

House for Duty Priest

The Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and
Wield

In the deanery of Alresford



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WELCOME

Welcome to this parish profile and role description ... and welcome to the Diocese of Winchester!

At the heart of our life here is a desire to be always Living the Mission of Jesus. We are engaged in a strategic process to deliver a mission-shaped Diocese, in which parochial, pastoral and new forms of pioneering and radical ministry all flourish. Infused with God's missionary Spirit we want three character traits to be clearly visible in how we live:

- ✦ Passionate personal spirituality
- ✦ Pioneering faith communities
- ✦ Prophetic global citizens

We wait with eager anticipation to see how this process will unfold. We pray that, if God is calling you to join us in his mission in this part of the world, he will make his will abundantly clear to you.

'As the Father sent me so I send you ... Receive the Spirit.'

John 20:21

Read more about [Winchester Mission Action Planning](#) here.



Bishop David Williams



ALRESFORD DEANERY

Close to the historic Cathedral city of Winchester we are a very rural deanery of five benefices and twenty-six churches with a rich diversity of tradition set in a large area of beautiful Hampshire countryside bordering Basingstoke to its East and Winchester to the West.

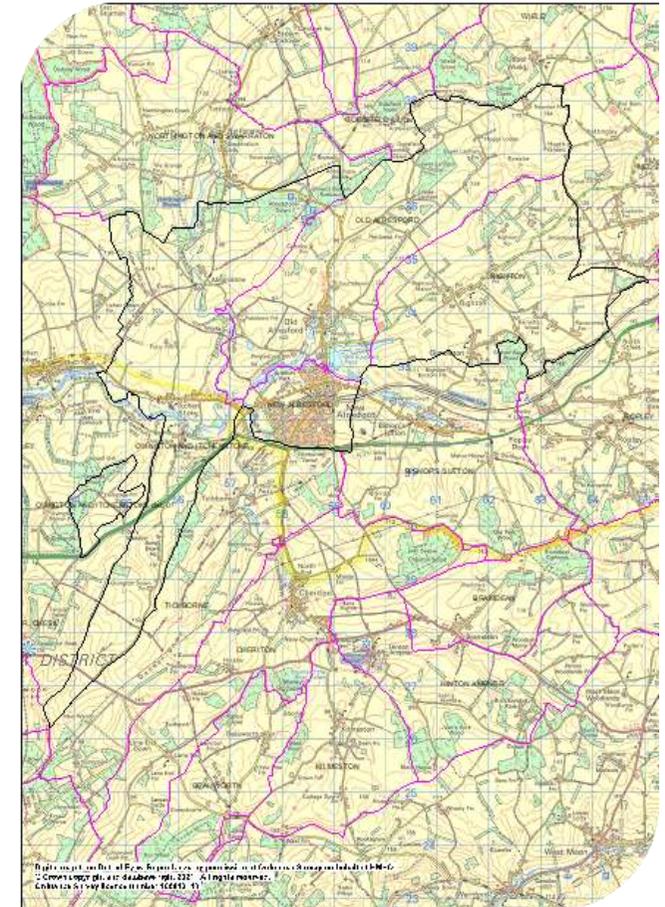
We have a mix of stipendiary clergy, SSMs, LLMs and those who hold the Bishop's Commission for Mission.

Alresford Deanery Chapter is a place of warmth, support and friendship. We are currently beginning the process of working together with the neighbouring deanery of Alton, exploring joint chapter and synod meetings.

The Deanery has worked hard to produce a practical and positive Deanery Mission Action Plan (dMap) and Pastoral Plan which includes the development of Focal Ministry in the Deanery, with a pilot period as a first step. The Arle Valley currently has two Focal Ministers in the Pilot scheme.



The Reverend David Chattell
Area Dean



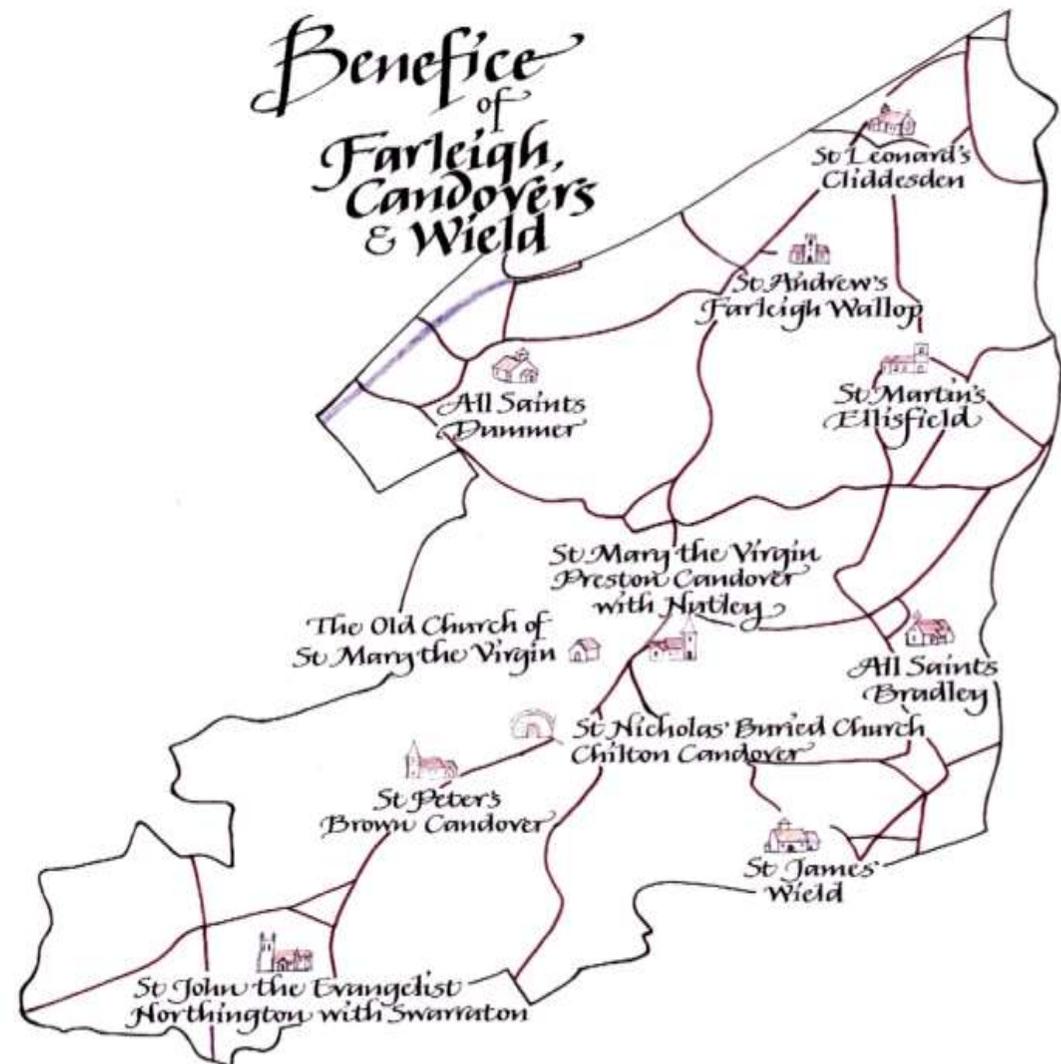
INTRODUCTION

We are seeking a House for Duty Priest to support the ministry of the Rector in the Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield. It is envisaged that the HfD will take services across the benefice with a focus on ministry coming from her or his gifts.

Our Benefice runs from the village of Cliddesden, situated just south of the M3 at Basingstoke to Northington 10 miles away to the south. London is just 45 minutes from Basingstoke by train.

We are a large benefice of small rural villages and hamlets with a team comprising our Rector, a Licensed Lay Minister three people who hold the Bishop's Commission for Mission; one to lead worship and two for Pastoral work. We have a number of lay people who are currently leading Morning Prayer services.

The Benefice has a population of circa 2700 people and consists of nine churches and four PCCs serving the rural villages and hamlets of Cliddesden, Dummer, Ellisfield, Farleigh Wallop, Preston Candover, Axford and Nutley, Bradley, Brown Candover, Chilton Candover, Totford, Swarraton, Northington and Wield.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a welcoming, thriving, and growing Christian family, that is supported by and integrated in the wider community of which we are part

Looking to the future, we wish to:

- Capitalise on the experience and skills of the new House for Duty priest to further our vision.
- Nourish, encourage and increase contact with all age groups across the benefice in order to grow Christ's mission here. We are especially keen to develop our Family Services at Cliddesden and Preston Candover.
- Be innovative in the ways and times when people can be reached to take part in the Christian community.
- Grow the Lay led activities.
- Develop further the pastoral care and outreach in our community.
- Develop, encourage, and embrace the gifts that people can give – time, practical skills, money, expertise, Lay ministry. Draw more of our gifted people into authorized ministry.
- Try new initiatives to encourage people on their Christian journey.

For previous newsletters and parish magazine articles and other information about the benefice see the information on our website.

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



OUR CHURCH LIFE

Being a welcoming Church to everyone is very important to us in the life and mission of our parishes and our services try to cater for a wide variety of preferences. We offer a range of worship style from BCP services to Parish Communions and All Age Worship services. Our sung worship includes traditional hymns with organ accompaniment, contemporary songs with keyboard and also embraces the use of recorded music which permit a wide range of music genres.

For our current worship pattern across a month please see table below in the Appendix.

The Parish of Farleigh

The parish consists of four small rural villages, each with its own church and individual character. The population is a balanced mix of all age groups. Most of the working adults commute to Basingstoke and further afield as far as London and Southampton.

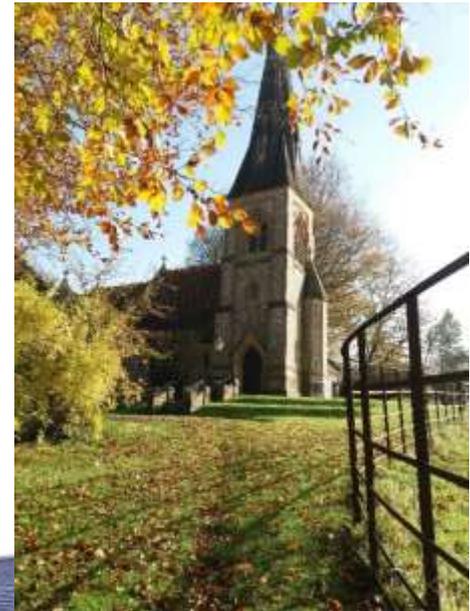
There is a flourishing Amateur Dramatic Group in Cliddesden and an annual village pantomime in Ellisfield. There is a golf club and a cricket coaching school at Dummer.

St Leonards Church, Cliddesden

There are a number of barn conversions into offices and some local enterprises, including the Jolly Farmer public house, Car repair workshops and MOT testing stations, Pots to Doodle Doo a craft and pottery painting for children business.

A small development of low-cost (once) housing sits within the Hooper's Mead area, comprising mainly bungalows for older residents or families with a Cliddesden connection.

Near the church is the New Millennium Hall, which opened in June 1999. We have a very good relationship with the local primary school, which, although not a Church school, is pleased to invite the Rector in twice a month to lead assemblies with a Christian theme.



St Leonards has a kitchenette and toilet, a good sound and projection system and an effective heating system. There are four services per month and our family service team are working hard to plan services that will enable small children and families to connect with Christian worship.

All Saints, Dummer

All Saints' church is Grade 1 listed; the oldest, visible part of the present building dates from the 12th century and has the oldest wooden pulpit in England, from which George Whitfield preached. There are strong connections with Jane Austen. The peal of 5 bells in the church's wooden bell tower dates from the 1590s and they are in regular use.

There is a small, modern and well-equipped meeting room with seating for 20 people, a toilet and a kitchenette. The room is mainly used as a venue for Council meetings and for preparing refreshments after certain services.

There are four services each month two of which are currently Lay led. One service is a 'Sunday Special' that aims to be attractive to non-regular visitors to church. There is an 0800 BCP service every month and Matins four times each year.

St Martins, Ellisfield

There are three services each month, one of which is lay led. It has a regular and strong congregation and all major Christian Festivals are very well supported. The church has good standing in the village. Many church members are involved in other ways in village life through parish council and social groups. There is a choir that use the church called The Belles of St Martins. There is a weekly prayer group based in Ellisfield that came into being in 'covid lockdown' and now meet once a month in church and continue on zoom too. ER of 174.

St Andrews, Farleigh

This church is sited on the Farleigh Estate, which is owned by trustees of the Portsmouth Estates, in the middle of a grazing field with public access to the church. It is used for a combined Farleigh Parish service every fifth Sunday, weddings and funerals and hosts a very well attended candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas.



The Single Parish of the Candovers with Bradley

All Saints, Bradley

Bradley has a population of approximately 110.

There is no shop, pub, club or village hall in Bradley, so the village has the church truly at the heart of the community. This means that there is considerable loyalty to All Saints' across the village from churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. As well as worship, the building is used for Harvest Meals and Parish Council meetings. There is currently one service per month at All Saints.



St Mary the Virgin, Preston Candover

Sited at the centre of the village and opposite the village pub, the Purefoy Arms. This is the home of a small congregation who enjoy a variety of worship: contemporary worship music, projected services, robed Holy Communion with a small choir or recorded choral music. A project to install new heating, lighting and a sound system is underway. There are currently 3 services a month. The church enjoys occasional services which draw the village together especially families for Harvest Churchyard family activities, Christingle and Crib services. There is a Church of England school in the village, a Pre- School, a thriving Community Store, Tennis Club, Gardening Club and a Village Hall Committee which also organise village events. The hamlets of Axford and Nutley are part of the parish of The Candovers with Bradley.

St Peters, Brown Candover

A large building that has had recent roofing and spire work. It is sited next to the Brown Club and scenically overlooks the cricket pitch. St Peters has one service per month. The village's Cricket Club is active across many ages, there is also a Cub and Beaver Scout group, who join in with Remembrance services.



Parish of St James, Wield

St James is a small and beautiful Norman church built somewhere between 1130 and 1150, it is a Grade I listed building holds up to seventy persons in close fellowship. It's worship style is mainly Book of Common Prayer with sung Matins and Evensong. Whilst some residents commute to work in London or locally, agriculture continues to flourish and there is a winery, a garage and light industries site.

Meeting points are St James' Church, and the Village Hall in Upper Wield, Yew Tree pub and Cricket Club in Lower Wield.

Parish of St John the Evangelist, Northington

The parish of Northington with Swarraton is small in population, having around 200 residents, but covers a geographical area of some 3.5 by 2 miles. The village hall is in Swarraton where it adjoins Northington on the Candover Valley road. It has extensive kitchen facilities, and can seat over 100 people for meals.

St Johns is an historical building enjoying the sobriquet 'Cathedral of the Valley' and it is our main wedding church, mostly for couples whose receptions are at The Grange wedding venue. Also at The Grange is an opera company which hosts internationally acclaimed performances during the summer. There is a choir drawn from people across the area who are based at St Johns for their rehearsals who sing for weddings, Remembrance and Christmas.

Across the Benefice -Discipleship & Spiritual Development

We have previously had some small mid-week evening meetings but these are not operating now. There is a ladies' daytime Bible Study group meeting weekly, led by our LLM.

Each Lent we have had a series of midweek meetings which has drawn people who attend church or wouldn't join a mid-week group otherwise. The Bible Course during Lent was well received.

Church members are encouraged to read the Bible regularly using our own Prayer Diary and our website encourages people to explore a range of materials to use for daily devotions or further reading.



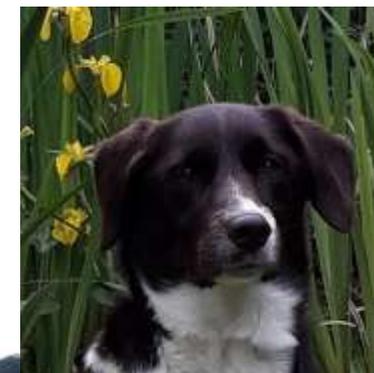
It is desirable that we have more courses and events that provide opportunity for our villagers to explore the Christian faith. We are open to running Alpha, Christianity Explored, Pilgrim, Exploring Faith, and the Bible Course.

Young People

We are committed to the challenge of attracting young families: there is work to be done here. It is recognised that some forms of worship are not readily accessible to all.

Social

A wide range of social events occur across the parishes and these also provide opportunities to invite friends. Across the benefice we have Gardening Clubs, WI meetings in Wield and Northington, Film Club in Wield and a Benefice Choir.



OUR TEAM

There is an active support team of the laity and churchwardens, and a growing number willing to use their skills in ministry and church organisation.

David Chattell – Rector. Teacher before ordination.

- Ruth Chattell – LLM. Primary school teacher
- Julian Gibbons – BCM Worship Leading. Farmer at Bradley.
- Marina Avis BCM Pastoral Work. Primary school teacher.
- Anne Luneburg BCM -Pastoral Work. Retired nurse.
- Various church members who lead Morning Prayer to maintain the worship pattern across the churches whilst we await the appointment of the House for Duty priest.
- Tricia Grey-Knight – Benefice Administrator



OUR ORGANISATION

Governance

Governance is provided by the PCCs, which each meet four or five times a year

Each PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent and ministry team in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social. Each PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church fabric and churchyard.

The District Church Councils (DCCs)

Each church in the Parish of Farleigh has a District Church Council chaired by a Church Warden whose remit, in consultation with the Rector and PCC, is to maintain the fabric and the routine of each church.

Administrator

Our administrator assists with all admin work of which weddings matters make up a sizeable proportion.

Church Bells

We have five church towers with bells and two bell ringing teams who ring for Sunday services, weddings and toll for funerals.



Finances

Our PCCs expect to pay their CMF contributions in full this year.



THE HOUSE

Lapin Lane, Hatch Warren, Basingstoke



ROLE DESCRIPTION

This Role Description should be read in conjunction with the vision, aims and priorities set out in this profile. The role is for a priest who will support and nurture the residents of these parishes and build on recent achievements to develop the mission of the Church in the community and ensure pastoral needs are met. It is for a leader who will assist the Rector in growing the worship and mission of our churches. As our House for Duty priest we are seeking someone who will:

Spirituality

- Follow an ordered personal, spiritual life of daily prayer and Bible study and shares the fruits of their own discipleship with others.

Worship and Preaching

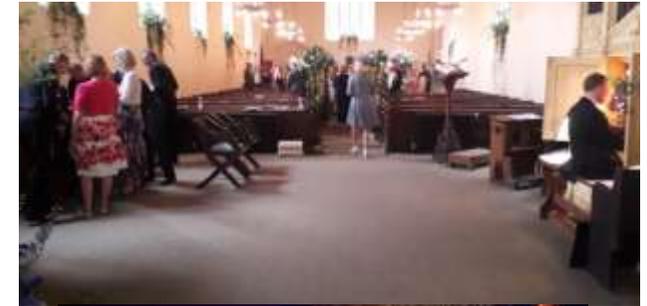
- Lead worship and preach in a variety of services across the benefice.
- In preaching and other communication, present the Christian message in relevant and inspiring ways that encourage us to live and witness as Christians in the 21st century.
- Support and lead outreach initiatives to those outside the church family.
- Encourage individual reading of scripture.
- Support and encourage the ministry of lay people.

Leadership and Collaboration

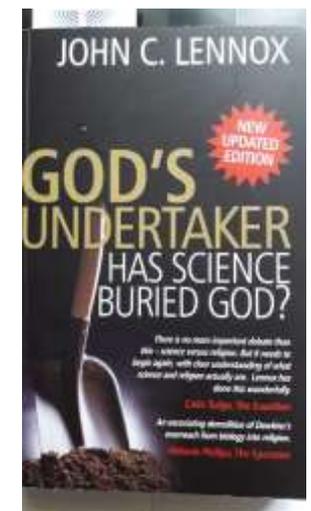
- Understand 'servant leadership', be a proven team player and be committed to working collaboratively with the Rector.

Discipleship, Learning and Nurture

- Be open and creative in their approach to Christian discipleship and spiritual growth, strongly committed to seeing God's people grow and mature in faith and use their gifts in God's service.
- Actively encourage home groups and draw others in to begin or develop their discipleship.
- Be prepared to lead or co-lead outreach and discipleship courses and committed to the growth of small groups.



- Assist with leading Collective Worship in school



Evangelism and engagement with social justice

- Be proactive and persuasive in sharing their faith with others and can enable others to gain confidence to do the same.
- See that traditional services are helpful to many and that God uses old and new.
- Reflect theologically and look to see where God is working.
- Have a missionary heart.

Pastoral Care

- Be approachable and sensitive to varied pastoral needs of our church family and wider community.
- Be able to talk to all parishioners with tact and discretion; it is expected that the person appointed will have a natural understanding of and empathy with all aspects of rural life.

Stewardship and Parish Organisation

- Exhibit and proactively encourage generosity in the discipleship of church members, in the giving of their time, talents and money.
- Fully participate in and contribute to the life of the deanery (including synod and chapter) and diocese

The role description should always be read in conjunction with the [Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy](#).



HOW TO APPLY

A full application pack, along with Terms & Conditions, is available from the Diocesan website, [here](#).

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Appendix



Pattern of services

Church	Week	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
Cliddesden		0945 Morning Prayer LL	11.15 Family HCom	11 .15 Family Service DC			6pm BCP HCom on 4 th Saturday
Dummer		1115 Sunday Special LL	0800 HC BCP	0945 MP (Matins)LL	0945 HCom CW		
Ellisfield		0800 HC BCP	0945 Morning Prayer LL		1115 Family HCom DC		
Farleigh						1100 HCom	Christmas Carols
Preston		1000 MP LL Recorded music	10 00 HC CW ??Choir??	1000 FS DC Recorded music/Other			
Brown					1100 Morning Worship LL Organ	0930 HC Alt with Bradley Organ	Christmas Easter
Bradley					0830 HC CW (Said)	0930 HC	Christmas Easter

					Alternate with Brown Organ	
Wield	0930 Matins Organ	1800 Evensong DC Organ	0900 H Com BCP Organ			
Northington	1100 HC CW Organ					

'From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.'
John 1:16

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