

All Saints' Church Child's Hill Parish Profile



We aim to:

Share God's love and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, through worship,
pastoral care and outreach.

Build a welcoming, friendly and inclusive community for all.

Actively encourage young people into our church.

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An Overview

Who we are

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We are an inclusive church with a congregation which is mixed both ethnically and socially which reflects the community in Child's Hill and from those members living outside the Parish. We have a current membership of 100 parishioners and have a Sunday school which takes place in the adjoining Church Hall. During the week the Church Hall is home to a thriving pre-school (Jack and Jill). We have a full range of social activities from quiz nights, dances, karaoke, and poetry reading to an annual Christmas Fair. Our links to the local community include a close association with All Saints' School.

Our Church



Worship

All Saints' Parish Church stands in the catholic tradition of the Anglican church, including vestments and the use of incense and candles, centred on the 10am Parish Eucharist as the main Sunday service as well as the 'said' 8am Communion Service. Our worship is formal, following Common Worship and, hopefully, we blend simple ceremonial with a sense that the

Gospel is preached in relevant terms to the members of the congregation, and their own experiences and which challenges them to translate this into practical action in their daily lives. Traditional Anglican choral music forms an integral part of our worship and we have an organist and Church Choir. **“All Saints’ is a happy, friendly Church with a mixed ethnic congregation. It makes one feel and believe God loves us”**. **“I enjoy the traditional rituals and format of our worship together with the down to earth topical and relevant sermons”**. We ran Confirmation Classes in 2016 and the new communicants were confirmed in St. Pauls Cathedral. The Church also has regular marriage ceremonies, baptisms and naming ceremonies and also funeral services.

Membership

There were 100 adult members on the electoral roll in 2016 and 10+ children attending Sunday School. There are around another 75 regular attenders showing the potential for others to become more active in our church life. We are a diverse and inclusive Church with parishioners from a range of nationalities, cultures, lifestyles and traditions, reflecting the rich diversity of the local area and beyond. We believe that it is this wealth of diversity which gives All Saints’ its particular and special nature.

The membership reflects the social and economic nature of the area. The average Sunday attendance, excluding festivals and holiday periods, is around 50 adults and 10 to 15 children across all services. Approximately 25% of the congregation live outside the parish, with the majority living within two or three miles of the church.

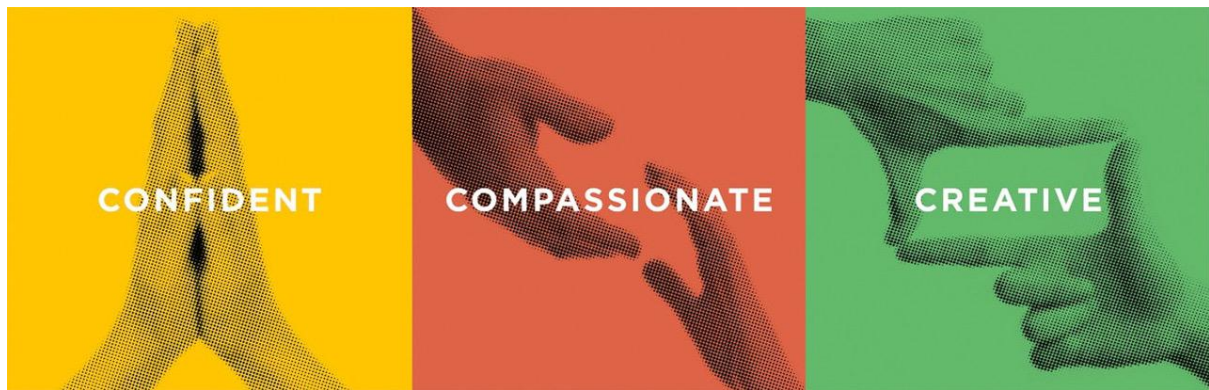
The average age of the congregation is predominantly in the 50+ age group, higher than the general adult population. This reflects the lower number of young adults in the congregation. The number of young families with children in the parish is growing and ways of encouraging greater numbers to join in the life of the Church are being explored with close links with the School and Pre-school (Jack and Jill).

We have a stable and active core community. **“A small, close-knit community which feels like a family”**. **“A really strong and diverse membership which is always supportive”**.

Vision Statement

All Saints’, being part of the Church of England, is here to serve all parishioners regardless of their beliefs. It is a visible presence not just for the few but the many. We are here to promote the Trinitarian faith of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do this mindful of the historic traditions of the Church whilst attempting to interpret such a faith in terms of the contemporary world in which we live.

At All Saints’, we believe that our Church should be friendly, welcoming and that its message should be one of openness and forgiveness, and by acting as Ambassadors for Jesus Christ we are committed to making a difference to others. This is in line with the Diocese of London’s Capital Vision 2020.

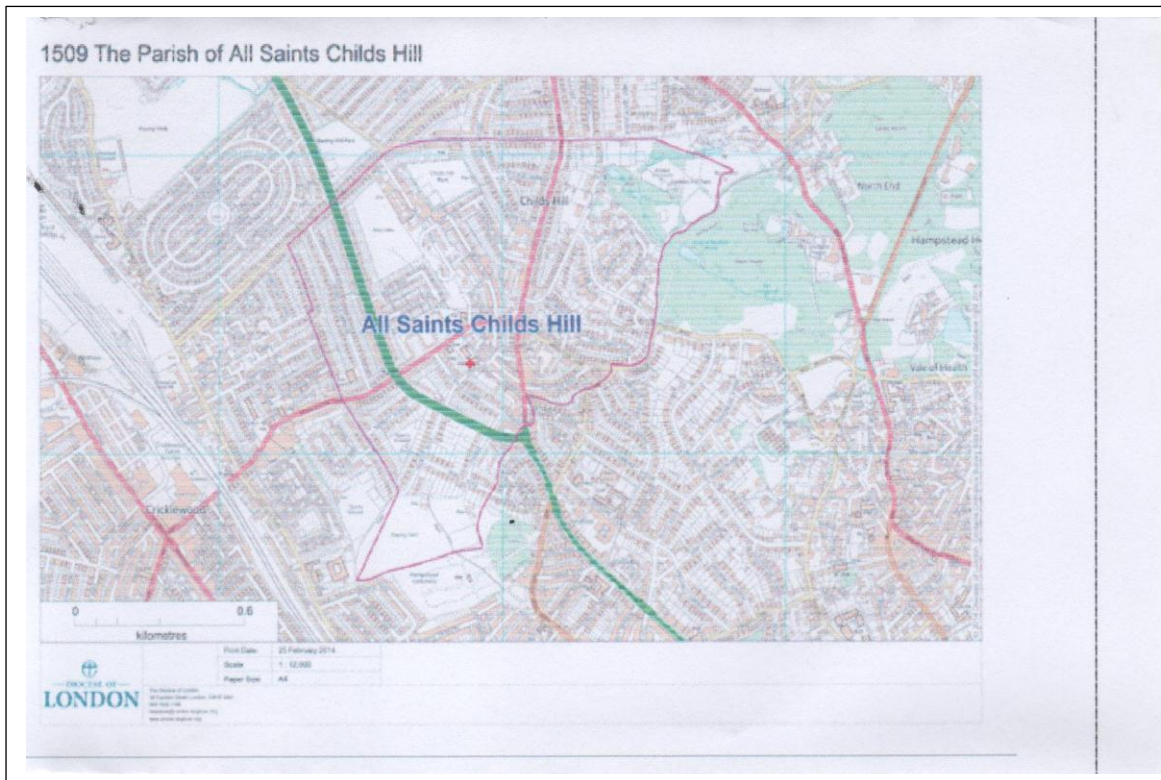


Communications

A newsletter, every two months, is hand delivered to all homes in the Parish. This contains the Vicar's letter together with details of services and social events. In addition, cards are delivered to all households at Christmas and Easter with details of our Church Services. The newsletter and cards are also given to all the children in All Saints' School and Jack and Jill Pre-school.

Information regarding the church, services and social events are also found on the Church website.

Our Parish

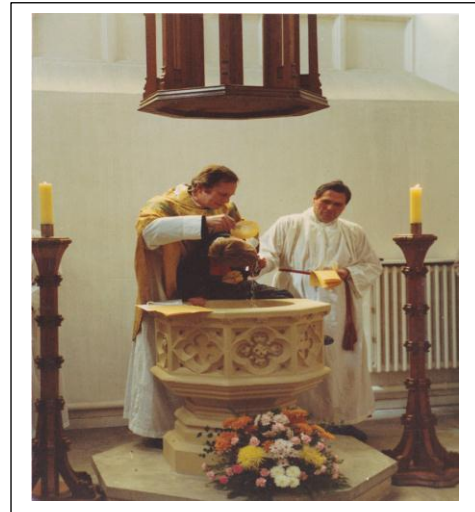


All Saints' is the Parish Church of Child's Hill and is in the West Barnet Deanery of the Edmonton Episcopal Area. With over 3,000 households, Child's Hill is in the London Borough of Barnet and borders the London Borough of Camden. It enjoys good transport links to Central London and, together with the recent development of new apartment buildings, still retains a community/village feel.

“It is a great area to live in with a lively diverse population, good restaurants and a great church”. “The area has historical value, with good proximity to open spaces including Hampstead Heath, parks and shops and yet is only twenty minutes from Central London”.

The Parish is home to a diverse population with a range of contrasting income, housing and lifestyle. 38% of the total is home to people with professional occupations, whilst 26% are residents on income support. In the 2015 census, the parish shows high percentage figures of deprivation in housing and services and in minor crime.

The population in the Parish is just over 8,000 (2011 census figures) with around 25% under 19 years of age and around 23% over the age of 60. 37% identify themselves as Christian and there are significant Jewish and Muslim communities. Around 50% of residents live in owner occupied households, 33% in private rented accommodation and 17% in social rented households. Child's Hill has one Church School, All Saints' C of E Primary, with children attending secondary schools outside the Parish. **“A really strong, mixed congregation from many walks of life who are welcoming and friendly”.**



Social and Fund Raising

The social and fund raising committee has an active role in the church. The committee meets every 6 to 8 weeks to devise a calendar of events during the year to implement, organise and plan these events. Regular quiz nights are held every other month, dinner dance in November, Karaoke evenings twice a year, Poetry reading, and informal Christmas songs (Karaoke) just before Christmas. We are currently working on the idea of starting a youth group, having identified there is nothing in the area for “teenagers” to attend. We also organised a street party for the church’s big birthday (150 years), the Queen’s Jubilee, the Queen’s 90th Birthday.

We have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake party with games for the children, sausages in rolls and many pancakes. We hold a barbecue after service on the Church's dedication festival, as well as bring and share lunch for Harvest Festival. We have an annual 'beating of the bounds', and an annual spring clean also followed by well-deserved lunches. The year ends with our annual Christmas Fayre and proceeds for this are divided between the church and two chosen charities. In the past we have supported Crisis at Christmas, Noah's Ark Hospice, Alzheimer's, Great Ormond Street, to name but a few. **"A great sense of people pulling together and providing a good range of events". "I love the social aspects of Church events and the opportunity to work with and get to know others from the congregation and wider community".**



60s Night



Street party for the
Queen's 90th Birthday



Karaoke Evening



Garden Party

Our Buildings and Facilities

The Church

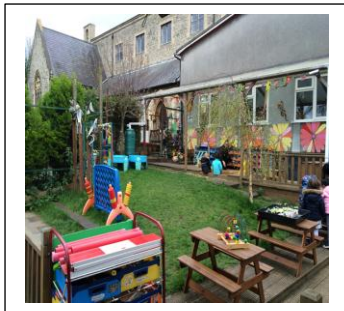
All Saints' Church was consecrated in 1856 and was built in a traditional mid Gothic style design. The Church was partially rebuilt after fire damage during the blitz and as a consequence has concrete pillars in the nave and a flat roof. Whereas the old church was very Victorian, the present building has a sense of modernity with a simple and uncluttered interior.

Upkeep and Development

As a Victorian church constructed in ragstone and with a flat roof, the age, style and character of the building takes a lot of effort to maintain. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Building Committee have an active programme of repairs and improvements. Recent works include creating additional open space at the rear of the church by the removal of two pews and refurbishment of the church porch.

The church has been, and is being, monitored for subsidence and the next planned project is the identification of the cause of the structural movement at the North-East end of the building this will be followed by refurbishment of the vestry area.

The Church Hall



The Church Hall was built in the 1950s and sits adjacent to the Church. The kitchen and cloakroom areas were extensively refurbished over recent years with the windows being double glazed.

During school term time Monday to Friday the hall is used as a thriving Pre-school (Jack and Jill). The Pre-school is well attended by children of local families and recently received an 'outstanding' grade in an OFSTED inspection. On Sunday mornings the hall is used by our Sunday School. The hall is also used throughout the year for various lunches and social events.

The Vicarage



Also built in the 1950s, the Vicarage is a spacious, attractive detached house located opposite the Church on the quiet lane of Church Walk and is close to shops and transport links. It has three reception rooms downstairs, one of which is currently used as the Vicar's study, in addition to the kitchen and cloakroom. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and a bathroom. The house has large gardens to the front, with a garage and off street parking, and a large mature garden to the rear. The house has gas central heating, double glazing and is in good condition.

Other Parish Property

All Saints' has one residential property, close to the Church which is currently let to tenants.

The memorial garden adjacent to the side of the church provides an attractive and tranquil area for quiet thought and reflection.



The Life of the Church

All Saints' Church is normally (apart from the interregnum period) open for prayer every day except Monday. A Sides Person and the Church Wardens are on duty as Welcomers at the Parish Eucharist. After the 10am service refreshments are provided at the rear of the church for a chance to chat to everyone and welcome newcomers to the church.

Services

There are two regular services each Sunday.

- Holy Communion: a said service at 8.00a.m is attended by an average of ten regular worshippers with occasional visitors.
- Parish Eucharist: sung service at 10am with a choir. The Sunday School joins the service after the Peace. This service is attended by 40 to 50 adults and 10 to 15 children.
- During 2016 there were six baptisms, one marriage and two funerals (held at the crematorium).

There is also a midweek Holy Communion service on Wednesday mornings and the pupils of All Saints' School attend a weekly school service.

Additional services are held on significant days in the Church calendar, for example Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension Day. During Lent we have 'hunger lunches' after the Wednesday morning Holy Communion. There are also discussion groups after the Sunday 10am service during Lent. **"I can feel the essence of Christianity in this Church"**.

Sunday School

All children are welcome at All Saints' Church, we are a family Church. We are always happy to see them at the Sunday School which takes place in the Church Hall at 10am on Sundays during term time. Babies and children under four years old are welcome to come with a guardian to play and join in the activities. School age children can be left unaccompanied. We start with a simple prayer; listen to a bible story, followed by a fun activity. The activities follow the Christian calendar such as Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter when the children perform for the congregation. It is a safe and enjoyable place for children to get to know more about God and to make friends. The children come into Church in time for Holy Communion or a blessing.



Remembrance Sunday

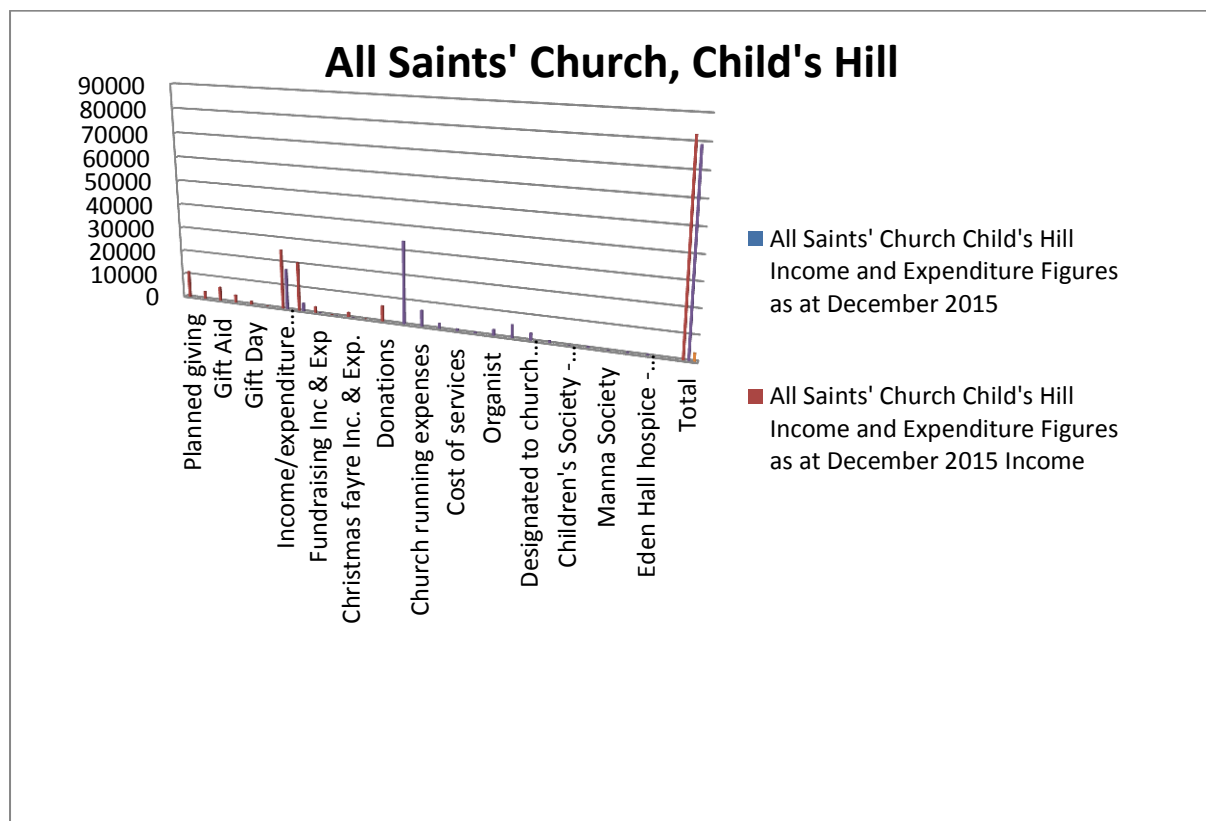


Hands on for
"I'm Thankful For"
at Sunday School.



Sunday School at the
Garden party July 2016.

Our Finances



We make special collections at some services, eg: Christmas Eve, for charities, (The Children's Society and The Manna Society). 50% of the profit from our Christmas Fayre is divided between 2 charities nominated by the PCC each year. Members of the Congregation use Lent boxes the proceeds of which are given to Water Aid.

It was agreed four years ago that all income from Social and Fundraising activities, except the Christmas Fayre, would be put in a Church Refurbishment Fund.

We have managed to fund a number of projects; for example replacing the church flat roof, improvements to the Church Hall and residential property, over the past few years without using the Church Building and Fabric Fund; some of this is thanks to the Church Refurbishment Fund.

Children and Young Adults

Whilst there is a growing number of families in the local area, we realise there is a real need to welcome and integrate both adults and children into the Church Community. In addition to exploring ways to encourage more children and families, both from the Pre-school and Primary School, to be active in our church life, we also recognise the importance of our engagement with young people of secondary school age and there is a real need to explore ways of making our Church more relevant and appealing to children and young people. **"We need to look at other parishes where they are successful in encouraging the young to be involved"**.

Links to the Community

The vicar had made home visits during the week to those who are in need or housebound. He made regular visits to Candle Court and Magnolia Court, local residential homes for the elderly in Child's Hill.

Members of the church take part in the Annual Women's World Day of Prayer. In 2016 All Saints' hosted this special event with some of the children from the school taking part and leading the singing. Members of the church are also active in various aspects of the community some taking an active part in Barnet Home Start. Over the past few years the church has been a forum where local issues such as the regeneration, building development and the possible library closure have been discussed.

Outreach

Through fund raising activities, particularly the annual Christmas Fayre, All Saints' supports a number of local, national and international charities, decided upon by the PCC each year.

We have for many years supported the work of Water Aid through our Lent Box collections. Harvest donations of food and toiletries, given by the school children and members of the congregation, are taken to the Manna Society for the Homeless.

Our Leadership and Support Team

- **Clergy**

Comprises of the Vicar, during the interregnum their role is being covered by various Vicars either semi-retired or in the Deanery.

- **Servers and Choir**



- **Staff**

There are no paid members of staff.

- **PCC and working parties**

Consists of the Vicar, Vice Chairman, two Church Wardens, two Deputy Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, together with eleven elected members of the congregation.



There are two sub-committees which report to the PCC

1. **Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee** is responsible for the upkeep of the Church and the Church hall making decisions about work(s) needing to be carried out and sourcing the correct work base for this. The committee currently consists of 5 people.
2. **Social and Fund Raising Committee** is responsible for all social and fund raising activities within the church (more information under Social and Fund Raising heading). The committee consists of 10 people.

- **Volunteers**

Volunteers play a hugely important part in the life of the church in various ways, from gardening, finance, church cleaning, Sunday School, and Social Activities, as well as involvement with the PCC and its working parties.

Our New Vicar

What we are looking for in our Vicar

Essential attributes

- A parish priest of prayer and spirituality who will thrive in our catholic traditional style of worship whilst making us contemporary and enabling us to proclaim the gospel to future generations.
- A style of preaching which is both stimulating and challenging and which connects the Bible to topical events and everyday life in an imaginative and creative way.

- An inspiring and enthusiastic leader who is an excellent communicator with diverse groups of people across all age ranges. Someone who is able to adapt to the various needs of the congregation and engage in the wider community.
- A supportive person who is approachable and is both compassionate and inclusive. A good listener with sensitivity for individual pastoral needs and who will act as a voice for the community.
- A motivational team leader with the vision and energy to inspire and involve people in the life of the Church and its activities in the Parish and to work with the PCC, Churchwardens, Sunday School and Congregation to develop our outreach.
- A Priest who is able, with imagination and enthusiasm, to help us to attract and welcome new people and reach out to children and young people developing further our important school links.

Desirable attributes

- Outward looking who will be a visible and respected presence in the wider community of Child's Hill.
- Ability to work in partnership with the Pupils, Staff and Governors of All Saints' School.
- A person with charisma and a good sense of humour.

What we can offer

- A friendly, sociable and welcoming congregation.
- A committed PCC and Church Wardens.
- Energy and love for Child's Hill Parish.
- Our passion for seeing the church flourish.

All Saints' Parish Church, Child's Hill

Church Walk

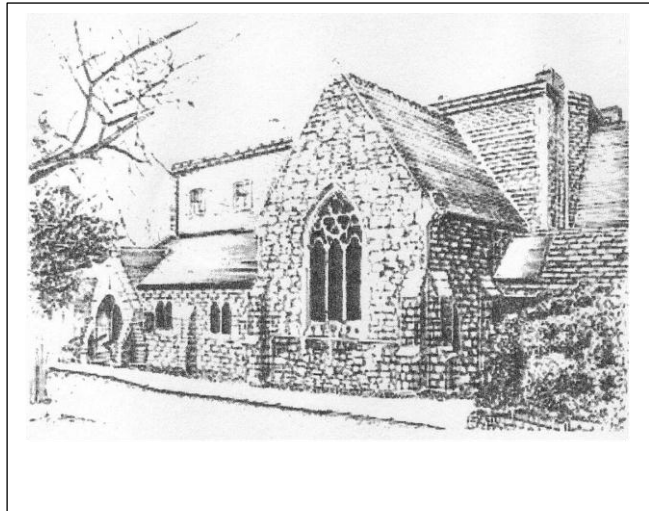
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Thoughts from Jack and Jill Pre-school – ages 2 to 4



We would like a friendly vicar who would give us presents



The new vicar should tell us stories and show us films.



Vicar needs to bring a nice rug for us to sit on at the front and they could sit on it too and read us a story or sing a song.



The new vicar to visit our school then we can visit his / her house.



The vicar must be funny and tell us jokes and make us laugh.



The new vicar must be able to sing and dance and then we can all do it.



The new vicar to have lots of parties and have a picnic in the garden.



Vicar to put our pictures on the church wall so we can come in and show our mummies and daddies.



Vicar must like little children who may be noisy and cry if they fall over.

Thoughts from the children of All Saints' School

The new vicar should be able to bring the bible to life.

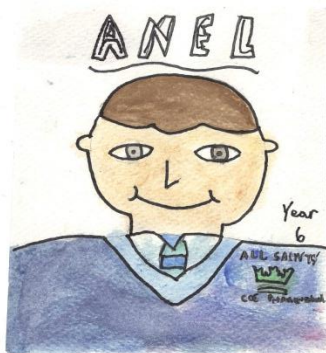
The Vicar needs to be fun, exciting and captivating, generous and giving.

They should have a good sense of humour and care about the local community and the school.



The Vicar should be a good story teller and be able to simplify the stories from the Bible and make them interesting.

They should use props and pupils to help with the story telling.



The School Council wants strong links between the Church and school.

School council wants to have more decorations in Church – school can help make sculptures that can be displayed.