

# Associate Priest (House for duty) The North West Hampshire Benefice

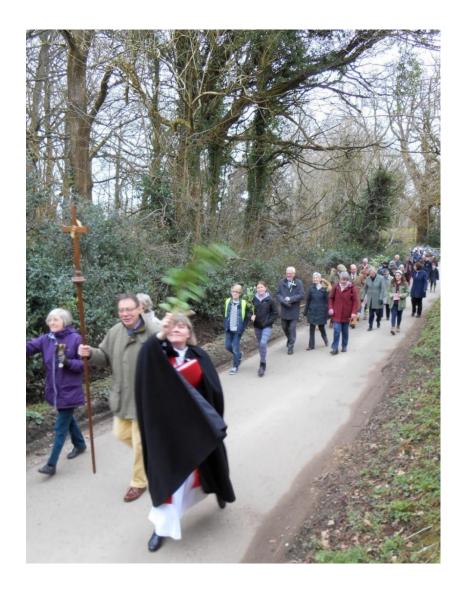
Ashmansworth + Crux Easton + East Woodhay + Highclere + Woolton Hill In the deanery of Whitchurch





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#### WELCOME

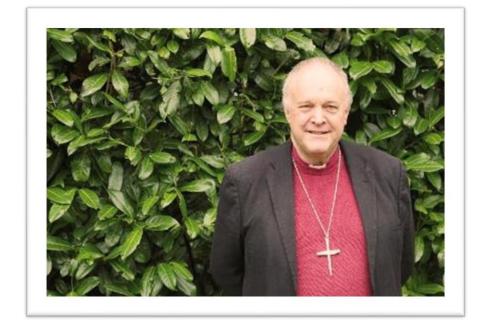
Welcome to this benefice profile and role description ... and welcome to the Diocese of Winchester!

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 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



The Right Reverend David Williams Bishop of Basingstoke

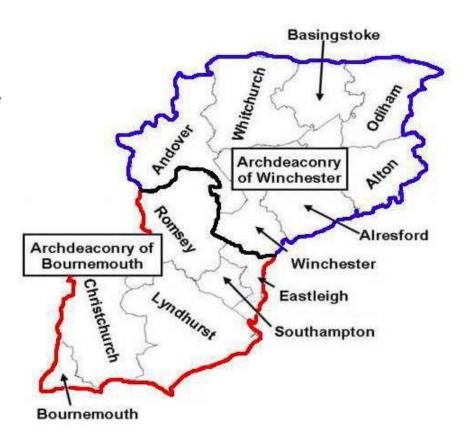


#### Whitchurch Deanery

Whitchurch Deanery is as beautiful as any other part of Hampshire, an area of rolling downland in the north together with the upper Test valley, bounded by the Berkshire border and the A303. Our 25 churches serve a population of some 25,000 many of whom take advantage of our excellent transport links to work in London or the large towns that surround us. As a deanery we seek to enable our seven benefices to respond to the diocesan vision, and in particular we are developing our capacity to support each other and to engage with new forms of ministry. Our clergy chapter offers encouragement to its members and the space for reflection on our shared ministry. A notable feature of the deanery is the dynamism and warmth of our links with the diocese of Mityana in Uganda and many visits in each direction have been undertaken over recent years



The Revd David Roche
Area Dean and Priest in Charge
Whitchurch.



#### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the post of Associate Priest (House for Duty) in the North West Hampshire Benefice. I am Christine Dale and I have served here as Rector since 2009 when the five parishes of Ashmansworth, Crux Easton, East Woodhay, Highclere and Woolton Hill joined together. Previously, from 2002, I served as Rector of East Woodhay and Woolton Hill.

I am seeking a priest colleague who will work collaboratively with me and as an active member of our Ministry Team. He or she will live in the Parish of Highclere, and is assured of a warm welcome across the whole Benefice. We envisage our new Associate Priest will engage particularly with the community among whom he or she will be living, whilst contributing to worship and church life across our parishes. We pray that he or she will bring a deep and confident faith, and their own distinctive skills and experience to join us in making Christ known in our communities.

The area is essentially rural with traditional English villages and hamlets. We enjoy stunningly beautiful countryside as well as a unique location at the crossroads of England: from here there is easy access to the busy town of Newbury, and excellent road and rail links in all directions north, south, east and west. We are well served by schools: with a C of E VA Primary School in East Woodhay, a C of E VC Infant School and a County Junior School in Woolton Hill, an independent preparatory school in Highclere and secondary schools in neighbouring Burghclere and Newbury.

Our parishes are lively communities with a great mix of people and our combined population is about 5,000. Our churches seek to be at the heart of local parish life, with active communities of volunteers. Together we have financial stability, and we find strength in shared ministry and support in our mission to make Christ known. Each parish is also proud of, and inspired by, its own distinctive Christian heritage and tradition. Please read more about each parish in the Appendix.



Please read on to find out further information about our parishes and current priorities in ministry and mission, along with the role description for the post of Associate Priest. For more information or an informal discussion about this vacancy please contact:

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### **OUR VISION...** making Christ known in our communities

Since our five parishes joined together as one Benefice in 2009, we have established patterns of ministry and worship which aim to promote, sustain and further the mission of each church in each parish. We want each of our churches to thrive as Parish Churches serving their communities and in sharing the love of Christ and the good news of hope which He gives. We celebrate and embrace each parish's unique character and tradition, while supporting each other by affirming our common faith and mission to make Christ known in our communities.

In 2015 we agreed our common priorities to be sharing in worship, growing in faith, loving our neighbour, telling our story and resourcing our ministry. Following a joint PCCs conference in 2019 we agreed four areas which needed fresh focus. The pandemic did bring a loss in momentum, although 'zoom' services and online groups opened other doors and brought us together in new and encouraging ways.

Now we are beginning to focus once more on the following:

United Benefice Worship and Discipleship: we are committed to encourage one another in shared worship and learning in faith. In 2019 a successful and joyful united Songs of Praise brought us together with a combined choir and celebration of music; we hope to introduce more worship like this. An annual August Sunday by Sunday pilgrimage around our churches continues to grow in support, a Benefice Prayer Diary has been launched and united prayer group begun. Lent and festival study groups (sometimes using 'zoom'), a men's group, a home group and confirmation group have all encouraged faith. We want to re-introduce an enquirers' course.... There is work to do!

Reaching new generations: we strive for our churches to be outward facing, engaging in faith and love with people of all ages and all backgrounds. Large and successful fetes and fundraising events help us engage with the wider communities; the challenge is how to grow these links. A Community Café supporting older people has begun in Woolton Hill and children's activities have been refreshed. We expect our new Associate Priest will join our Rector in helping us further our links with local schools, where there are currently fresh opportunities, and so help us engage more with families.







Engaging with faith and action in matters of social and community concern: we are promoting environmental concerns, and revisiting our own practice, using the A Rocha ECOchurch resources. Through practical and fundraising initiatives we are involved in various local community projects and charities. We contribute to our deanery link with the Diocese of Mityana, Uganda, especially through our church school links with schools in Mityana. We aim to be more pro-active in telling our stories of hope.

Administration and Communications: we know we are behind the curve with our united benefice online presence. There is work needed to create an effective benefice website and social media presence (we are on Facebook <a href="here">here</a>). We are in the process of strengthening our administration, and are already working on a common approach to safeguarding. Some of this is being gathered up in our work to explore becoming a single parish – please read more on this in the section 'Our Organisation'.





#### **OUR CHURCH LIFE**

Our parishes are lively and vibrant communities with a great mix of people of all ages and backgrounds. Details of each of our five churches can be found in the Appendix. We believe it is an essential part of each church's life and mission to be welcoming, open and inclusive in serving the parish to which it belongs. Baptisms, weddings and funerals continue to be an important and valued aspect of each church's outward facing pastoral ministry.

Each church is proud of, and inspired by, its own distinctive Christian heritage and tradition. In leading services our clergy and LLMs wear robes; two churches have vestments. We value music in worship, three churches have robed choirs and a combined benefice choir sings for special services. We value the liturgy of both the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. We want to grow our worship and activities for families and children, building on a well-established monthly service ('All Together') in St Thomas', Woolton Hill and the work St James', Ashmansworth has done in offering activities for families inspired by Messy Church. Through the year united services bring us together: notably on Palm Sunday, fifth Sundays and during August. There is interest in developing more informal worship; this might be an area to which our new Associate Priest could bring us fresh skills and experience. Discipleship, study and home groups are arranged as cross benefice initiatives.

We have good relationships with our local schools. Recently St Thomas CE VC Infant School and Woolton Hill Junior School became a federation, 'The Schools of Woolton Hill', with an Executive Head Teacher appointed in 2021: the Junior School has become church affiliated and new vision and values set. There are new opportunities to grow our relationship with the federation, as well as developing further our already vibrant link with St Martin's CE VA School in East Woodhay. Ministry to our schools is as an essential and growing aspect of our ministry to which we hope our new Associate Priest will be able to contribute.

We have committed and experienced churchwardens, PCC officers and members, and financial stability which gives us some flexibility as we discern the furthering of our mission. As parishes working together since 2009, trust and relationship between us has grown. We understand our current exploration of becoming a single PCC to be an evolution of our relationship, with the intention that the overall simplification of governance will release energy for clergy and lay folk to focus on ministry priorities in our diverse parish communities.

Our wider communities gather with great energy to support fetes, fund-raising and special occasions such as the recent jubilee celebrations. Our new Associate Priest will live in the parish of Highclere in which a good number of social activities take place in the Village Hall and recently refurbished Westridge Studio, as well as in and around the church. Highclere Society and other community groups are also active in the village.



#### **OUR TEAM**

The Incumbent leads the Ministry Team which resources and enables worship and ministry across the whole benefice. There has been quite a change in membership recently as in 2022 two of our Licensed Lay Ministers have moved away. We miss them, but we look forward to the licensing in October 2022 of our Licensed Lay Minister in training. We rejoice in the ongoing ministry of our Licensed Lay Minister and Reader Emeritus along with our Lay Preacher. Our new Associate Priest will be a full member of the Ministry Team, which gathers weekly for Evening Prayer (using 'zoom') and meets a number of times during the year for review, planning and encouragement, our two administrative assistants also joining these meetings.

#### The team comprises:



#### RECTOR: THE REVD CANON CHRISTINE DALE

Christine was ordained in 1994 and served in the Diocese of Oxford before being appointed incumbent of the United Benefice of East Woodhay and Woolton Hill in 2002. She journeyed through the reorganization which brought the North West Hampshire Benefice into being in 2009. She says: 'It is a privilege and a joy to serve the people of these beautiful parishes. Every day in ministry there is still something new and much opportunity to discover afresh the grace of God at work. Our parishes are full of life and opportunity and together we look forward with hope and confidence in the Gospel.' 'I am interested in pilgrimage; enjoy walking our dog, Fudge, in our beautiful countryside; and I also enjoy offering and receiving hospitality.'

SUKI COE has just completed her LLM training and will be licensed in October 2022. She has lived in the Penwood area of Highclere since 2004 and is married to Duncan; they have a grown-up daughter. She says: 'I work full time for a civil engineering company securing planning permission for large scale infrastructure projects. Outside of work and worship I enjoy cycling and walking my dog Ruudi'.

ROSEMARY CAHILL has been a Licensed Lay Minister for 20 years and her vocation was nurtured in the parishes of Woolton Hill and East Woodhay. She is now officially Reader Emeritus although still contributes much through a ministry to the local care homes and some funerals. She says: 'I still play tennis, garden, volunteer at the local surgery and have a ministry of the 'twiddly bits!'

#### Benefice Prayer

Eternal Father,
we give thanks for calling us
to be fellow-pilgrims in Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
renew our common life
and guide us into the future
in the power of your Spirit.
With your grace
may we be faithful witnesses,
in both word and deed,
to your love and saving presence
in all our communities.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.







HORACE MITCHELL has been a Licensed Lay Minister for 20 years. His vocation was nurtured in the parishes of Highclere, Ashmansworth and Crux Easton. Horace says of himself that he is 'really, really old', amongst his achievements he notes that he produced Europe's first non-academic website. He says: 'my favourite book is Connie Spry, my favourite musical is The Glums and my favourite place ... where else... Highclere of course!'

ANGELA MYERS has been a Lay Preacher for 17 years. She lives mostly in Crux Easton but spends some time in London. She says: 'I paint when I can and keep up my French, despite more usually going to Spain with my husband David.'

SUE HOPKINSON is our Benefice Co-ordinator. Sue supports with general administration working a few hours a week from home and sometimes at The Rectory. Sue also works part-time in the school office at St Martin's Church School in East Woodhay.

BERTHA BATES supports wedding and funeral administration and assists the Rector with the production of a weekly notice sheet, service sheets... and coffee! Bertha enjoys singing and co-ordinates the choir at St Thomas', Woolton Hill.

... and there are many more who are an essential part of the extended ministry of all our parishes, including:

- Committed and hardworking churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries and PCC members.
- Regular organists at East Woodhay and Highclere, and at our other churches, the support of a number of organists who live locally, along with other musicians.
- Church choirs at East Woodhay, Highclere and Woolton Hill.
- The support of bellringers at East Woodhay, Highclere and Woolton Hill.
- A number of folk confident to assist in services, lead children and young people's ministry and other ministries.
- Dedicated teams of flower arrangers at each church.
- Faithful groups of volunteers doing most of the practical jobs and caring for the buildings and churchyards.



Following the retirement of our previous Associate Priest our team is not complete! We have an Associate Priest shaped hole – might you be the priest to join us? We are praying for you . . .













#### **OUR ORGANISATION**

#### Governance

At present, each of our five parishes is governed by its own PCC. We have a Benefice Council, with two representatives from each PCC, which meets two to three times a year to review matters of shared interest, finance and mission. The Benefice Council has not met since the pandemic began. Instead the Rector and churchwardens met regularly throughout the pandemic to review local practices and priorities as circumstances changed. This proved a more effective approach to joint working.

Following general encouragement by the Diocese in 2021, we are actively engaged in exploring becoming one PCC. A working party is formulating recommendations to be considered by the five PCCs at a joint PCCs conference in November 2022. The motivation towards becoming a single parish is to simplify and strengthen central governance structures, to facilitate compliance and, most importantly, to release energy locally for ministry and mission.

The detail is still under discussion but, whilst the single parish will be governed by a single PCC, it is likely that detailed decision making will take place through the work of devolved committees for each church. Plans for strengthening central administration, communications and online presence are also a key part of this emerging plan. In this scheme our new Associate Priest would be an ex officio member of the single PCC.

Responsibility for effective governance and compliance will not be part of the role of the Associate Priest.









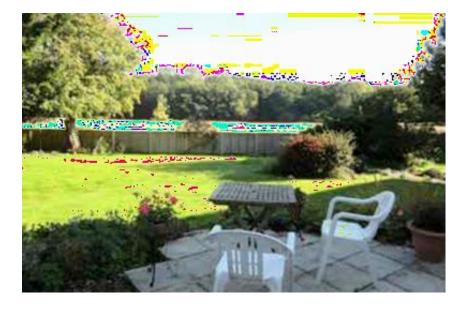
#### THE CLERGY HOUSE

The house is spacious and presented in good order. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and two bathrooms; the large master bedroom is dual aspect and has a balcony overlooking a good-sized rear garden to open countryside beyond. Downstairs an enclosed entrance porch opens to a hallway. There is a generous study and a cloakroom. The dining room has an archway to a large kitchen with utility area. The sitting room has an open fire and is dual aspect with a door to the garden. In addition there is a double garage and storeroom.

The Diocese is responsible for upkeep of the house and for payment of Council Tax and water rates. The house is located in a cul-de-sac in the south of the parish of Highclere. The popular Red House pub is within a few minutes' walk. Although in the heart of the countryside it is only four miles from the busy town of Newbury and 15 minutes' drive from the M4, with the A34 and A303 nearby. Mainline railway stations are available at Basingstoke, Newbury, and Whitchurch. It is an ideal location for easy access all over the country.







#### **ROLE DESCRIPTION**

This Role Description should be read in conjunction with the vision, aims and priorities set out in this profile.

This role is for an Associate Priest working on a House for Duty basis, offering Sunday ministry and the equivalent of two days per week. He or she will join us in our mission to make Christ known in our communities and will be committed to work in collaboration with the incumbent, and as an active member of the Ministry Team which is led by the incumbent. She or he will make their home in the parish of Highclere, and it is envisaged that he or she will engage particularly with the communities of Highclere while sharing in leading worship and in developing our mission priorities across our communities.

We are seeking an Associate Priest who:

#### **Spirituality**

- Is a person of prayer: following an ordered personal, spiritual life of daily prayer and Bible study and sharing the fruits of their own discipleship with others.
- Is a confident and creative spiritual leader, drawing on the riches of scripture and the traditions of the Church of England.
- Is able to balance time with family and friends with the demands of parish life, and able to say 'no'
  graciously.

#### **Worship and Preaching**

- Is skilled, confident and comfortable leading and participating in the current diversity of our parish services: including the Book of Common Prayer; Common Worship; and worship which is accessible to families, children and young people.
- In preaching and other communication, presents and interprets the Christian message in relevant and inspiring ways that encourage us to live and witness as Christians in the 21st century.

#### **Leadership and Collaboration**

- Is a servant leader and proven team player, approachable and committed to working collaboratively
  with the incumbent, Ministry Team and the various teams in the parishes; and can lead or be a team
  member, as appropriate.
- Is an active listener and able to help ensure that voices are heard and valued, and is committed to building and sustaining relationships.







#### **Discipleship, Learning and Nurture**

- Is open and creative in their approach to Christian discipleship and spiritual growth, committed to seeing God's people, of all ages, grow and mature in faith and use their gifts in God's service.
- Is able to lead, co-lead and encourage discipleship and small groups, and enable others to do the same.

The role description should always be read in conjunction with the

<u>Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy</u>.

#### **Evangelism and engagement with social justice**

- Is proactive and persuasive in sharing their faith with others and can enable others to gain confidence to do the same.
- Is experienced and skilled in working with schools and is committed to help grow relationships with local schools and with young people beyond schools.
- Has an open and inclusive vision for church and the community and will contribute to the visible presence of the clergy in the whole community.

#### **Pastoral Care**

- Is approachable and sensitive to varied pastoral needs of our church families and wider communities and willing to share pastoral care with our incumbent and others.
- Has an open and inclusive approach to all, welcoming and able to journey with individuals at different stages in life and faith.
- Enjoys pastoral encounters made through occasional offices and is able to build on the positive links into the wider parish communities which these offer.

#### **Stewardship and Parish Organisation**

- Exhibits and proactively encourages generosity in the discipleship of church members, in the giving of their time, talents and money.
- Is a confident user of information technology and open to capitalising on the benefits it can bring, especially to collaborative working and communications.

#### **Ecumenism and Links with other bodies**

- Is able and willing to work with Christians of other denominations.
- Is willing to be familiar with the mission and strategy of Deanery and Diocese and make and encourage links with our local priorities.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**



A full application pack, along with Terms & Conditions, is available from the Diocesan website, here.

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# **Appendix**

#### Our churches

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, HIGHCLERE (Population 1700, electoral roll 84)



The parish of Highclere is a diverse community. <u>Highclere Castle</u> (aka 'Downton Abbey') and its working estate take up part of the parish. The area of Penwood contains three housing estates; one private and two former council estates, and a small shop is located here. The centre of the parish borders on Woolton Hill and includes the busy <u>Village Hall</u>, the popular <u>Red House</u> pub and <u>Thorngrove</u> Preparatory School. For primary education the parish is in the catchment area of the infant and junior schools located in Woolton Hill and some children attend St Martin's School, East Woodhay (see St Thomas' and St Martin's sections below).

Highclere is a great place to live, with a strong community spirit in a beautiful rural environment but close to Newbury. Local clubs and societies include: <u>St Michael's Ladies</u>, <u>Highclere Society</u> (which aims to maintain and improve the quality of life in the village), <u>Evergreens</u> (a friendship group) and a poetry group. The monthly parish magazine, serving the three parishes of Highclere, Ashmansworth and Crux Easton, is widely distributed.

The biggest event in the village is the annual church fête held on the second Saturday in June. The 2022 event was a bumper occasion and raised more than £18000.

The Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels' is by Sir George Gilbert Scott, dates from 1870 but contains many much earlier treasures dating from Tudor times. There are strong historic links to Highclere Castle, formerly (inter alia) a palace of the Bishops of Winchester, near to which the earlier church building was located, with its churchyard still open and a neighbouring cemetery chapel. Today's church stands between the Castle and the village.





#### ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, WOOLTON HILL (Population 1950, electoral roll 70)



Woolton Hill is a rural village in the civic parish of <u>East Woodhay</u>, and its position close to Newbury and a few minutes from the A34 help make it a very desirable place to live. The village has a Post Office/shop and a surgery with its own pharmacy. There is a regular <u>Village Market</u> at the Church Hall adjacent to the church, which attracts a wide range of stall holders. There is a <u>Sports Club</u> and a number of interest groups including the <u>Gardeners' Club</u> and an active <u>NWR (National Women's Register) group</u>.

The Parish Church of St Thomas the Apostle is in the centre of the village. Consecrated in 1849, the church is a grade II listed building with a seating capacity of around 185. There is an active Sunday Club for children, a weekly Community Café, a choir and an accomplished team of <a href="https://handbell.ningers">handbell ringers</a>. The <a href="https://handbell.ningers">Church Hall</a> is run as a community facility

and is an important aspect of the outward ministry of the church. An annual Summer Fair is well supported by the village.

There are strong links with local schools:

- The Schools of Woolton Hill is a recent federation creating a formal partnership between St Thomas' C of E Infant School and Woolton Hill Junior School, The Infant School has 120 pupils aged 4-7 and is next to the church. The Junior School is 500 metres further away with 180 pupils aged 7-11. A single governing body supports the federation, and the Rector is a
  - Foundation Governor. She visits both schools to lead worship and meet children and staff. School festival services are held in church and school groups regularly make educational visits to church and churchyard.
- Woolton Hill Preschool for 2-5 year olds meets in the Church Hall every weekday in term time.



#### ST MARTIN OF TOURS, EAST WOODHAY (Population c1000, electoral roll 67)



The parish comprises the community of East Woodhay surrounding the church, the hamlets of East End, Gore End, Heath End, North End, Ball Hill and Hatt Common. Despite the geographic spread there is a strong sense of community, supported by a Village Hall and the <u>Furze Bush Inn</u>.

The Parish Church of St Martin of Tours is at the foot of the North Wessex Downs, an idyllic rural and peaceful setting - demonstrated by the many comments in the visitors' book, such as: "most beautiful church I have seen"; "lovely church, beautifully kept", "nice to see an open, well cared for church", "lovely area and a lovely church too". It is late Georgian, having been rebuilt in 1823, and can seat more than 220 people. There is a choir and a team of bell ringers.

The church has strong links with <u>St Martin's C of E VA Primary School</u>. The Rector and Churchwardens are trustees, and the Head Teacher serves on the PCC. Some school services are held in church and the children take an active part in the church Christmas Carol and Mothering Sunday Services.

East Woodhay is a thriving and active community. Examples include:

- the monthly magazine, <u>Spectrum</u>, published in collaboration with the Woolton Hill community
- the popular annual <u>St Martin's Guild Fête</u>, held on the late Spring Bank Holiday, providing enjoyment for all ages and raising funds to maintain the church building and for other local charities
- The annual <u>East Woodhay Flower Show</u> showcasing local talent and produce
- <u>East Woodhay Silver Band</u>, a highly accomplished band which plays at events throughout the year
- <u>East Woodhay Cricket Club</u>
- <u>East Woodhay Twinning Association</u>, organising trips to Normandy villages and hosting those who visit from France.





#### ST JAMES THE GREAT, ASHMANSWORTH (Population 220, electoral roll 36)



The Parish Church of St James the Great is located towards the southern end of the village. The chancel is thought to have been part of a former Saxon Church while the nave dates from the early 12<sup>th</sup> century. Listed Grade 1, and without Victorian refurbishment, it is particularly known for its commemoration of English music, wall paintings and association with the composer Gerald Finzi who lived locally.

The church's inclusion in Simon Jenkins' 'England's Thousand Best Churches' contributes to a steady flow of visitors from the UK and overseas. Visitors have come from as far as Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands, Turkey, Australia and the United States. Comments include: "Thank you, Simon Jenkins, for sending me to this church"; "A beautiful church full of history"; "A church that makes you feel the music"; "Such a lovely country church; I will return".

The <u>Ashmansworth parish</u> is located on the North Hampshire Downs. The village is a popular start point for walkers over its many footpaths and The Wayfarer's Walk. Village life is vibrant and centres around the church and <u>Village Hall</u>. In recent years a number of young families have moved into the village and the church has begun activities and worship inspired by Messy Church.





#### ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CRUX EASTON (Population 60, electoral roll 14)



The small hamlet of Crux Easton is set along a cul-de-sac bordering
The Wayfarer's Walk in beautiful, open and sweeping countryside.
Traces of habitation go back to Roman times and records of ownership
of the hamlet exist from the time of Edward the Confessor onwards.
The hamlet comprises some 26 houses and farming traditions are strong.
It is a remote location with no shop, pub or school (the latter was closed in 1945).

Crux Easton House, formerly The Rectory, has had some interesting residents among whom was Geoffrey de Havilland, son of the then Rector. He was famous as an aircraft engineer and inventor, and his (and one of England's) earliest powered flight was from nearby Seven Barrow Down in 1910.

The church is regarded as a small Georgian gem. It is situated at the south-western end of the hamlet. The existence of a church is recorded in The Domesday Book. The present church was built in 1775, there was a major restoration in 1894 and again in 1993 which included the installation of a Georgian style east window.



## Monthly Pattern of Services

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday & August Sundays   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
|  | 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) East Woodhay |   | 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Highclere   |   |
| 9.30am  All Together  (a service for all ages with Sunday Club activities following)  Woolton Hill | 9.30am Parish Communion Woolton Hill     | 9.30am  Morning Worship  Woolton Hill  9.30am  Holy Communion (BCP)  Ashmansworth | 9.30am Parish Communion Woolton Hill  9.30am Morning Worship East Woodhay         | 10.00am Benefice Communion (5th Sundays, host church may vary) (throughout August this service rotates around all our churches)  12noon Baptisms (any church)  Sunday after Christmas 10.00am Benefice Communion East Woodhay |
| 11.00am Matins (BCP) Highclere  11.00am Parish Communion East Woodhay                              | 11.00am Matins (BCP) Highclere           | 11.00am Parish Communion Highclere  | 12noon <b>Baptisms</b><br>(any church)  |   |
| 6.00pm Evensong (BCP) Ashmansworth September only: 6.00pm Highclere Cemetery Chapel Service        |  | 6.00pm Evensong (BCP) East Woodhay  | 6.00pm<br>(5.00pm October – March)<br><b>Evensong</b> (BCP)<br><b>Crux Easton</b> |   |

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

