



Brereton, Rugeley and Armitage Benefice

St John the Baptist Church, Armitage

A bit of background...

The parish has been in existence since the medieval period. In modern times the parish has also been served by the mission church of Handsacre St. Luke.

The church of St. John the Baptist, situated on a rocky eminence overlooking the valley of the Trent, and commanding a distant view of a portion of the forest of Charnwood, is a reproduction in stone of the old Norman church, and consists of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower, restored in 1903, and containing 3 bells: most of the windows are stained and include a memorial window to the Rev. J. W. Kewley M.A. rector 1872-1903, presented in 1908 by parishioners and friends: the church was rebuilt, with the exception of the tower, in 1844: there are sittings for 387 persons, 70 being free. The church has a community room attached to the rear of the building that can be accessed through the church.

The church parish is part of the Brereton, Rugeley & Armitage benefice (St Michaels, Brereton; St Augustine's, Rugeley; Church of the Holy Spirit, Etching Hill, Church of the Good Shepherd, Pear Tree Estate and a new developing worshipping congregation at Victory Hall, Slitting Mill). This is led by Reverend Cath Leighton, Team Rector, supported by a whole ministry team of both lay and ordained ministers.

