

# The Diocese of Peterborough

## Tresham Benefice - Northamptonshire



**Benefice Profile**

## Welcome Letter

Welcome to our Tresham Benefice Profile and the Tresham Benefice. We hope that you will enjoy reading about the Benefice and our journey in faith. The Benefice has five Churches that are alike in many ways but with diverse congregations and differing types of Services. The Eucharist is at the heart of our worship. Each Parish has its own characteristics, Rothwell is a small but busy market town, Loddington, Thorpe Malsor, Rushton and Pipewell are all rural villages.

Our last Vicar has retired and we are looking forward to welcoming a new Vicar who will value how our congregations already participate in Services and who will support, encourage and help us to develop; and will also help us face the challenge of building up our congregations and making the Church relevant outside celebratory life events.

We can offer you the friendship and support of the Churchwardens and the PCCs and a warm welcome from all our congregations. Our teams of volunteers are ready and willing to continue to assist the smooth running of the Benefice. All of us are eager to step into the future with a new incumbent and we hope that you will learn more about us from the Profile.

### **The Churchwardens**

Holy Trinity, Rothwell

St Leonard's, Loddington

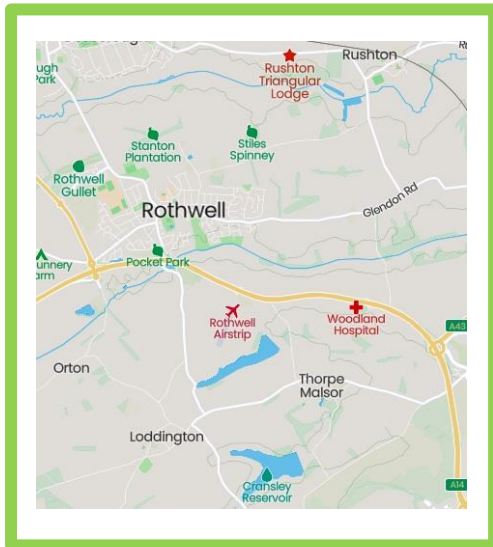
All Saints', Rushton & St Mary's, Pipewell

All Saints', Thorpe Malsor

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## Tresham Benefice - Introduction



The Benefice is situated in a rural part of Northamptonshire, surrounded by farmland. It is part of Kettering Deanery within the Archdeaconry of Oakham. There are good road links to the A1, M1 & M6. Rothwell has access to a local bus Service to Kettering, Market Harborough and Corby. Rushton has an hourly bus Service plus a community bus and Loddington and Thorpe Malsor have a trial bus until December 2022.

National rail Services can be accessed at Kettering or Market Harborough stations, which are served by the East Midlands Railway.

### Rothwell

An historic market town with a market square and a number of buildings constructed of the local ironstone. The Jesus Hospital, grade 2 listed, was built in 1593 and the Market House, grade 1 listed, was designed and built by Sir Thomas Tresham in 1577.

Rothwell has a large market square and a good range of food and other shops, restaurants, cafes, hairdressers, estate agents, pharmacy and post office. There is also a library and two building societies. On Mondays there is a small general market in the square and on the third Saturday of every month there is a specialised food market. Large housing estates have been developed to the east and west of the town and during the last two years work has begun on a housing development of 700 houses to the north of the town. The population is around 8,000 and represents the full spectrum of society with high levels of employment among those of working age. The majority of homes are owner occupied but there is some local authority and housing association property and a few private rentals. Flats at Madams Gardens, Evison Road and the Jesus Hospital all provide sheltered or warden-controlled accommodation. Rothwell has a community centre and three large parks one of which contains mediaeval fish ponds. The schools in the town are for infants, juniors and for secondary school children and are all part of the Pathfinder Schools Trust. Within the Benefice some 11 – 18-year-olds attend Bishop Stopford School in Kettering which is a voluntary aided Church of England secondary School & Sixth Form.

Rothwell has a health centre and within the district there is a General Hospital in Kettering, Corby Urgent Care Centre, the private Woodlands Hospital and Cransley Hospice.

### Loddington

The population is approximately 400 with some 200 houses. The majority of the houses are privately owned and there is a mix of sizes from two bedrooms to four bedrooms, together with a few larger properties and an area of local authority bungalows aimed at senior citizens.

Approximately 40% of the population is of retirement age, 50% of working age with 10% school or pre-school age. Most of the working population of the village are employed outside the village. The socio-economic profile of the village is mixed. Loddington Church of England Primary School with excellent links with the village Church (please see Appendix A on page 24 for further information). There is a village hall which is used regularly by local groups as well as for specific functions and provides school meals.

There is a large recreation field which is used for football during the winter and cricket during the summer. The village also has a public house - The Hare at Loddington - which is popular with local residents and the wider Kettering area community.

### Rushton with Pipewell & Glendon

The Parish has a population of approximately 600 and includes the outlying hamlets of Glendon and Pipewell, together with other outlying houses and farms. In addition to farming, the village has several businesses based there, including a garage providing repairs and MOTs, a haulage contractor, public house with restaurant, guest houses, health farm, country hotel wedding venue and spa.

There is a recently fully refurbished village hall with full catering facilities, two meeting rooms and modern toilet and welfare facilities.

The population is static with only a few new houses having been built recently on infill sites. There are no plans at present to increase the housing stock. The village and outlying hamlets have a traditional mix of ages and social groups.

### Thorpe Malsor

The village has a population of approximately 100 with some 50 houses. The majority of the houses are privately owned and there is a mix of sizes from two bedrooms to four bedrooms, together with a few larger properties.

The amenities of the village itself include a thriving Social Club and Village Hall; both are well supported locally and generally within the vicinity of Kettering. A "Tea and Chat" session is held monthly in the Social Club and is well attended.

Rookery Cottage nationally accredited Care Home is well established and its residents much part of the community.

The ancient and continuing rights of the living of The Lordship of the Manor of Rothwell, granted in the early C17th are vested in the Maunsell family who are resident in Thorpe.

## Tresham Benefice Vision & Mission

We are a group of 5 traditional Anglican Churches, embracing different and innovative worship patterns including lay-led Services.

Our vision is to present the Christian Faith in a lively accessible way. We aim to engage with all and establish even greater participation within our benefice community.

We look to achieve this vision by:

- Continuing a regular pattern of Services within the benefice but being prepared to accommodate change.
- Encouraging our younger members to continue attending Church.
- Developing a stronger system of pastoral care for those who need more support.
- Extending our outreach to those who have left the Church and to those who have not yet come to meet us.

## Future Direction

- We wish to continue with a range of Services designed to bring communities into the Church.
- We need a priest who will encourage lay ministry and drive the formation of a ministry team of priests, accredited lay ministers and lay people.
- Links with our schools have been strengthened which we would like to see further enhanced.
- We aspire to be prayerful and worshipful and seek a priest who will guide us by example, while also encouraging the more contemplative ways of prayer.
- We aim to maintain and build congregations using Messy Church and the Benefice youth group.
- As a Benefice we aim to encourage existing ecumenical links and future opportunities.

The recent pandemic has given us opportunities for growth in developing new ways of worship and accessing communities. Services were held on Zoom and live streamed and these were accessed by both young and old. The live streamed Services are continuing today and reaching residents who are not regular Church attenders.

## Church Buildings

### Rothwell – Holy Trinity

Grade 1 listed, the original part dating back to the twelfth century, it has the longest nave and chancel in the Peterborough Diocese. There is also a bone crypt, one of only two in the country, dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and contains the bones of 2500 individuals. The last Quinquennial inspection/report was in 2019 and there is still some outstanding work to be carried out on the external stonework although the south and north porch roofs have recently been repaired. The seating accommodation within the Church is ample. The Chancel and The Lady Chapel can hold about 40 and the Nave about 200. The Church is often booked for concerts as the acoustics are so good which provides an additional source of funds. The Churchyard is closed to burials and is in the care of North Northamptonshire Council. Ashes are interred in the north Churchyard and by the wall of the south Churchyard.

### Loddington – St Leonard's

Grade II\* listed originally built in the 12th century. It has a spire which was added in the 13th century. All safety work recommended by our last Quinquennial Inspection/Report has been carried out. Our next Quinquennial is due in 2022. During 2019/2020 we carried out extensive works to the spire and repaired one of the gargoyles. The £30,000 needed was raised through a village appeal and by Grant Applications. The entire works were funded without dipping into our fabric fund.

There is a faculty in place for converting an outbuilding into a disabled toilet. We have also been in discussion with the DAC over the forming of a servery at the back of the Church. No agreement has yet been reached on this project. It is now felt that both these projects need to be re-visited with a new emphasis to make the Church building more accessible and to be used throughout the week, not just for a Sunday Service.

Re-ordering work was carried out from 2007-2010 with some pews being removed, new stone flooring laid, complete redecoration and levelling of flooring on the north side of the building. The Churchyard was extended in 2008, ample burial plots for the foreseeable future.

### Rushton – All Saints' & St Mary's Pipewell

Within the parish of Rushton with Glendon and Pipewell there are two Anglican places of worship: -

#### All Saints'

The Church building is early 14th century in the decorated Gothic style, constructed from the local ironstone. Some evidence exists of an earlier Norman construction. On the north side of the building there is a Lady Chapel. This was used as a Chantry Chapel from 1268 to 1538, when chantries were abolished under Henry VIII. Seating for approximately 120 people is provided by pews which were installed in the early 19th century. Heating is by a traditional wet radiator system fuelled by an electric flow boiler.



Notable features in the Church include the tomb of Sir Thomas Tresham which is a recumbent effigy in alabaster wearing the traditional dress of a Knight Hospitaller. Sir Thomas was appointed Lord Prior of the restored Order of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem in 1557 by Queen Mary. By the steps to the north door is a tomb of Purbeck marble of a 13th century knight thought to be William de Goldingham who owned estates in the Rushton area. There are various stained-glass windows dating from the early 19th century. The belfry contains six bells, the tenor bell weighing 9 cwt.

The Churchyard is open for burials. A notable feature of this Churchyard is that it is coffin shaped, the perimeter being marked with a stone wall. External floodlighting has been installed and is run on a weekly subscription basis.

The fabric of All Saints' is kept in good order by a continuous programme of restoration and maintenance. There are no known serious issues. The Quinquennial inspection/report of 2019 highlighted various roof and masonry repairs and repainting of external rainwater goods. A contractor has been appointed and these repairs will commence autumn of 2022 following the receipt of grants.

### St. Mary's

Situated in the small hamlet of Pipewell two miles north of the village of Rushton. Seating approximately 34 people, it is possibly the smallest in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Church was constructed of stone in keeping with the surrounding houses in 1882. It comprises a cruciform plan of limestone walls with embattled parapets, a slate pitched roof and a single timber bellcote. The building is surrounded by a small Churchyard which is open for burials, although these are very infrequent.

There are no notable features in this Church; however, it is situated near the site of a Cistercian abbey. The abbey was founded in 1143, a daughter house of Newminster, Northumberland and was one of the biggest Cistercian houses in the country. Nothing now remains other than traces of its foundations below ground level.

Heating to the building is provided by electric convector heaters. A small loft over the apex of the roof contains one bell which can be chimed from the nave of the Church.

The 2020 Quinquennial inspection/report noted that the Church is in reasonable condition although there are signs of structural movement of the floors and walls which should be regularly monitored. In places the parapet coping stones are in poor condition, the slate rooves are reaching the end of their economic lives and will require replacement in the longer term.

A small group of villagers clean and look after the Church and Churchyard.

### All Saints' - Thorpe Malsor

All Saints' has its foundations in the 13<sup>th</sup> century but was substantially refurbished in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Keble College are the Patrons of the living.

The exterior of the Church has benefited greatly in recent years from grants arising from Landfill Tax which enabled the tower and spire to be completely renovated and restored. The latest Quinquennial inspection/report 2015 required certain repairs and renovation. A priority list has been agreed, with the work being carried out when funds are available.

Within the Church, the strikingly ornate organ, is the main feature of note, built by Thomas Casson and is recognised to be one of the best examples of this master organ builder's work in existence. The Church is fortunate to possess splendid stained-glass windows dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century restoration and a Confessional Chapel accessed by a spiral staircase.

The Churchyard is now closed and maintained by North Northamptonshire Council. However, there is a special section for interment of cremated remains.

### The Benefice Vicarage

The Vicarage is based in Rothwell and was built in the 1950s and stands close to the Church. It is a large house with 5 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, study, sitting room, dining room and kitchen. There is a utility room and cloakroom. The windows have been replaced with double-glazed units. Outside there is a garage and driveway and a large garden.

## Sunday and Week Day Services

Monthly Pattern	Rothwell	Loddington	Rushton	Thorpe Malsor
First Sunday	10.45am Sung Parish Communion	9.15am Parish Communion with hymns	10.00am Family Service Lay-Led	10.00am Tea and Toast Lay-Led Service
Second Sunday	10.45am Sung Parish Communion & Trinity Discoverers	9.15am Time for God Lay-led	10.00am Family Communion with hymns	8.00am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
Third Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion  10.45am All Together Service Lay-Led	11.00am Parish Communion with hymns	9.15am Parish Communion with hymns	No Service
Fourth Sunday	10.45am Sung Parish Communion  6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Family Communion with hymns	9.15am Parish Communion at Pipewell with hymns	10.45am Parish Communion with hymns
Fifth Sunday	10.00am Benefice – Parish Communion with hymns This Service is rotated across the Benefice			
Weekday	10.00am Thursday Holy Communion  10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday Healing Service			

## Average Attendance at Services

Service [and location]	Children & Youth (0 – 16 yrs)	Adults	Totals
Rothwell 8.00 Communion	0	8	8
Rothwell Parish Communion	7	50	57
Rothwell All Together Service	9	26	35
Rothwell Thursday Morning Communion	0	16	16
Loddington Parish Communion	3	14	17
Loddington Time For God	6	22	28
Rushton Family Service	5	20	25
Rushton Parish Communion	2	15	17
Thorpe Malsor Tea and Toast	5	18	23
Holy Communion	0	6	6
Thorpe Malsor Parish Communion	3	12	15

Electoral Rolls

Rothwell	78 including 15 living outside the parish
Loddington	33 including 5 living outside the parish
Rushton	34 including 9 living outside the parish
Thorpe Malsor	15 including 3 living outside the parish

## Other Services

The past year has seen:

Church	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
Rothwell	13	12	5
Loddington	2	3	2
Rushton	2	8	3
Thorpe Malsor	0	0	5

Throughout the Church year additional Services are held across the Benefice. These would include:

- A range of Services to cover Holy Week and Easter
- At Christmas, the Benefice offers a full complement of worship including Carol and Crib Services, Midnight Mass, Christingles and each Parish aims to have a Service on Christmas Day
- Harvest Festivals in the Benefice are a chance for all to give thanks to the farming community.
- Remembrance is marked all around the Benefice with both Church Services and acts of remembrance at memorials. In addition, there are two Services of Remembrance for the recently departed.
- Patronal Festivals are celebrated in each of the Churches and at Rothwell their Patronal Festival marks the beginning of Rowell Fair which is traditionally blessed by the Vicar.
- World Day of Prayer Services are held in the Benefice.
- A Bible study group meets regularly and a prayer group takes place during Lent organised by Churches Together in Rothwell.

## Support Available

There are two retired clergy within the Benefice who help with Services; Rev Margaret Mossman and Rev Steve Heygate.

There are two Lay Readers, Val Bedwell and Ian Foster. who will preach at Sunday Services, lead Morning Prayer or Evensong and take Funerals.

A Benefice Office Assistant works 6 hours a week on a flexible basis. Benefice expenses are dealt with by the Treasurer at Loddington.

In each Parish there is: -

- A team of people who are willing and able to lead Services and be involved with their preparation. This is an area in which the Benefice is hoping to grow.
- Members of the congregation who will lead the intercessions and do the Bible readings.
- People licensed to assist with the chalice.
- Sidespeople to meet and greet.
- There are Benefice Pastoral & Baptism Teams, all of whom are volunteers.
- Each Church has an organ - Rothwell and Rushton have an organist every Sunday, whilst Loddington has an organist on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and hymns programmed into the electronic organ for other Services. Thorpe Malsor has no regular organist but use CDs.
- At Rothwell there is a choir, who are available to sing at weddings and other Services across the Benefice.

## Children & Youth Work

There is a Benefice Youth Group for young people from secondary school age – whether or not they attend Church and members meet fortnightly on a Saturday.

Holy Trinity has a children's corner with toys and drawing materials, books etc for support during Services. The Trinity Discoverers, for children 3 – 11, meet on the second Sunday of the month during the morning Service at Holy Trinity. Sunbeams is a preschool group for carers and children that meet in the afternoon every Thursday during term time. Messy Church has sessions at Christmas, Easter and Harvest

The first Rothwell Scout Group meet on Wednesday evenings in Holy Trinity Church with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts attending different sessions.

Loddington has a space for children to sit together and either colour in or play with toys. All children are encouraged to take an active part in Services and after the Service they all mix together. The Time for God Service on the second Sunday which is lay led requires the children to do some preparation in the form of research on the theme of the Service. The local Church Primary School attends and this is an area we wish to build on more as children are the future of any community.

Rushton currently have a lay led family Service on the first Sunday of the month. This is planned and delivered by two volunteers who have many years' experience of working with children. The Services are informal and interactive, involving the entire congregation. The team ask the children to take part in the Services as often as possible, reading the collect, prayers and taking an active role in the activity. The Services are always based on the suggested bible reading for the specific Sunday and there are additional Services for Mothering Sunday and Good Friday. God Squad has evolved from the Sunday School group which had met for many years. Prior to March 2020 we had two meetings a month, one on the fourth Sunday and one on the second Thursday after school. These catered for a small, enthusiastic group of 4-11year olds who took part in a variety of activities and helped with the planning and delivery of family Services. We are currently deciding how to proceed with God Squad, as most of the group are now at secondary school and not able to attend due to other commitments. Our thoughts are to explore the possibility of involving families in Messy Church activities sometime in the near future.

Thorpe Malsor have a Service called "Tea and Toast" where people can attend for the refreshments at the beginning and then stay for a short informal act of worship.

We are keen that our new Vicar, builds on the strong links already established with the primary schools and extend this into the local secondary school.

## Church and Group Activities

**Benefice Get-togethers**, in addition to fifth Sunday shared worship, take place throughout the year and have recently included picnics and a barbecue.

Other activities and groups are:

### Rothwell

- Tresham Benefice Mothers' Union
- The Julian Meeting
- The Choir
- Sunbeams for mums and toddlers between 0 & 3 years
- Trinity Discoverers – a group for 5–11-year-olds
- The Youth group for the Benefice – 11- to 16-year-olds
- 1st Rothwell Scout Group
- Messy Church
- The Trinity Trust – charity raising funds for the fabric of Holy Trinity
- The Flower Team
- Marigolds – a group for retired single people
- Trinity Threaders – craft group
- Bellringers
- The Bone Crypt
- The Kettering Foodbank
- Coffee Mornings
- Charity of the Month
- Church Website: <http://www.rothwellholyltrinity.org.uk/> with a link to the online Church calendar/diary is a primary source of information to a wider public. Services have been live-streamed during the Covid crisis through our Facebook Page
- Church Magazine
- Other Fundraising throughout the year including Christmas Tree Festival

Trinity Sunday is marked each year with a Civic Service and The Blessing of Rowell Fair, which dates back to King John. The Proclamation of the Royal Charter takes place at 6.00am the following day and the fair continues in the Market Square for the rest of the week. The Lord of the Manor resides in Thorpe Malsor.



### Loddington

- Monthly coffee mornings
- Village Newsletter called “Messenger”
- The village cricket & football teams
- Short Mat Bowls Club
- Café St Leonard – free café for outreach to the community
- Knit and Natter craft group
- Zumba - weekly
- Fund raising events to include: Christmas Tree Festival, Loddfest, Duck Race, Flower Festival, Spud in a Bucket and village lottery
- Village Hall & Pavilion.

### Rushton

- Annual Village Fete
- Church open day
- Web site [www.allsaintsrushton.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsrushton.org.uk)
- Bellringers
- Parish magazine
- Flower rota
- Church cleaning
- Rushton Village Hall

### Thorpe Malsor

- Annual Service by Thorpe Reservoir
- Spacious well-appointed village hall
- Well supported Social Club
- Christmas Lights programme
- Tote Joint fund-raising initiative with Social Club
- Church cleaning
- Flower arranging rota
- Regular Communion at local care home

## Finance

### Benefice Expenses

The Treasurer from Loddington is responsible for administering the Benefice Finances which involves paying clergy expenses, which are met in full. Payroll for the Benefice Assistant and any other benefice expenses. This is shared using the ASA method. Copies of all the Parish's Annual Reports are available to view.

### Rothwell

Our Benefice Share for 2022 is £74,656. Rothwell's share is £41,478 and will be met in full. There are 56 people in Holy Trinity planned giving scheme, with a weekly average of £10.11 per giver. Our previous review of planned giving was in 2016 and we had intended our next review for 2020. The Coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on loose plate collections and Church finances generally; last year, expenditure exceeded income by £12,000, but that was an improvement on 2020 when expenditure exceeded income by £18,000 and shows that a significant portion of the overspend was pandemic related. We are fortunate in having reserves to cover deficiencies.

Other sources of income include endowment funds, (mostly restricted), the annual Christmas Tree Festival, Bone Crypt visits and coffee mornings. The new card terminal and the "Donate" button on the website have also encouraged casual donations.

A future major expense will be extensive repair work to the South Aisle roof, but fortunately Holy Trinity Trust will be making a substantial donation towards the cost.

### Loddington

Church funds totalled £35,900 as at 31 December 2021. This figure includes a loan from the diocese of £12,000 which is being paid back over the next 3 years.

In 2021 St Leonard's was able to pay 81.78% of the Annual Parish share. In the past we have a proud tradition of making sure that this is paid in full but the impact of the restrictions imposed in 2020 and 2021 have depleted our funds considerably.

There are 19 regular givers on the monthly standing order system. During the past 12 months, the following fundraising events have been organised:

- Annual Christmas Tree Festival normally held at the beginning of December
- There is a village lottery which provide funds for both the Village Hall and the Church
- Annual "Loddfest" community get-together in the Glebe Field alongside St Leonard's
- Annual Duck Race on Easter Saturday

### Rushton

Despite the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, our finances are stable for the moment. We were fortunate to have the reduction in income from offertory giving partly substituted by generous donations from individual members of the congregation. We always pay our Parish Share in full, Diocesan fees are paid as required, insurance with E.I.O is paid in monthly instalments, (we benefit from the Diocesan negotiated rates), as is our electricity account with E.O.N.

A high level of monitoring and attention is necessary, and the demand grows year on year. We rely heavily on the income generated from the Parish Giving Scheme and direct giving, undertaken by a number, but not all, of our congregation and friends. Fees and Gift Aid are also very important.

Our major fund-raising event is the annual Summer Fete held at the Cricket Club in the village. Other events include Harvest Lunch and Auction, Hymns and Pimms, a Pets' Blessing Service and an Annual Open Day. We endeavour to donate to village organisations and to our chosen charities with some of the income generated by these events.

### Thorpe Malsor

The Church meets its obligations primarily through covenanted giving, cash collections and special events such as annual bridge days and floodlighting

In recent years Annual parish share has been capped to £3000. The proceeds of special events have been divided between the upkeep of the Church and its restoration fund

## Organisation

Each Parish has its own Parochial Church council made up of members of the congregation and chaired by the Vicar with a Churchwarden acting as deputy.

Rothwell's PCC meets on a monthly basis and there is also a Standing Committee which meets monthly prior to the PCC meeting. This is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer.

Loddington PCC meets on a bi-monthly basis.

Rushton PCC meets on a bi-monthly basis with a Standing Committee meeting when required.

Thorpe Malsor PCC meets five times a year.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings are held in each Parish.

There is an annual joint PCC Meeting for all parishes usually with a guest speaker.

The Benefice Churchwardens meet approximately four times a year in order to discuss any Benefice issues which may have arisen and to share news from the parishes with one another.

Each parish has a Deanery Synod Representative except Thorpe Malsor and all parishes have a Safeguarding Officer.

## Person Specification

We need a person who has: -

- Experience of working within a Benefice with diverse styles of worship based around Common Worship
- Experience of working and supporting children and young people
- Strong pastoral skills
- The ability to guide our enthusiasm to build a strong team
- The ability to enable vocations
- The ability to encourage our talents and help us realise our potential
- The ability to make everyone feel cared for and to guide our enthusiasm
- The appropriate IT skills
- Who will “pray without ceasing”

We need someone whose physical and emotional energy is combined with an enthusiastic freshness, loving-kindness, warmth, sense of humour, open-mindedness and tolerance.

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## A Position for You

In the first instance any interested parties should contact the Archdeacon of Oakham, The Venerable Alison Booker, at [Archdeacon.Oakham@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:Archdeacon.Oakham@peterborough-diocese.org.uk).

Rothwell and Rushton websites can be found at [www.rothwellhollytrinity.org.uk](http://www.rothwellhollytrinity.org.uk) and [www.allsaintsrushton.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsrushton.org.uk)

Loddington has a Loddington Community Facebook Page.

Individual Parish Profiles, Annual Reports and Accounts for each Parish are available on request.

# Appendices

### Appendix A – Loddington C of E School written by Headteacher Helen Dowsett

The Church of England Primary School has a current roll of 92 children. There are active Breakfast and After School clubs.

The school is a member of the Peterborough Diocese Educational Trust and has an Ofsted rating of GOOD. Parents who responded to Ofsted's free-text expressed an overwhelming satisfaction with the care and support given to their children. One parent expressed the views of many by stating that "children's differences are valued." The latest Diocesan Inspection reports that "the special talents of each pupil are fully valued and developed in a caring, supportive, happy and distinctive Christian atmosphere."

The head teacher is Mrs. Helen Dowsett and she is supported by four teachers. Currently the appointed Foundation Governors are the Rector and Amanda Campbell. Children progress into key stage three schools in Rothwell, Corby or Kettering.

The ethos of the school encourages pupils to grow in their knowledge of Christian values and behaviour and to live in the light of Christ's teaching. A Church Service for the whole school is held during the school day each half-term and parents are warmly invited to attend. Additional Services are held at the end of each term and to celebrate events in the Christian calendar. The whole school attends these Services and parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.

The school vision statement is as follows: We strive to ensure that all of our children enjoy school in our happy, welcoming environment. Through our engaging curriculum and placing Christian values at the heart of all we do, we hope to inspire our children to become confident and caring individuals who live life in all its fullness. Jesus said: **"I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness."** (John 10:10) Motto: 'Our School has no power and love without the showing of our values'

The vision supports all pupils to develop independently in a fully rounded and balanced way. We follow Christian methodology during times of worship, including the lighting of candles, time for reflection, children's prayers and songs of praise. Worship themes follow the six school Christian values: Respect, Honesty, Peace, Perseverance, Trust and Friendliness. Bible/Prayer classes are held within the school monthly and have been led by the Rector, who also attended school for worship weekly. Children have a strong sense of being a Church school and behave with respect and dignity when at Church.

Baptism is now seen as the point where individuals become full members of the Christian community and the Bishop has authorised that children attending Church may, with parental agreement, receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion is provided for children at St. Leonard's three times per year. This has been led in the past by the Rector and supported by parents and the local community.

School families are well represented at St Leonard's monthly Time for God Service in which pupils participate and this is encouraging families to come to other Services.



Appendix B – Photographs

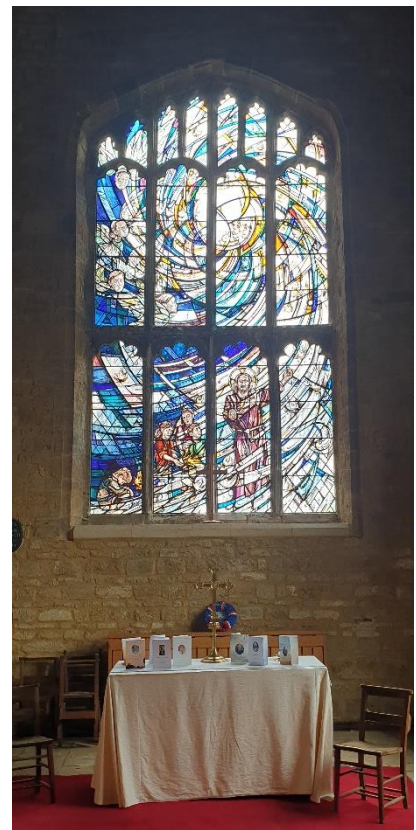
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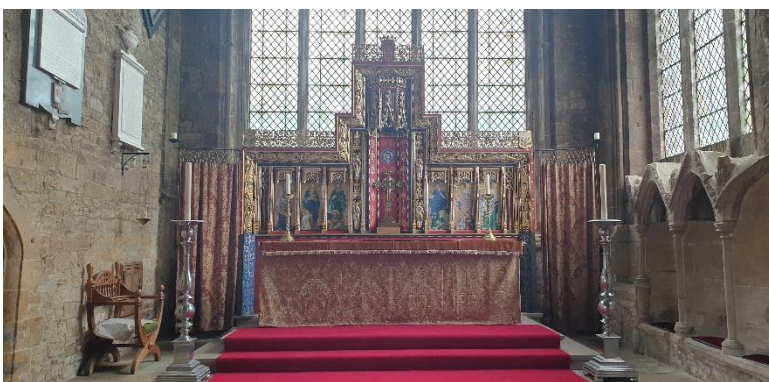
The West Door, Squires Hill



Nave looking towards the Chancel



East Window  
*Jesus and the Children by Helen Whittaker*



The High Altar

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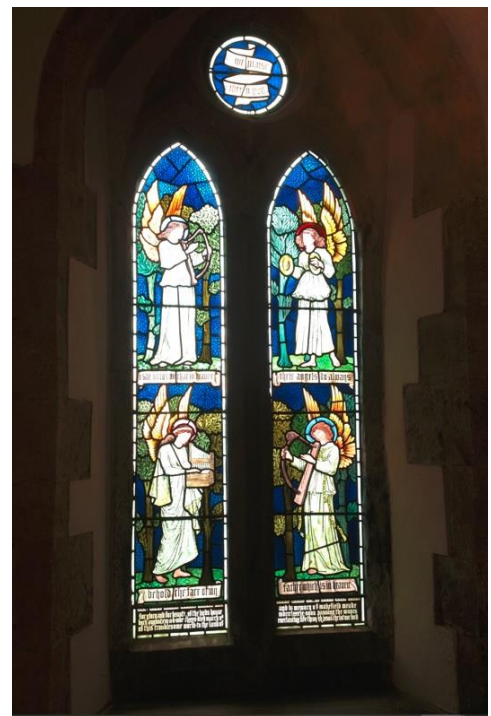
St Leonard's from the air



The Duck Race



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William Morris Style Stained Glass Window

Rushton



All Saints'



St Marys'



All Saints'



St Mary's

Thorpe Malsor



All Saints' from the air



The Casson Organ



Blessing of Pets Service



All Saints' at Night



The Vicarage

Proclamation

