




**HOLY TRINITY BINGLEY,
ST WILFRID GILSTEAD,
AND ST MICHAEL & ALL
ANGELS COTTINGLEY**

MISSION PRIEST

PART-TIME

PARISH BROCHURE

 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Leeds

Hello

We are a group of churches in the Bingley area that love God deeply in our different ways. We are seeking to grow in our faith, and serve our communities well. We'd like to be a light for our places, a beacon of the love of Christ in Cottingley, Bingley, and Gilstead.



We are looking for

a dynamic priest with gifts in community engagement and relationship building. We'd like a forward-thinking priest with a heart focussed on mission and meeting the future with creativity and energy.

About us

- Welcome - we seek to be safe places for anyone and everyone.
- Worship - we want our worship to be genuine, wholehearted and accessible to all.
- Generosity - we want to respond to God, the community, and each other with the generosity first shown to us.
- Growth - we hope to grow still further, both in faith and in numbers

We have three warm and caring churches of differing traditions. You will see the word 'catholic' appear in this document but please be assured that it isn't necessary for you to identify in that way. We need a priest who is secure in their own spirituality, and open to working within and across different traditions, but identification with one specific branch of tradition is not required.



You would be joining the team at a very exciting time in our history – we are just beginning to work together. The parishes have been separate entities, with St Michael's in Cottingley having its own priest, and Holy Trinity and St Wilfrid's being served by the same Vicar for the last thirty years. Things are changing in the Church of England, and we have chosen to see this as a real opportunity to share gifts and work together for mission in this place. Thankfully there seems to be real energy and commitment to making this happen very well, and dare I suggest some joy might be floating around in there too... We believe that God is calling us to a life together, and we are meeting that with positivity.

Where are we?

We are situated in vibrant and beautiful West Yorkshire, on the outer western edge of Bradford with plenty of green space and countryside on our doorstep

There are excellent links by public transport into both Bradford and Leeds and there are many social and cultural opportunities offered by the cities and the surrounding towns and villages. Saltaire is on the railway line, and you can also reach it by the canal path if you walk or cycle. Haworth is a few miles over the hill and Skipton, at the other end of the valley, is often referred to as the 'Gateway to the Dales'.



Bingley, Cottingley, and Gilstead have a relatively similar population mix. Both are around 90% white, though that is slowly changing. The level of unemployment here is slightly below average for adults but slightly above average for the young. Both Bingley and Cottingley have a higher than average number of retired people. It is a relatively comfortable place, but there is a lot of hidden deprivation here. Holy Trinity's parish is in the most deprived quarter of all parishes countrywide. Foodbanks are well used locally, and research sourced from the Community Centre suggests that alcohol abuse is a big problem in Cottingley. Many people here live difficult lives. The churches have links within the community and already offer support where it's possible.

Local amenities

Primary Schools

Trinity All Saints Church of England Primary School Bingley is connected with Holy Trinity. The clergy in Bingley share Collective Worship duties.

Cottingley Village Primary School has a new Head and we are in the process of building a link with St Michael's. At present they visit once a year for their Christingle Service.

Myrtle Park School has previously had church involvement but doesn't at the moment.



Secondary Schools

Beckfoot School, Bingley is an excellent school and we have a contact on staff to develop the link here.

Dixons Cottingley Academy hasn't had any link with us so far, but we are open to establishing one.



There is a medical centre in Cottingley and a large one in Bingley. There are several residential care homes and housing options for the elderly across the parishes.

Aire Valley Court sheltered housing in Bingley has a service once a month. Cottingley Hall currently has a service every two weeks.

Bingley, Gilstead, and Cottingley are home to many thriving small businesses.



There are coffee shops, an eco-friendly grocer, clothes alteration places, a wine shop, garages and many others. We also have Bingley Arts Centre in the middle of town.

We have good relationships across local churches and we seek to work together for several events in Bingley through the year.

What goes on?



SUNDAY

Eucharists at:

9.30 - Holy Trinity

10.00 - St Michael's

11.00 - St Wilfrid's

Other services:

1st Sunday - Aire Valley Court 18.00

Some Sundays - Evensong at SW 18.00

MONDAY

13.45 - Cottingley Hall 2nd & 4th

TUESDAY

10.00 Eucharist - Holy Trinity

19.00 Eucharist - St Michael's

WEDNESDAY

9.15 Eucharist - St Wilfrid's

THURSDAY

Trinity All Saints Collective Worship
Caring and Sharing/Songs of Praise

11.30 Eucharist - Holy Trinity

Pub Church every two weeks

We have things in development too. We have recently started a thriving and over-subscribed toddler group at St Michael's on Mondays; we hope to begin an informal service in a more café style format with worship and study on a Sunday evening at St Michael's; we are looking to develop a family programme at Holy Trinity in partnership with the school; and we have plans to try some outreach and a space for the youth at St Michael's.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

St Michael's in Cottingley is a church with an average Sunday attendance of around 40. It is a vibrant parish with inclusive worship.

We have a Eucharist each Sunday. The parish is solidly Anglican, but has a catholic history, and the incumbent is of that tradition. A chasuble is worn for services. Modern music and songs are part of our worship, and we encourage joining in with various instruments and even flags. St Michael's is relaxed and has a very positive 'buzz' about it on a Sunday morning, but it's also reverent. The sacrament is respected and held to be the centre of our worship.

The people of St Michael's represent a huge range of traditions, so wherever on the spectrum you're from, you'll find someone similar.

We have two clergy with PTO. We have one LLM (Reader) who has a particular gift in work with children, and a Lay Worship Leader who currently runs the Sunday Club.

St Michael's is attached to Cottingley Community Centre. The project was planned to offer a way to meet all the needs of the community, both sacred and more secular. The Community Centre is a separate organisation, but many of the church members volunteer or work there. It's a great resource for Cottingley and there are plans to extend the offer still further to serve those the Centre doesn't currently reach.



HOLY TRINITY BINGLEY

Holy Trinity in Bingley is a smaller church with an unfussy Anglo-Catholic tradition. The people are welcoming, kind, and devoted to their church.



They get behind new initiatives where they can, and they would dearly love to see growth. The services are quiet, reverent, and traditional, with organ and hymns and sung psalms as part of the Sunday Mass. Holy Trinity offers itself twice a week as a warm space, called Place of Welcome, for those who may be feeling lonely, and this sums the place up wonderfully. It is gentle and will quietly embrace those who find their relationship with God nurtured by earthy Anglo-Catholic worship.



They, and members of St Wilfrid's, have significant involvement in the Community Kitchen too. This initiative, a FoodSavers social supermarket, offers food and help to those in need, including a chance to save with Bradford District Credit Union, and it runs out of the primary school next door. Trinity All Saints is a delightful school. The children come to church for worship once each week and there are two boards on the wall in the sanctuary for the display of work done within school, so that connection is solid. Holy Trinity benefits from the ministry of the LLM (Reader) who also acts as one of the churchwardens.



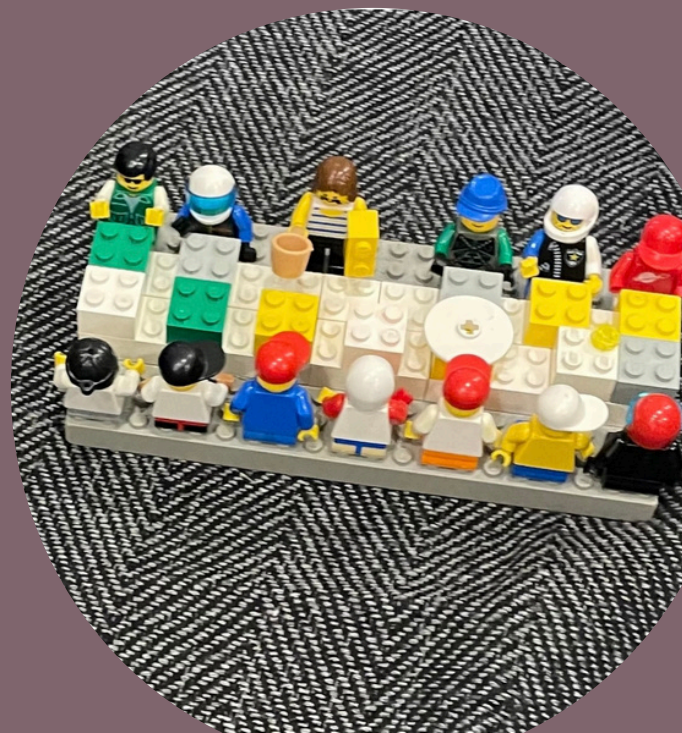
ST WILFRID

St Wilfrid's is the church on the hill in Gilstead. It overlooks Bingley and its worship is liturgical, eucharistic, absolutely Anglican! There is something very open about St Wilfrid's.

Like all our churches they are inclusive, caring and welcoming to newcomers. The people are a joy and welcome new ideas in worship within the Anglican tradition.

One Sunday each month is dedicated to All Age Worship, led by an LLM licensed this year and a Sunday Club runs on the first Sunday of each month for children aged 3 – 11. They are looking to develop further their work with families, children, and young people.

St Wilfrid's Hall is situated behind the church and plays a vital role in serving the community with its regular lettings to a Parent and Toddler Group, Cub Group, various exercise classes and other community groups. There is great potential to develop mission in the area through use of the Hall which is managed and run by church volunteers.



It's not perfect, but it's a joy to serve here. There are challenges, of course. There are financial challenges to be dealt with, as there are in many churches across the country. There are missional challenges too. We have hopeful ideas and ambitions for our future and, to follow God's call to us, we need someone who is focussed on community and people. Someone who can connect and build relationships would be a great fit.

If mission is where your heart lies, this is an ideal opportunity. You would have the freedom to be out in the community building relationships and making things happen. This post represents an opportunity to be a priest in an excellent place with an exciting future, with some of the usual stressors taken away by the fact that there is also an incumbent who has oversight.

Is God calling you to this post?

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Terms of Appointment and Accommodation

This is a part-time half-stipend incumbent status post under Common Tenure; Sundays plus 3 other days. Provision of the house includes water rates and Council Tax. All expenses are paid. Removal costs and a resettlement grant are available. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the DBS. There are six weeks holiday per annum plus Bank Holidays (or time in lieu) pro rata. Participation in an annual Ministerial Development Review and in-service training is required and an annual retreat is strongly encouraged.

The house provided is a substantial 5 bedroomed family home in a very popular residential area offering spacious living accommodation. Benefitting from a newly fitted bathroom as well as gas central heating, double glazing and handy garage conversion providing a handy home office, playroom or storage.

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The Diocese of Leeds

The Diocese of Leeds was formed at Easter 2014. It is one of the largest dioceses in the country covering an area of around 2425 square miles and a population of around 2642400 people. The diocese comprises five Episcopal areas, each served by a suffragan Bishop. Each Episcopal Area is coterminous with an Archdeaconry. The Diocesan Vision is 'confident Christians, growing churches, transforming communities and so helping share the Good News of Jesus Christ across our Diocese'. This Vision is embedded into the Diocesan Strategy and Goals.



Our goals:

1. Thriving as a distinctive diocese whose culture is shaped by a shared vision and values
2. Re-Imagining ministry
3. Nurturing lay discipleship
4. Building leadership pathways
5. Growing young people as Christians

The Diocese is a mix of urban and rural. The area includes the major cities of Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield; the large industrial and post-industrial towns of Halifax, Huddersfield and Dewsbury; the market towns of Harrogate, Skipton, Ripon, Richmond and Wetherby; and the deeply rural area of the Yorkshire Dales. The Diocese is unique in having three cathedrals; Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield. The Deans of the Cathedrals work together to provide key diocesan services.