

St Lawrence - Long Buckby

*Jesus in Everything We Do
and Everywhere We Are*

PARISH PROFILE

ABOUT LONG BUCKBY PARISH

The Parish Church, St Lawrence, is a friendly and welcoming Anglican church situated in the large village of Long Buckby on a site where there has been a worshipping community for almost a thousand years. The St Lawrence Schoolrooms, next door to the Church, are used by Church and community groups for meetings and activities.

Our vision is to see everyone growing to maturity as Christians and using their everyday life for God's purpose, not only growing individually but also seeking to grow new disciples. We have decided a major focus area should be on families and children. We serve a community of about 5,000 people, which has been growing recently through new housing developments. The social demographic profile is quite varied, but in line with rural Northamptonshire ethnic diversity is very limited. The village Infant and Junior Schools have grown to record numbers due to the new housing and we have good links with them in terms of supporting assemblies and seasonal services. Long Buckby is well served by local shops, restaurants, health services, a community centre, library, sports clubs and pubs. There are excellent transport links due to proximity to the M1, M6, A5 and A14 and a direct rail line to London, Birmingham and Northampton.

Historically the Church family included plenty of children and teenagers, but in recent years the congregation has been reducing and aging, although modern worship styles have been sustained within a spectrum of service patterns. There are a number of home groups, well supported events including an annual Art Exhibition and Christmas Tree Festival as well as periodic Concerts. In addition to the Schools there is a private nursery and pre-school. Most of the children go to secondary school at Guilsborough (about 5 miles away), although some take advantage of the rail line to go to grammar or independent schools in Northampton, Rugby and Coventry.

We are keen to develop the Church building to support the vision for growth and presented concept plans for re-ordering more than a year ago to the DAC. The planned developments will help to ensure that we have buildings that are fit for the 21st Century and enable to use the Church much more flexibly.

More information can be found on our website at www.stlawrences.org.uk