire cover. Because of its weight and the age of the counterbalance, it has now been decommissioned, but it is still a major feature of the church. We now have an oak moveable font.

The East Window, designed by Sir William Blake Richmond R.A., shows Our Lord in Majesty, surrounded by angels. It is widely regarded as the most dramatic of our stained glass windows.

There is much more information available on <https://stchadstmary.org.uk/st-marys-church-building>

When our heating system was damaged by a flood in 2019, our insurer paid for a new gas boiler, which is working well. We're now planning ahead for the next decade, with the goal of switching to electric heating.

The Churchyard

The well-kept churchyard is still legally open, although effectively full, apart from spaces awaiting a family member. There is an Area for Burial of Cremated Remains which is also almost full.

Some of the graves are visited regularly, a few almost every day. As a result, we have some difficulty with tributes such as plastic flowers etc within this area.

The churchyard contains a few notable memorials including one to William Shrewsbury, the first Head Teacher, after whom the present school is named.

There is also a memorial to PC William Ezra Price, who was bludgeoned to death on 26 January 1903 while attempting to arrest three men for theft in Stretton.

There are also 2 Commonwealth War Graves from the First World War and 4 from the Second World War, which are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission volunteers.

Part of the Churchyard is maintained by the Parish Council. A large part of the Churchyard is maintained by the volunteers, especially the Cremated Remains area.

Administrator

St Mary's employs a part-time administrator who works 20.5 hours per week and reports directly to the vicar. This role has four main aims:

- Shielding the clergy and churchwardens from routine tasks and unnecessary interruptions.
- Acting as the central hub for church communications and answering questions, storing data, and sharing information.
- Serving as the church's main point of contact for the wider community, offering a friendly and approachable first impression.
- Overseeing all aspects of the church hall, including bookings and invoicing.

The administrator also manages the church and hall cleaning staff, ensuring both buildings are kept clean and presentable. This includes handling performance reviews, holiday tracking, and working with the wardens and clergy on any performance or disciplinary matters.

Routine administrative tasks cover everything from taking meter readings and preparing the quarterly service rota to invoicing for funerals and interments, submitting the annual statistics return, maintaining up to-date records of key holders, communion servers, licenses, and burial plots.

The administrator produces the weekly newsletter, compiles annual reports for the APCM, keeps records of funeral and wedding fees, and maintains an effective filing system. Day-to-day, they coordinate with hall users, send out monthly invoices, and tracks receipts. They also play a key role in securing grants for recent refurbishment projects.

Supporting volunteers is another important part of the job, especially around Baptisms and Weddings. During the clergy vacancy, the administrator has taken on more responsibility for funeral arrangement and working with Funeral Directors and our Funeral Co-ordinator to ensure the right minister is available and handling related fees.



Church Hall

Beyond church activities like the weekly cafe. and Sunday school, the hall is home to 11 regular groups, including baby sensory classes, children's dance and scout groups, adult art and singing classes, and slimming groups. Until recently, a Muslim group used the hall for prayer meetings and social gatherings; a Sikh group holds events there several times a year, and the hall has become a popular spot for henna prewedding parties. Family and children's parties fill the hall most Saturday and Sunday afternoons. All told, around 500 people make use of the hall every month, making it a valuable and well-loved community resource.

Church Finances

Our approach to finances is to pray and trust in God's provision. We trust that God will provide, and that trust has been rewarded and twice in the past year we've received generous gifts that helped us through a period without a vicar. Even so, we keep a close eye on our spending, always searching for the best deals on utilities and careful stewardship when we can. We want our Church Hall to be a real asset for the community as well as a hub for church activities. Over the last decade, the small surplus from the Hall has helped cover the gap between what it costs to run the Church and what we receive in regular giving from members.

After bouncing back well from Covid, we've noticed that regular giving has dipped a bit during the vacancy, but we're proud of what we've achieved together.

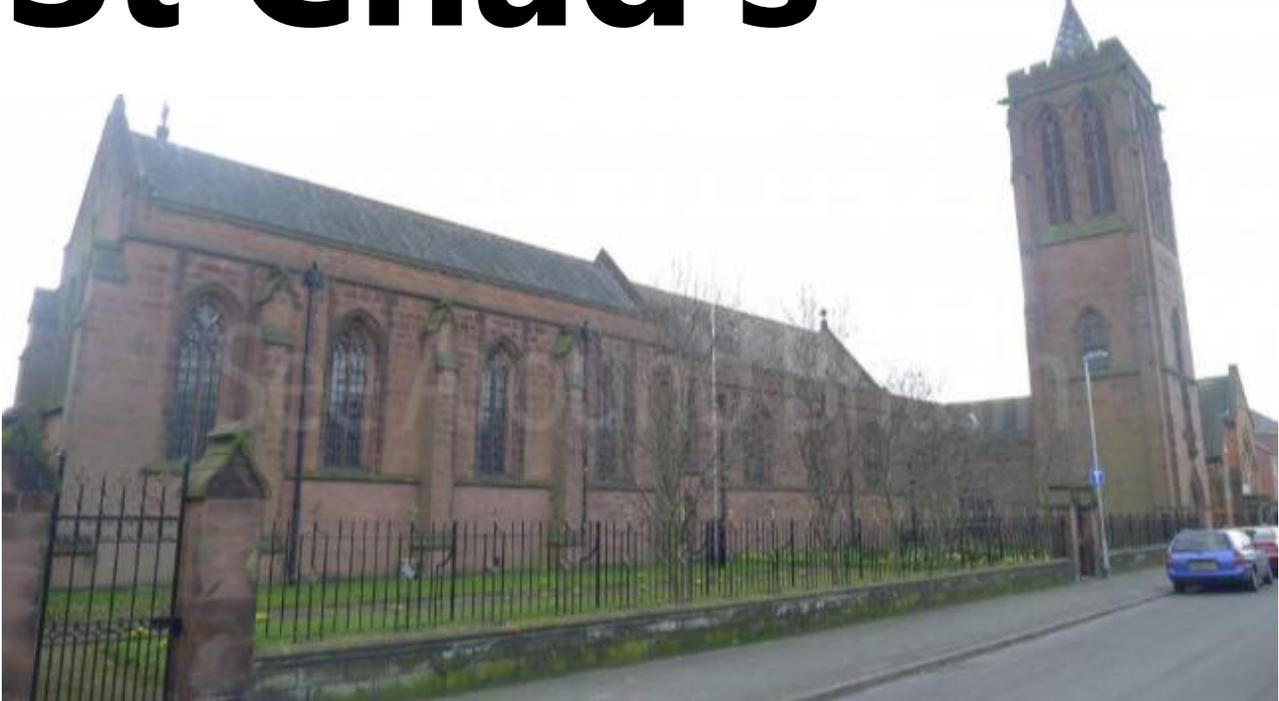
Over the past 10 years we've tackled big projects for both the Church and Hall thanks to grants from both faith-based and secular organizations. This has included repairing the church roof, installing a new roof alarm, resurfacing the Hall car park, refurbishing the wooden floor, updating the toilets, kitchen, and chairs, and buying a new moveable font with donations from our members.

In the last two years, we've received grants from:

- National Churches Trust
- Benefact Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Stretton Parish Council East Staffs Borough Council Ward Enhancement Scheme
- National Lottery Fund

We pay our Common Fund request in full.

St Chad's



St Chad's congregation has dwindled significantly since the retirement of its previous vicar. Current usual Sunday attendance is in the teens. Members with significant needs who had depended on the pastoral care of the vicar are now less likely to attend. There is small very faithful core, but there are no churchwardens, no PCC secretary and currently no PSO. The potential for partnership is clear as a member of St Mary's has stepped in to be treasurer, and lay leaders from St Mary's offer support in many ways, including assisting with service leading. Admin support is provided from St Mary's. There are 2 active Readers who are licensed to both benefices.

The faithful committed core are very prayerful and long for the congregation to grow. They are very welcoming and open to change and development.



Services

Sunday services of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion are currently held at 10am. In the winter these are held in the octagonal chapel as it has heating. They follow Common Worship but are informal in style and use recorded music of a variety of styles.

Refreshments are served after services.

Missional Opportunity

The needs of the community provide ample opportunities which can be developed for mission.

The previous vicar used to do a lot of 'doorstep ministry' around St Chad's – people calling at the vicarage asking for food and advice, which could easily be reshaped to an outreach ministry from the church around the significant social needs within the area.

The church owns the local community centre (an old mission church/school, adjacent to the church) which currently has a separate committee running it that needs bringing into alignment with the missional purposes of the church and provides excellent opportunities for community connection.

The local schools are very open to input from the church and occasional church visits continue through the vacancy.

More recently the building has been used for some concerts which have been well attended.

Some parish statistics

Deprivation rank (1=most deprived, 12,154=least deprived)	941
Parish population (2021 census)	8,006
Parish number of occupied households	3,229
Area (square miles)	1.4
Population density (people per square mile)	5,917
% aged 0-4	8.0
% aged 5-19	19.9
% aged 20-29	15.3
% aged 30-44	24.4
% aged 45-69	25.2
% aged 70 and over	7.1
% Asian ethnicity	22.9
% Black ethnicity	2.8
% Mixed ethnicity	3.4
% White ethnicity	68.7
% Other ethnicity	2.2
% Buddhist	0.2
% Christian	37.7
% Hindu	0.7
% Jewish	0.0
% Muslim	23.6
% Sikh	0.1
% Other religion	0.5
% No religion	30.8
% Religion not stated	6.3

The Building

St Chad's was grade 1 listed in 1979 for its special architectural interest. The building of Hollington red sandstone, is set within terraced streets. Construction of the current church was commenced in 1903 and consecrated in 1910. The church was designed by the architect George Frederick Bodley and paid for by Michael Bass, First Baron Burton. The nave, chancel and sanctuary have very impressive barrel-vaulted oak ceilings. There is a bell chamber housing eight bells set within a cast iron frame in two rows. The current building superseded a late Victorian mission church that still stands alongside the church and now serves as a church hall, called Saint Chad's Centre. The current QI (2023) declares the basic fabric to be in a generally good condition without major threat.

A big issue is that of heating. The boilers, serving both church and hall have broken down. The PCC don't have the funds to replace them but are working hard to find more cost-effective alternatives and grant funding to support them. The hall rooms have had convector heaters installed and similar heaters have been fitted within the octagonal chapel/choir vestry in the church at the southeast corner of the chancel. Accessibility is not particularly good with an external step to the main door and two more steps within the narthex, but these are surmountable challenges. There is a south door which could easily and inexpensively be modified to accommodate wheelchair access.

The church has a WC within the community centre building with external access, allowing it to be used independently of community centre activities.

There is an excellent organ which is in good condition.

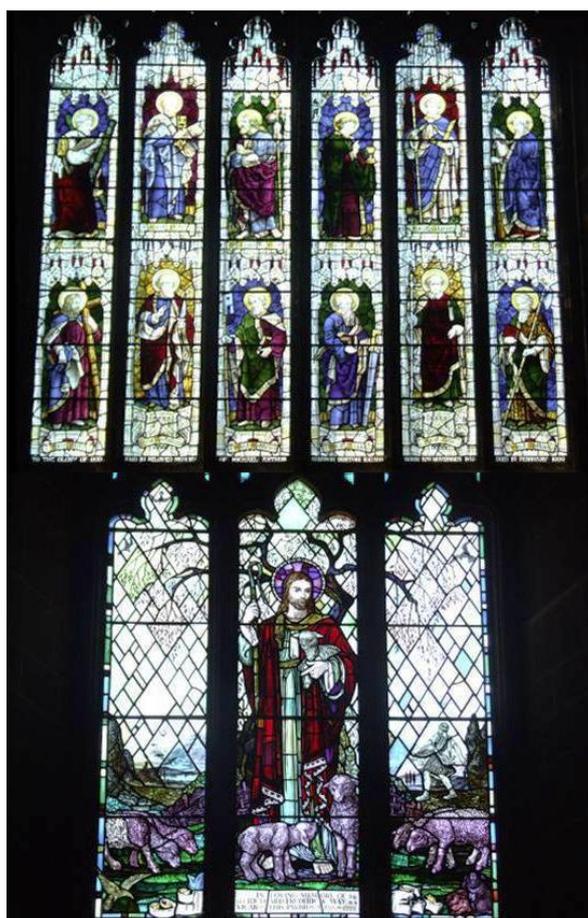


Financial Sustainability

St Chad's has been faithfully paying its Common Fund request until recently but running down its reserves to do so. It now has around £10k in reserves, and hence has reduced its CF payments to £100 per month for now to keep the bank balance in the red.

Work is being done to use the building for concerts etc to raise funds, and grants are being sought where available, but realistically the financial situation will not turn round until the congregation has grown.

The Diocese has agreed a financial sustainability plan which involves focussing additional Low Income Communities money on St Chad's. This allows an initial period of low expectations whilst the focus is on growing St Mary's, and then a steady increase towards an ongoing more realistic but still subsidized Common Fund request over the next 10 years.



The Vicarage.

Each benefice has a house. Our preference is for the new incumbent to live in the St Chad's Vicarage on Hunter Street, next to St Chad's Church, as we believe that will be the best base from which to grow to discern the missional opportunities that will be at the heart of the revitalization of St Chad's. However, if the right applicant has a strong pastoral preference for use of Stretton Vicarage this can be discussed.

