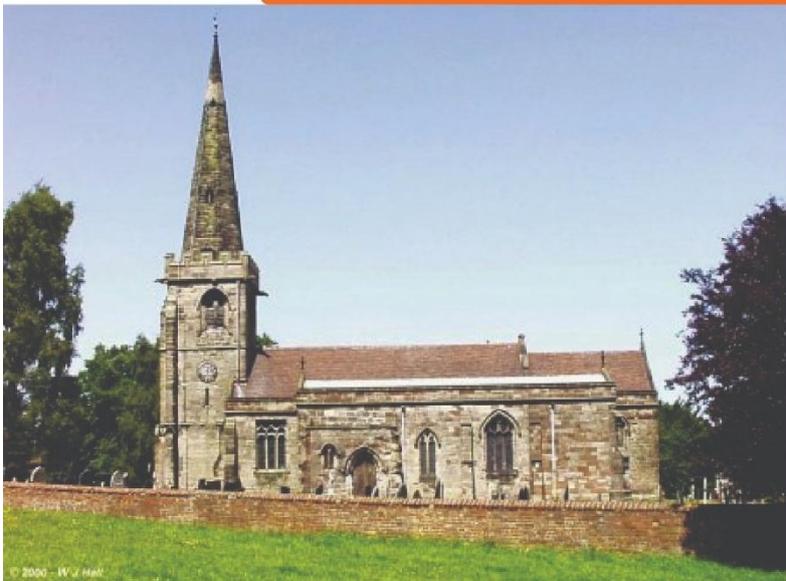
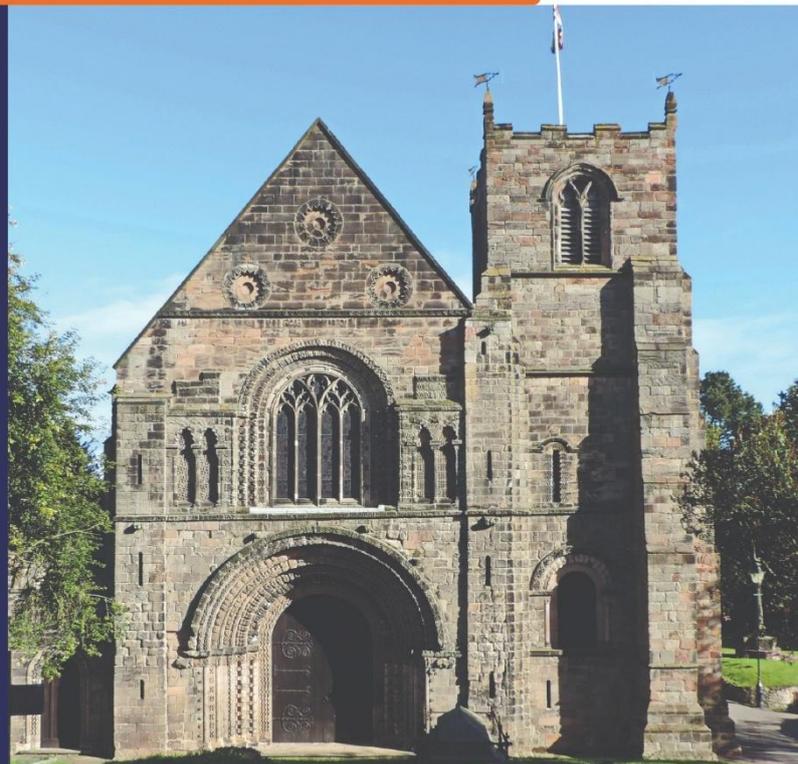




Parish profile for
**The benefice of
Anslow, Rolleston
and Tutbury**
in the Diocese of Lichfield



Welcome

Our picturesque villages of Anslow, Rolleston, and Tutbury together form the ART Benefice – a welcoming group of parishes located near Burton upon Trent, within easy reach of Derby. We seek a collaborative, friendly, and prayerful Rector to help us grow together in faith, deepen our community engagement, and sustain vibrant worship across our three churches.

Our new Rector will be based in Rolleston, which offers a comfortable vicarage at the heart of this benefice. All expenses are paid in full, and the parishes are respectful of rest days and holidays.



Our Vision

We believe God is calling us to grow as a benefice that is outward-looking, supportive of each other, and rooted in our local communities. Our shared vision is to:

- Help the Benefice grow and flourish together.
- Continue to connect with our community relationships and bring Jesus into those relationships.
- Equip our congregations to grow in discipleship, gifts, and skills for outreach into our communities.
- Continue to develop collaboration and cooperation between the churches.
- Deepen our engagement with local schools and families.

We're looking for a Rector who ...

- Will bring energy, compassion, and creativity
- Has experience of building on connections with schools,
- Will lead collaboratively and help us build on what is already good.
- Is comfortable with the distinctive traditions of each church



Living in the Benefice



local community groups, many rural walks and a large children's playground 'Tafflands'. Burton hosts a cinema, theatre and other larger leisure activities.

Rolleston

Rolleston (population approx. 3280) is a mostly middle class rural/semi-rural village with a strong community feel. Our village includes a pre-school and John of Rolleston School (KS1 & 2) and hosts active Scout and Guide groups, as well as two thriving WIs, and a cricket club. There is a small selection of local shops, with larger shops found in Burton or Derby (Burton being a 20-minute drive). There are some local transport links and the main train stations can be found at Burton/Derby. For leisure there are two local pubs,

Anslow

Anslow (population approx. 800) is a vibrant village with an active community. Our church lies at one end of the village, which incorporates farming communities and those who commute/work from home. There is an active Village Hall (which hosts a variety of clubs) and one pub within the village. A nursery lies on the edge of the village whilst Mosley Academy (KS1 & 2) lies at the centre. There is a new 950 home estate planned for the local area.



Tutbury

Tutbury (population approx. 3850) is a town with a warm community feel. Tutbury hosts the famous castle, a wider range of shops and eating facilities alongside doctors, dentists and vets. Our community offers many activities including a Scout group and Guide company, a cricket and football club, amateur dramatics and an active WI. A new estate has been built on the edge of the town and there is a local train station (Crewe and Derby accessible). People in our community work across mixed professions including: Rolls Royce in Derby, Nestlé in Hatton, Derby University

and those working from home. Richard Wakefield Primary Academy (CofE) lies in our town and we currently run a Christian club one lunchtime a week.

The three areas are approximately 10 minutes' drive from one another.



Church Life & Buildings

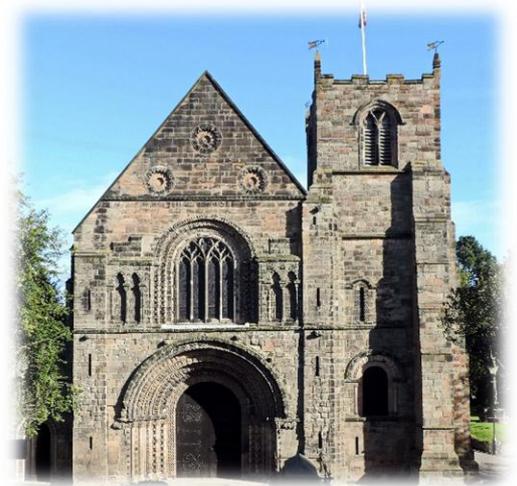


Holy Trinity, Anslow

Holy Trinity, Anslow is a Grade 2 listed building with a closed churchyard (we have previously won awards for its upkeep). It has an inside toilet, baby change facilities and a kitchen and the building is in good overall condition. We have limited parking, but a local field has been used previously for parking for larger events. Unfortunately, there is no pavement to the church, which is a challenge, particularly for children coming from the school.

St Mary's Priory Church, Tutbury

St Mary's Priory Church, Tutbury is a Grade 1 (AD1089) listed building which has moveable pews and a reordered side aisle which includes a meeting room, toilets (inc disabled) and a kitchen. There is a flexible space at the back of the Church which we use for social gatherings. The building is in good overall condition and parts of the churchyard are open (looked after by the 'Holy Mowers') we also have war graves. St Mary's has just had a quinquennial and there is a good working relationship with the Architect.



St Mary's, Rolleston

St Mary's, Rolleston is a Grade 1 (900 year) listed building and closed churchyard which suffered a recent lead theft from the roof, but we have now had new lead installed. The building is in good overall condition. The Church benefits from the adjacent Old School Room meeting and social space which includes a toilet and kitchen. We have had preliminary thoughts about incorporating a toilet and kitchen within the main Church building.

Worship and Services

Our Benefice offers a rich and varied pattern of worship, respecting each parish's traditions:

Tutbury: At Tutbury our services include a robed choir and organist and historically vestments have been worn though less so more recently. We have no lay Readers at present; however, we do have a lay worship team which includes chalice assistants and people who lead all-age worship. Most of our services are eucharistic and follow Common Worship and there is a family service (Eucharist) once a month. We occasionally have Morning Prayer and coffee is served after each service.

On average 40 people attend on a Sunday (inc 8 children – we currently don't have Sunday school provision). As a Church we are looking at a more contemporary service on a Sunday afternoon after trialling (successfully) 'Primary School Bangers' (hymns and afternoon tea). The Benefice is currently looking at a sustainable pattern of worship across the Benefice, recognising that Eucharistic services in each church every Sunday is unachievable.



Rolleston: At Rolleston we currently offer a 9.15am (approx. 25 people) and 6.30pm (approx. 20 people) service. At the 9.15am service we have a rota for readers, intercessors and chalice assistants and we alternate between Common Worship and Morning Prayer, there is no choir, and an organist currently attends biweekly with CDs used between. (We are looking to replace our full time organist). We use a range of hymns and worship songs. Our 6.30pm service follows BCP with a robed choir. We share Communion twice a month at the 9.15am service and once a month at the 6.30pm, and there is also a Thursday morning communion (approx. 12 people). Clergy robe at our services but vestments are not worn. There are bells which are rung for worship and we serve coffee after services. We have two longstanding Readers who are currently not active due to health issues.

Anslow: At Anslow we have an 11.15am service (approx. 20 people) which incorporates a lay-led BCP or Common Worship service. There is no choir, and we sing to CD accompaniment, our current organist having retired, and we are looking to engage a new organist in conjunction with Rolleston. We have no Readers, but there are those who will read, offer intercessions and be chalice assistants, and one of the churchwardens leads Mattins/Morning Prayer.



Benefice: At present we have a rotating benefice service on the 5th Sunday of the month and we join together for our Ash Wednesday service.

Festivals

Alongside the standard festivals in the Church calendar:

- **Tutbury Day** is celebrated on 15th August and includes a social gathering after a service. We also have a significant turn out for Remembrance Sunday – which includes a town parade to the war memorial (uniformed groups) followed by an inside Church service. Our Church also offers a very well attended Christingle and runs a Light Party around Halloween.
- At **Rolleston**, we offer a Memorial Day for those who have been bereaved in the last year – which is a thoughtful reflective event. Our Harvest service includes a 'bring and share' with the community and money raised goes to the YMCA in Burton. An Advent Festival involving the whole community over four days is held annually.
- At **Anslow** we also donate Harvest money to the Burton YMCA and we have a well-attended Remembrance service with the village and School.

Church Life Beyond Sundays

- **Rolleston:** At Rolleston we offer a fortnightly Bible Study 'James Group', alongside a monthly lay-led quiet space/reflective evening. We also have a weekly (Thursday) village coffee morning and an active fundraising committee.
- **Anslow:** We run many well attended social/fundraising events in Anslow, which take place in the Village Hall (e.g., Harvest Suppers, Skittles Nights, Afternoon Teas, Christmas Market).
- **Tutbury:** At Tutbury we run a craft group (approx. 10 people and items are sold for fundraising), 'Priory Pantry' (Saturday coffee and cake – which also supports young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh) and an occasional 'bacon butty Saturday'. As a Church we also run multiple social events which have included a murder mystery, fashion show and concerts (Pipes in the Priory).



Leadership and Governance

	Church Warden(s)	PCC Secretary	PCC Treasurer	Parish Safeguarding Officer	PCC Members	Deanery Synod Rep	Other
Anslow	2	1	1	1	9	1	1 lay - baptism anniversary reminders
Tutbury	2	1	1 (and assistant)	1	8	2	Social, worship and fabric and finance committees
Rolleston	1	1	1	1 (and deputy)	12	2	1 lay person looking after the buildings and 1 head of fundraising.

Rolleston and Anslow share a paid administrator (8 hours) and there is a volunteer administrator at Tutbury.

During the vacancy, Wardens of the three churches have met regularly and strengthened collaboration across the benefice. All PCCs recognise the importance of working together and acknowledge that while there are some historic differences, unity is growing.

(Discussions on issues around human sexuality which are currently prominent in the Church of England have been deferred in Tutbury and have not currently been raised within Anslow and Rolleston. It is anticipated there would be a range of views across the benefice.)



Schools and Young People

- Anslow:** We do not have a CofE school within the village, however we have a good relationship with the local community primary school, who do attend the church during remembrance. Whilst there is a good relationship with the school it is difficult for the children to access our Church due to a lack of pavement access (they have to hire a minibus), thus the relationship is currently limited.
- Tutbury:** We have a strong relationship with the local CofE school, and run a weekly lunchtime Christian club, we also have two church members who are school governors. Clergy used to visit the school regularly for collective worship and other visits. The school comes to the Church twice termly (nativity, leavers service etc).
- Rolleston:** We do not have a CofE school, however the local community school comes to our Church for a carol service. The whole school visits the Church during Advent which has been very successful. We used to visit the school for RE lessons, but this has not happened since Covid, and similarly clergy used to take assemblies. The school is open to church involvement and there are opportunities for us grow the current relationship.

Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities - 3-5 Year Vision

We, in **Tutbury**, wish to build on the relationship between the Church and the town, which has not been as strong as hoped for. We would love to see the relationship in a healthy place which could then encourage people to be part of our worshipping community. We recognise the need to continue to work together on 'being' a benefice community. We would also like to build on our existing school's work and connect with young families.

In **Rolleston** we recognise the need to go out to where people are with a hope to see an increase in our worshipping community. Our aim is to promote the relevance of Christ all year round, not just at festival events. We hope to see our village and Church prosper together, where our Church is reflective of the community and can communicate the Christian message in a relevant way.

We at **Anslow**, want to encourage new ideas with the hope to attract new, possibly younger people as we struggle with an aging congregation. Our hope is to maintain what is currently happening alongside incorporating new ideas. We would also love to have more connection with the village school.

Challenges

- We recognise in **Tutbury** that we were used to seeing 'our' Vicar around (the benefice combined in 2018, though share ministry from 2013) thus the challenge is the continuing expectation of the community, grounded in the past, that an active Church will have a 'seen' Vicar in the community. We also see the distinctiveness between our community and our Church with the challenge of how we translate community relationships to our worshipping community.
- In **Rolleston** we are an ageing congregation with few new people stepping into leadership roles. We recognise the fragmentation of life in the village and are looking to find ways to bring people together. We have a strong PCC with able people, who recognise a need for increased connection with the local community.
- Like Rolleston, in **Anslow** we have an ageing congregation and few new leaders. We also face the challenge that we have great connections with the community, but these are not leading to growth in the Church.
- We also recognise that the geography of any benefice can present a challenge with people needing a car to get to each village and access each church. There is also the assumption that the Vicar is more accessible to the village in which they live which has been recognised as an issue as regards allocation of time between the churches. As a benefice ministry, we acknowledge there are some who hold 'traditional expectations' of a Vicar across the parishes.



Our Benefice Today

History

Tutbury, Anslow and Rolleston make up the 'ART' benefice and we are focused on continual collaboration. Whilst Anslow and Rolleston have been working together for a long time, Tutbury joined the benefice in 2018 (although have shared a minister since 2013). We know that the process of working together is still growing, and our hope is to find a strong identity for the benefice.

We are pleased that relationships have grown between the three Churches during the vacancy period, and this continues to be ongoing, alongside working on a sustainable pattern of worship across the benefice. It is acknowledged however that there is some room for continual development in encouraging members in some congregations to joint working and services.

Why come to the ART Benefice?

The ART benefice is a friendly, co-operative, and welcoming benefice. We are supportive and willing to both lead and work hard. Our Church teams are united in wishing to work and grow with a Rector. We as a benefice understand the challenges of the different churches and wish to continue to work collaboratively to move forward.

All expenses are paid in full, and we are supportive and respectful of holidays and days off.

Role Description

- To lead the Benefice in growing and flourishing, spiritually and numerically, through further development of Benefice Services and joint social/fundraising/fellowship events and situations
- To continue developing connections with local community groups/organisations/schools/nursing homes and other relevant Benefice connections
- To encourage and further develop continued lay participation in services and Benefice duties, and to support the congregations in this work through study and teaching groups
- To promulgate and extend the Christian faith and teachings throughout the churches and parishes in a clear and relevant manner
- To explore the possibilities of new opportunities, alongside more established ones, for aspects of worship and mission

Person specification

- Experience and understanding of the importance of working with and building as a team
- Having a strong pastoral heart, mingled with an ability to actively lead our churches in Mission and growth
- The ability to work well with children, young people, and across the spectrum of discipleship and faith
- Having a respect for traditions, alongside an ability and desire to explore new avenues for service and fresh opportunities to share our Christian ethos
- To be a good listener, an excellent communicator of the gospel, and in possession of a strong and healthy sense of humour (Ha ha!)