

The Benefice of Lilleshall and Muxton

St Michael and All Angels', Lilleshall
St John the Evangelist, Muxton

*Two communities,
Two churches
One heart.*

Parish Profile

2026



Welcome from our Churchwardens



Thank you for taking an interest in our vacancy and prayerfully considering our benefice. As Churchwardens we are deeply privileged to be part of the team here, to work and live alongside such a great group of people in such a beautiful part of the country. We hope, when reading this profile, you will be as excited as we are about what God is doing in Lilleshall and Muxton.

Yours in Christ,

Lesley, Andrew and Fran



'Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.'
1 Cor 4:2

Welcome from the Bishop of Shrewsbury and Archdeacon of Salop

*Glorify the LORD with
me; let us exalt his
name together Ps 34:3*



The Rt Revd Sarah Bullock
Bishop of Shrewsbury

We're delighted that you're looking at this post, as Vicar of Lilleshall and Muxton. We pray that God will give you a clear sense of whether he might be calling you to serve in this role. Should you join us here, we look forward to working with you in God's service!



The Ven. Nick Watson
Archdeacon of Salop

In Lichfield diocese, much of our shared life, leadership and mutual support is lived out through episcopal areas, so we would expect to get to know you and to encourage you in your ministry and mission here. We have much to do in God's service, and a wonderful area in which to serve him together. If you're new to the diocese, then we strongly recommend that you visit our website, and in particular make yourself familiar with our vision for [*Seeking the Kingdom*](#) in this place.

The Shrewsbury Episcopal Area (which covers the same area as the Archdeaconry of Salop) covers a large area and many communities across North Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. Reaching from the Cheshire border in the north to the edges of the Shropshire Hills (and the Diocese of Hereford) in the south, and from the outskirts of Wolverhampton in the east to across the Welsh border in the west, it includes churches of all sizes, traditions and history. Mostly rural, we also serve the ancient town of Shrewsbury, fast-growing Telford, and a number of substantial market towns, *Seeking the Kingdom* of the one God whose love is constant in all places.

As you will see from this profile, this post will give the new Vicar the opportunity to serve and lead two parish churches in their ministry and mission, reaching out from two very different buildings which are each well suited to their different contexts. There is a strong base of congregations, leaders and support on which to build, and a desire to share God's love with communities which are expected to grow in population over the coming years. Recent appointments to adjacent benefices make this an exciting time for ministry and mission in the local area, and we hope that you will enjoy working in fellowship with a good clergy chapter, with a strong Deanery leadership team.

We hope that this profile gives you enough insight into the benefice and the vision for ministry here to discern with God whether or not to apply. If you'd like to know more before deciding, please contact Archdeacon Nick on 07506 748 702 or at archdeacon.salop@lichfield.anglican.org

Thank you

+Sarah and Archdeacon Nick

The mission and vision of our two churches

Our benefice seeks to share the love of Jesus Christ through worship, service, pastoral care, evangelism, welcome and community presence. We are a diverse family of believers who value both traditional Anglican worship and contemporary, family-focused church life. The two parishes work together within a united benefice, sharing ministry, leadership and pastoral care while maintaining their own distinct identities.

'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'
Prov 29:18

St Michael and All Angels, Lilleshall

A welcoming worshipping vibrant community following Christ

We seek to know the power of the Holy Spirit, be attractive to all ages, and demonstrate God's love among ourselves and others – To *"feel safe, to be human while seeking to be Christ-like"*

St John The Evangelist, Muxton

We want to be passionate for God by...

Visibly developing trust in Jesus

We will offer explicit opportunities for people to reflect regularly on their journey of faith and then challenge and support them to progress to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Readily taking risks

We will always be ready to share our faith with others and to be in those situations where the Holy Spirit would want us to be.

Generously serving our community

We will actively engage with our local community to provide Christian support where needed and help to develop community spirit.

Unashamedly praying

We will live lives that demonstrate the importance we place on praying alone and together and we will be ready to pray for and with people who are and who are not part of our church.

'Two welcoming, worshipping, vibrant communities following Christ'



*'God is spirit and his
worshippers must worship in
the Spirit and in truth'
John 4:24*



Our current worship patterns are structured to draw us into God's presence through song and prayer, to open and reveal His word to us and to challenge us to act upon it.

With our multi-generational congregations, we have developed a range of services where music in different forms feature strongly. We have a committed pool of musicians and our tech team who serve us well (on the organ, keyboard, guitar, flute and AV desk) to ensure that worship is encouraged both in church and at home through our regular screened services.



Our service leaders and preaching team

Worship teams



*Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and lean not on
your own understanding. '*
Prov 3:5



We believe that every member of our congregations is called by God and gifted by the Holy Spirit to participate in the ministry of the churches. We encourage and equip a variety of people to lead through worship, evangelism, pastoral care and teaching. We have an experienced team who lead worship and preach at both churches.

Worship at St Michael's

9:30 Sundays

At St Michael's we alternate between Holy Communion and Morning Worship using Common Worship liturgy. Hymns are led by our organist and robed choir and taken from Mission Praise.

12:00 Thursday (1st in month)

Worship, Lunch and Music

*'Oh come, let us worship
and bow down; let us
kneel before the Lord'
Psalm 95:6*



Our church is warm, well-loved and much used week by week. It is versatile, providing a dignified venue for a traditional wedding or funeral service, a comfortable place where children feel at home and a place where people can worship God every Sunday or sit and enjoy a meal at the Thursday 'Worship, Lunch and Music' or meet at Wednesday's Coffee Lounge during the week.

It is our prayer that through all the services, events and activities that happen in this wonderful ancient building, people of all ages will encounter the risen Christ.



Worship at St John's

11:00 Sunday

At St John's there is a more contemporary style using a varied format and style of leadership, alternating between Morning Worship and Holy Communion.

*'Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth'
Psalm 96:1*



Worship at St John's is at the heart of our parish life, helping us to encounter Jesus Christ and grow together in faith. Our services embrace both traditional and contemporary expression, with a varied worship team and a dedicated music group leading modern worship through song, prayer and liturgy.



Other services

Healing Service

Sunday 6.30pm – A quiet, reflective service for prayers of healing three times a year at St John's.

Count Everyone In

At St John's we welcome adults with learning difficulties and their carers to a fun service of song, drama and craft. These are held Sundays 3.00-4.30pm alternate months



'Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'
Matt 11:28

Unashamedly praying



*'Devote yourselves to prayer, being
watchful and thankful.'*
Col 4:2

Prayer is at the heart of our church life and ministry. We believe that seeking God together in prayer shapes our worship, mission and service.

Members of our prayer ministry team are available after services to pray confidentially with individuals. We also hold midweek prayer gatherings and maintain a prayer network that supports those in need.

We meet for prayer breakfast once a month to pray for the needs of our two churches.

St Michael's church is open every day to facilitate quiet, personal prayer.





Christmas celebrations

Christmas is a joyful and central celebration in the life of both churches, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

We celebrate with carol services, family Christingles, candlelit Midnight Eucharist and a family Christmas Day service. Community carol singing around the local area is an important outreach witness.

Easter celebrations

The season of Lent and Easter forms the most significant part of our year, shaping us through reflection, repentance and renewed hope in the resurrection of Jesus.

During Holy Week we gather for services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Easter Sunday begins with a dawn vigil on Lilleshall monument followed by uplifting worship in our churches.

Every other year, Holy Week is a period of mission outreach with a programme of worship and social events planned from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. These attract exciting numbers of new attendees from the local area.



Visibly developing trust in Jesus

Small mid-week house groups continue to be essential to the life of St John's and St Michael's and those that attend find them integral to their daily life offering the opportunity to pray and grow in faith together.

Each group has its own unique style, but all are soundly based in sharing our love of Jesus, learning and deepening our faith and praying for each other's needs. We use material best suited to our groups and on occasions will follow a common theme or material that has been suggested to meet the needs of the whole church family.

*'They devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching,
to fellowship.. and to
prayer.'* Acts 2:42



Visibly developing trust in Jesus

Across the benefice, our two churches are privileged to serve the wider community at significant moments in life, offering pastoral care, careful preparation, and prayerful support.

We offer both child and adult baptism and thanksgiving services, welcoming all ages into the life of the Church.

Weddings are celebrated with warmth and reverence. Couples are supported through pastoral preparation, helping them build strong foundations as they make their vows before God.

Funerals are conducted with compassion and dignity. We offer sensitive support for those who are bereaved, providing ongoing pastoral care where needed.

'I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matt
28:20



Children and youth ministry

God Loves Me



To Pieces

'All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace'
Isaiah 54:13



LIGHT (St John's 11:00)
"Learning In God's House Together"(for babies to Key Stage 1)

A range of structured play activities are provided for young children during our morning service, where they can begin to learn about the Bible through play.

The sessions include story time and songs. Parents can stay with their young child if they wish to.

SAS (St John's 11:00)

Special Agents on Sunday (children in Key Stage 2)

These sessions teach children about the basic elements of being a Christian through fun activities and crafts, whilst also developing a sense of belonging in the group. Children learn about the Bible and how to apply this to their everyday lives. They will also learn about prayer and worship.

SPARK (St John's 11.00)

A discussion group for 11-16 year olds held during our morning service.

Sunday morning at St Michael's

Children are very welcome at any time – both visitors and regulars are valued and are important to us. A selection of books, toys and cushions are laid out at the back of the church so children of preschool age can play happily and there are resources for older children. Children's leaders are on standby to run sessions and offer support to families with young children on most Sundays.

Children and youth ministry

During the week

St John's Tiny Tots hold a morning session every Tuesday during term time.

The group is for carers/parents and babies and toddlers up to school age. We have free play, craft session, singing time and refreshments.

'Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'

Matt 19:14



Summer Activity Days

On the first week of the school Summer holidays we hold 3 days of fun for local children aged 5 – 11. We offer crafts, sports, singing, dancing, creativity and lots of fun with a Bible story-based theme. This is fully booked every year.

We often put on parties and other events for children during the year. These have included; Bright Lights alternative Halloween party, film afternoons, craft workshops and Christingle services.



'The joy of the Lord is your strength' Neh 8:10

Future developments – schools and youth ministry

The number of children and young people across our benefice is expected to increase over the coming years, particularly with planned and ongoing housing developments in the area.

The benefice currently benefits from strong relationships with the two local primary schools, including opportunities for Collective Worship, seasonal services and pastoral support.

We are praying for opportunities to develop provision for children and young people within our churches. This may include developing our youth groups, creating safe social spaces and collaborating with local organisations.

'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it'

Proverbs 22:6



From our schools

Our benefice is fortunate to be served by two thriving primary schools that lie at the heart of their communities: Lilleshall Primary School and Muxton Primary School. Both schools enjoy excellent reputations for providing high-quality education within caring, inclusive and nurturing environments, where every child is encouraged to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

The close relationship between our churches and these schools provides many opportunities to share in the lives of pupils, staff and families through collective worship, seasonal celebrations, pastoral support and community events. We are grateful for the warm partnerships that have developed and look forward to continuing to work together in serving the children and families of our benefice.

What the children say they want from a vicar.

"Someone who can teach us songs"

"Someone who will come into school and tell us stories"

"Someone who will say prayers with us"

"Someone who can do quiet/reflective time with us"

"Someone who can be funny"

"Someone who will come in to do assemblies"

"Someone who will lead a leaver's service"

"Someone who can lead the Harvest Festival and Christmas Celebrations"



At Lilleshall Primary, we would like a Vicar who is able to come into school to deliver assemblies on stories from the Bible and how this can link to the children's lives both in school and at home. It would be lovely if the Vicar is able to come into school and help with some of our Religious Education teaching such as Christingle and how is it possible to be kind all the time? It would also be lovely if we could come to Church each term for either a Harvest Service, Christmas Service, Easter Service and Leavers Service.

Muxton Primary is a vibrant, inclusive school, and we are excited to work with a new vicar who enjoys engaging with children, collaborating with staff, and contributing to the spiritual and pastoral wellbeing of our whole community. As a school community, we value our long-standing relationship with St John's Church and the welcome it consistently offers our pupils and staff. Classes from Muxton Primary enjoy regular visits to the church throughout the year, whether for curriculum-linked learning, seasonal celebrations, or opportunities to explore the building's history and symbolism. These visits are always met with warmth, patience, and genuine interest in the children's questions and discoveries.

We look forward to welcoming the new vicar into school life as this partnership continues to grow. Assemblies led by clergy have always been a highlight for our pupils: calm, thoughtful, and rooted in the everyday experiences of children. Beyond assemblies, we value the pastoral presence the vicar brings—supporting staff, pupils, and families throughout the Muxton community.



Evangelism and Outreach

Evangelism and outreach are at the heart of our parish ministry, led by our Evangelism Minister and team. Our primary focus is on serving and reaching out to our local community.

Our programme includes both community engagement through such activities as Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Tots Group, Community Choir, Book Club and seasonal fayres; and events with a clear gospel focus, including Truth to Tell, Healing Services, Count Everyone In, Activity Days and seasonal celebrations.

We run regular courses and have developed our own pre-Alpha series. In recent years we have hosted Mission weeks and produce a quarterly parish newspaper, 'Word around Muxton,' to extend our ministry. We are encouraged to see emerging growth as these sustained efforts begin to bear fruit in the life of our churches.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.' Matt 28:19

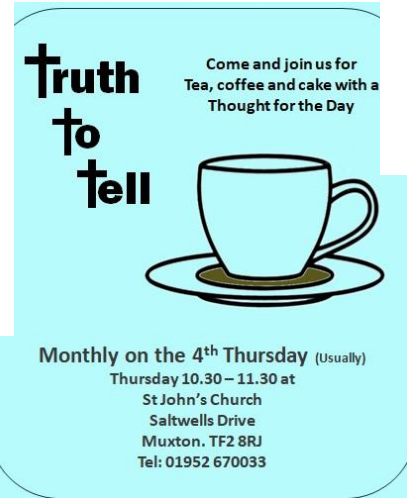


**Carol Singing
around Muxton**

18th Dec

meet at
St John's Church
6.30pm
followed by mulled wine

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**Truth
to
Tell**

Come and join us for
Tea, coffee and cake with a
Thought for the Day



Monthly on the 4th Thursday (Usually)
Thursday 10.30 – 11.30 at
St John's Church
Saltwells Drive
Muxton. TF2 8RJ
Tel: 01952 670033



ST JOHN'S 2025 EASTER CELEBRATION

**LADIES
Evening**

15 APR 7PM
at St John's Church, Saltwells Drive

CHEESE • CHAT • CRAFT • CARING

- Opportunity to relax with women of all ages
- Cheese, wine, non-alcoholic drinks and live
- Workshops: Jewellery and pebble/shell carving
- How having Jesus in our lives makes a difference

Speakers Andrea Trillo and Ali Denyer, friend and founders of 'Sanctuary Keepers'.



**The
Word around Muxton**

FREE 12th Edition 1st July 2025

Alfie Comes to Church!

St John's Easter celebrations began with a Palm Sunday Parade featuring one of our most popular guests of the week – Alfie the donkey. Alfie led us through the streets from Muxton School, accompanied by Jesus and a crowd of singing and palm-waving disciples, before entering the church to herald the start of our service.

Muxton Celebrates VE Day

Muxton's 80th Anniversary celebrations for VE day included an event at St John's Church on Saturday 10 May. It included a variety of stalls, plus displays and performances, with many wearing outfits of the period or options inspired by the Union Jack. This was followed on the Sunday by two performances of well-known VE-day related songs by St John's Community Choir, accompanied by afternoon tea.





St John's Lunchclub

...meets on the
1st Friday of each month
@ 12noon £5 (2courses)

(No lunch in August and December is on the 2nd Friday)



Join us 4 a Cuppa!



at St John's Church, Saltwells Drive, Muxton TF2 8SH



Come and enjoy
watching a

CLASSIC FILM

at The Coffee Lounge
St Michael's Church,
Lilleshall
All welcome!



Film: Classic Film
On : Second Wednesday
Time: 1.30pm

Further films usually shown on the second
Wednesday of each month.
No charge but donations are welcomed for
refreshments



Christmas dinner at St John's



A Summer Supper at St Michael's



Generously serving our community

Beyond regular worship, we host a range of community events, including concerts, seasonal fairs and community events. These provide opportunities for fellowship, outreach and building relationships with our wider neighbourhood.

The combination of our community choir, bell ringers and community activities strengthens both our spiritual life and community connections, reflecting our commitment to worship, fellowship and service.

'Serve one another humbly in Love.'
Galatians 5:13



Weekend away

Every other year our benefice organises a Weekend Away, providing members of both churches a dedicated time for reflection, fun, fellowship and deepening their relationship with God.

The weekend includes talks, discussion, prayer and worship, as well as recreational and social activities for all ages.

*'How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live
together in unity.'
Psalm 133:1*



Readily taking risks

Both of our churches are committed to supporting mission work both locally and globally, reflecting our call to share the love of Christ beyond our walls.

We actively support mission partners through regular giving, fundraising initiatives, and prayer. Members also engage in practical volunteering.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' 1 John 3:17

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Our buildings

St Michael's Church

St Michael's is an active and much-loved place of worship at the heart of Lilleshall village. It remains a gathering point for regular services, concerts and village occasions, with an established congregation and a real sense of fellowship.

Worship has continued here for over 800 years, within a Grade II listed building of significant architectural heritage.

'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.' Isaiah 56:7



Local history group

This original church was a small Saxon building on the site of the present-day building. The present church building was originally built in about 1200 and dedicated to St Michael and All Angels. Parts of the nave are late Norman, the chancel Early English and the north aisle was added in about 1300. The tub-shaped font is Norman and may be as early as AD 900.

The well-maintained churchyard reflects the ongoing care given to this historic and enduring place of worship.

St John's Church

We meet in a modern, accessible and well-equipped building opened in 1998. The current premises replaced the original tin chapel nearby, which had served the community since 1894.

The building is a well-used and established community centre, for worship and wider local life. The main hall seats up to 120 people, with a lounge area and two meeting rooms. A fully equipped kitchen, foyer and large carpark make it a practical and accessible venue for a wide range of uses.

The premises are in constant use by church groups, community organisations and for private functions – a lively and visible hub within Muxton.

*'For we are God's building,
with Christ himself as the
cornerstone.'* Eph 2:20

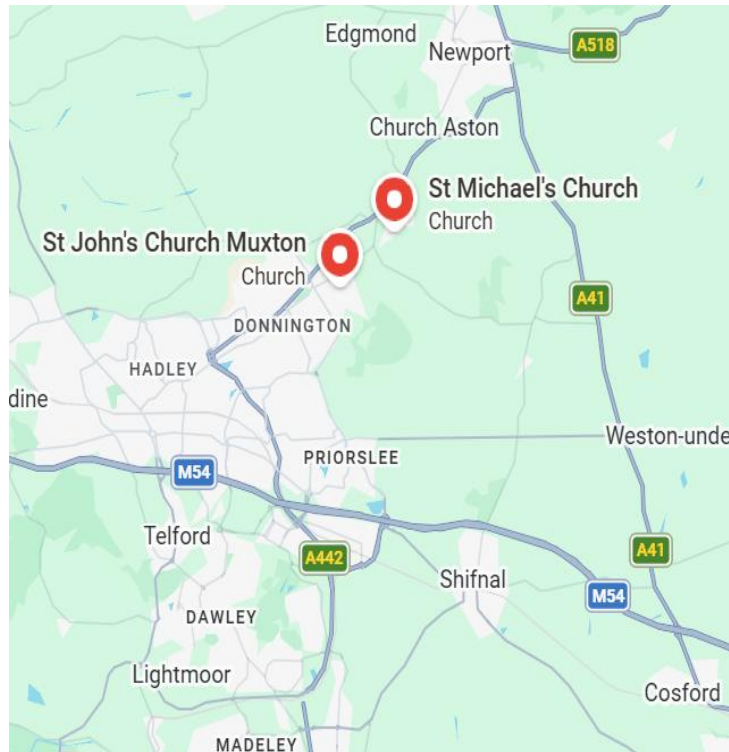


Where we are

Our benefice sits at the north-eastern edge of Telford in Shropshire.

The vicarage, which serves both churches, is located in the village of Lilleshall. This quiet village has easy access to nearby towns and transport links. Newport is close by and well equipped for everyday living, with supermarkets, gyms, leisure facilities, schools, cafés and regular bus routes. Telford is also within easy reach, providing wider retail, leisure and transport connections, including direct rail links to major cities such as Birmingham. Stafford and Shrewsbury are both within reasonable travelling distance, offering further choice for culture and amenities.

'Love your neighbour as yourself' Matt 22:39



Google maps



Lilleshall

Lilleshall is a picturesque Shropshire village with a population that includes a mix of long-term residents and newcomers, creating a welcoming and settled environment.

The village includes the Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre within its boundaries, while the historic ruins of Lilleshall Abbey sit nearby as a reminder of the village's long heritage. Day-to-day village life is supported by a preschool and primary school, sports clubs, social groups, an active Scout and Guide group, and a modern Memorial Hall that serves as a hub for local events and gatherings



The Vicarage

The Vicarage is a well presented, four bedroom, detached, family home situated next to St Michael's church in Lilleshall. Downstairs there is a spacious sitting room, kitchen, dining room, utility, office and a large cloakroom. The first floor leads to a spacious master bedroom, two further double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a large family bathroom. Externally, the property is set in its own grounds with an old stable as garage and garden surrounding the property. The Vicarage is heated via mains gas central heating, fully double-glazed windows, electricity, water, gas and sewerage are all on a mains supply. Internet available.

'Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty'. Psalm 91





Muxton

Muxton is a thriving and expanding suburb of Telford, with a population that includes young families, professionals and commuters.

The area includes a primary school, Granville Nature reserve, The Shropshire Golf Course and local parks, shops and restaurants, supporting everyday life for residents.

As Muxton continues to grow, with more planned green site building, there is strong demand for local activities and meeting spaces, reflecting a desire for connection and opportunities to gather at St John's.

Parish Management

Our benefice is well managed through the combined efforts of clergy, churchwardens, our two PCCs, and ministry teams. These ensure that worship, evangelism, and community activities are delivered effectively.

Transparent financial oversight, careful planning, and active participation from groups and volunteers allow both churches to operate efficiently while nurturing a culture of accountability and shared responsibility.

Good management underpins all that we do, supporting both our mission and the spiritual life of the congregations.

'Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.' 1 Cor 4:2



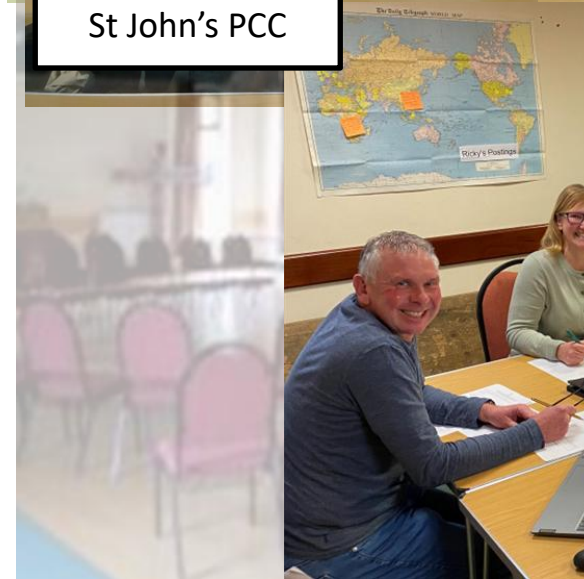
St Michael's PCC



St John's PCC



Buildings team



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a central priority for our benefice. We are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults who come into our two churches.

The benefice follows the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England and Diocese of Lichfield. Our Safeguarding Officer and team support clergy, church wardens and volunteers in maintaining good practice, ensuring appropriate recruitment, DBS checks and regular safeguarding training. We aim to foster a culture of vigilance, transparency and care so that our churches remain safe places for all.

'Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them.' 1Peter 5:2



Safeguarding team



Finances



'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.' 1Peter 4:10

The finances of the benefice are sound and sustainably managed, thanks to the generosity and commitment of the congregations and the careful oversight of the PCC.

Regular giving, special donations and fundraising activities have enabled both churches to meet our Common Fund commitments in full and maintain the respective buildings in good working order.

Income and expenditure are balanced responsibly, allowing the church to support its worship, evangelism, pastoral care and community outreach. A percentage is regularly donated to our supported charities and missions at home and abroad.

This strong financial base not only reflects the commitment of the congregation but also provides a secure platform for continued mission and growth.

What we are praying for in our next vicar



*"I will give you shepherds after my
own heart, who will feed you with
knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15*

We are praying for a vicar who will lead us with faith, vision and compassion as we continue to grow as a benefice. We hope to welcome someone who will work collaboratively with us, helping us to deepen our faith, strengthen our community life and develop mission to those around us.

A person of faith and prayer

We seek someone whose life and ministry are rooted in prayer and a deep relationship with God. We value biblically grounded, relevant, and engaging sermons in an accessible, understandable way, bringing the Bible to life, and presenting an appropriate challenge to how we live out our faith everyday.

A heart for evangelism and outreach

We are looking for a vicar who is passionate about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and encouraging us to do the same. We hope for someone who will help us build connections with those who may not yet feel part of church life and develop creative ways to reach out to our wider communities.

A leader who encourages and develops others

Our benefice has committed and willing volunteers, and we would value a vicar who will recognise, nurture and encourage the gifts of lay members. We hope for a collaborative leader who works well with churchwardens, PCCs and ministry teams, enabling others to take an active part in the life of the church.

What we are praying for in our next vicar



*'Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations.'* Matt 28:19

A commitment to children, young people and families

We would love to grow our ministry with children, young people and families. We are seeking someone who has enthusiasm for engaging younger generations, building relationships with our local schools and supporting the volunteers who work with children and youth.

A pastor for the whole community

We value the pastoral role of the parish priest within the community. We hope our new vicar will be approachable, compassionate and visible within our parishes, supporting people in times of joy and difficulty and offering pastoral care to church members and the wider community.

Someone who values both churches

Our two churches each have their own traditions and identity, and we value this diversity. We hope our next vicar will appreciate the character of each parish while leading us in exploring opportunities to work together where it strengthens our worship, fellowship and mission.

A vision for the future

Above all, we are looking for someone who will help us discern God's vision for Lilleshall and Muxton, guiding us as we seek to grow in faith, serve our communities and share the love of Christ with those around us.

For further information

The benefice benefits from a range of useful online resources that help newcomers and long-standing members stay connected and informed. Our website provides details on services, events, and community activities, while our social media pages offer a window into parish life throughout the week. We also signpost local support organisations, diocesan guidance, and community groups so that anyone seeking practical help, spiritual nourishment, or opportunities to get involved can easily find what they need.

Our parish website

<https://www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk/>

Muxton Primary School

[Muxton Primary School – News and Information for Parents and Carers](#)

Lilleshall Primary School

[Lilleshall Primary School – Home](#)

Lilleshall Parish Council

[Lilleshall Parish Council, Lilleshall, Newport](#)

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council

[Donnington and Muxton Parish Council – Covering the wards of Donnington, Muxton and The Humbers](#)

CAP Telford Debt Centre

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Telford Street Pastors

[Home - Telford Street Pastors](#)

ROLE PROFILE: VICAR OF LILLESHALL AND MUXTON

Purpose

To faithfully preach the gospel within the parishes of Lilleshall and Muxton and beyond, and to provide spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and missional direction within the benefice.

Key Responsibilities

Spiritual Leadership and Worship

- Lead regular services and offices on Sundays and other days.
- Preach biblically grounded, relevant, and engaging sermons in an accessible, understandable way, bringing the Bible to life, and presenting an appropriate challenge.
- Administer the sacraments and officiate at baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other pastoral offices.
- Encourage a culture of discipleship, prayer, Bible study, worship and personal devotion, across the congregations.
- Lead, and work alongside, service and worship leaders at both churches.

For any incumbent in the Diocese of Lichfield

- To exercise faithfully and diligently the ministry of a parish priest as canonically defined and as appropriate in the benefice, deanery and diocese;
- To lead, pastorally and collaboratively, the mission and ministry of the parishes of the benefice, in living out our diocesan vision of 'Seeking the Kingdom'
- To exemplify and promote good safeguarding policy and practice, in line with 'Promoting a Safer Church' as implemented in Lichfield Diocese.

Pastoral Care

- Provide compassionate pastoral support to individuals, families, and vulnerable adults.
- Encourage and work alongside pastoral teams to share in visiting, support, and community outreach.
- Maintain appropriate safeguarding practices and ensure policies are implemented.

Discipleship & Teaching

- Oversee homegroups, discipleship courses, and confirmation preparation.
- Support the spiritual development of children, youth, and families through collaboration with ministry leaders.
- Promote lifelong discipleship, Christian growth and the development of lay ministry.

Evangelism and Outreach

- Lead the church in evangelistic mission, outreach, and partnership with local organisations, schools, and community groups.
- Foster a visible Christian presence within Lilleshall, Muxton, and the surrounding areas.
- Support outreach initiatives that welcome newcomers, confront them with the challenge of the gospel, and encourage subsequent growth in faith.
- Encourage a whole church attitude towards outreach and mission.

Leadership & Team Development

- Provide direction, encouragement and support to staff (paid and voluntary), wardens and PCC.
- Support, and actively encourage, the work of the Evangelism Minister and the wider evangelism team.
- Critically appraise the mission of the church and find ways to move forward creatively and collaboratively.
- Support lay ministry, enabling others to develop and use their spiritual gifts and take on responsibility.
- Chair PCC meetings and work effectively with churchwardens, the Parish Administrator and others on governance and practical matters.
- Promote a healthy church culture of communication, accountability, and shared (Christ-centred) purpose.
- Act as line manager to the Parish Administrator.
- Support the development of children and youth ministry.

Administration and Compliance

- Ensure compliance with diocesan policies, canon law, safeguarding requirements, GDPR, and risk management.
- Work with PCC and any relevant sub-committees to steward finances, buildings, and resources responsibly.
- Oversee the preparation of service rotas, parish office administration, and reporting obligations.

Other

- Any other duties which might reasonably be required of a parish vicar.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are seeking an incumbent with the following attributes *(all are essential unless marked 'D' (desirable))*.

Qualifications/Training	In priest's orders in the Church of England or in a church with which the Church of England is in communion, having completed IME4-7 or equivalent
Experience	(i) Leading (D), or helping to lead, an outward looking, Bible-based church or churches; (ii) Expository Bible-based preaching; (iii) Teaching and discipling a church congregation with a view to encouraging spiritual growth and maturity; (iv) Leading (D), or supporting, evangelism and outreach initiatives to local communities and beyond; (v) Mentoring staff (paid and voluntary) (D); and (vi) Enabling and supporting all-member ministry (D).
Knowledge	A deep knowledge and belief in the truth of the Bible as the revealed Word of God.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are seeking an incumbent with the following attributes *(all are essential unless marked 'D' (desirable))*.

Competencies	(i) Faithful and capable preacher and teacher; (ii) A gifted communicator, able to explain the gospel with energy and clarity to those with faith or no faith; (iii) A servant-hearted leader who is available and visible to church members; (iv) Able to develop a vision for church growth and community engagement, and is prepared to use creative and innovative approaches to further this;
	(v) Committed to genuine, Spirit-filled worship (with an ability to accommodate differing styles); (vi) Displays a desire and ability to develop a church community dependant on prayer; and (vii) Pastorally sensitive, approachable, gentle, humble and a good listener.
Spirituality	• Through regular personal devotions, shows a commitment to deepening own walk with God as a disciple of Jesus Christ. • Models a Spirit-filled, joyful, prayerful and mature faith.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are seeking an incumbent with the following attributes *(all are essential unless marked 'D' (desirable))*.

Personal Qualities	Embodies the Biblical qualities of an overseer, such as: above reproach; faithful in marriage; temperate, prudent; respectable; hospitable; able to teach; gentle, uncontentious; free from the love of money (adapted from 1 Tim 3:2-4).
Other	Although dealing lovingly and sensitively with people engaged in different lifestyles and relationships, embraces traditional Christian teaching on matters of human sexuality and marriage and will not seek to offer prayers of blessing for, or permit the blessing of, same-sex relationships in church.