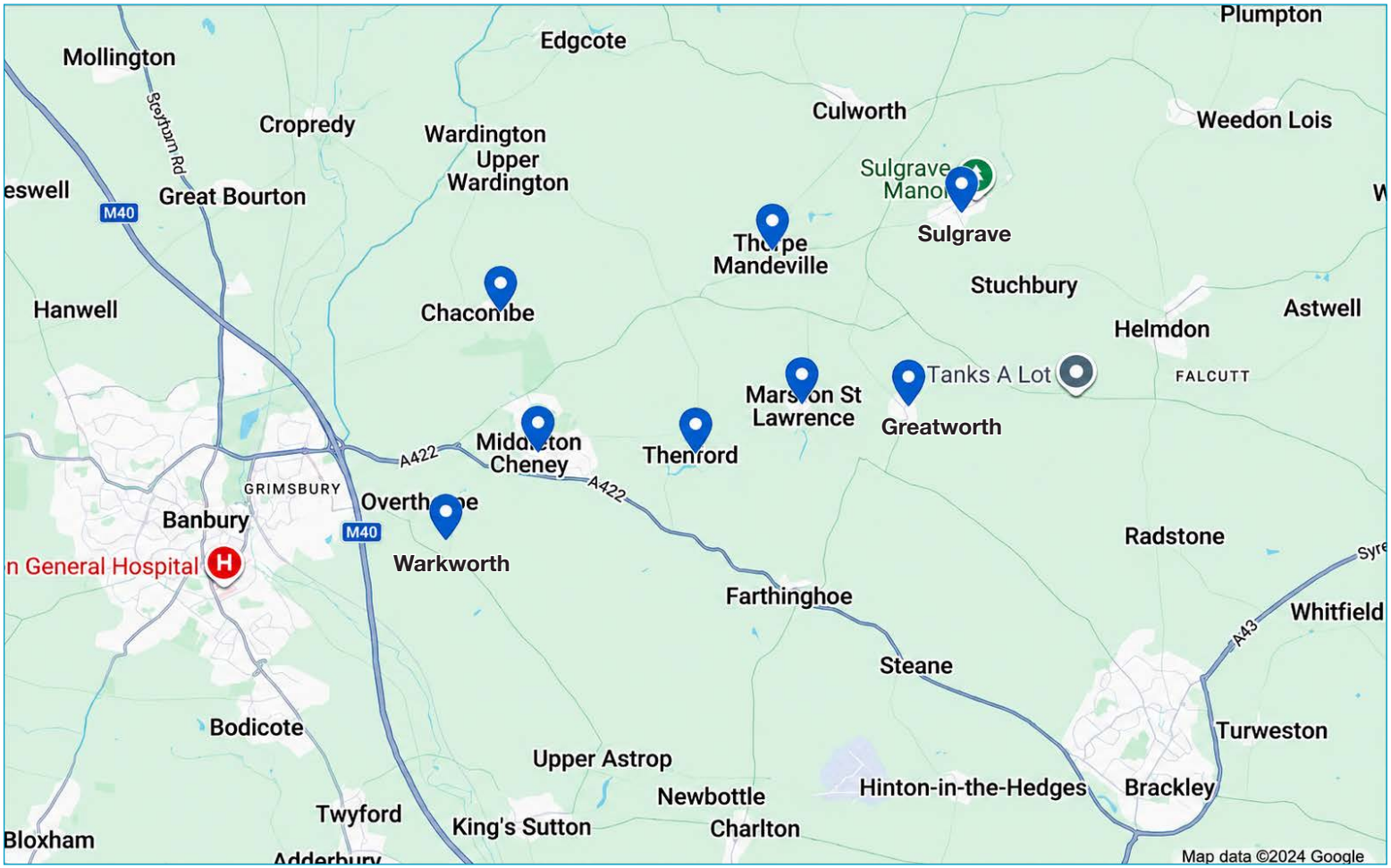
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Who we are as a Benefice

Chenderit Benefice is on the western edge of the Peterborough Diocese in a beautiful part of West Northamptonshire. Using the county definitions, we have one Primary Service Village, in Middleton Cheney; two Secondary Service Villages, in Chacombe and Greatworth; three Small Villages, in Marston St Lawrence, Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville; and two Small Settlements, in Thenford and Warkworth (which includes the hamlet of Overthorpe). It is a great location, being just an hour by train to either London or Birmingham from Banbury, which is our nearest town, and to Oxford in half an hour, plus easy access to the M40 motorway.

Your home will be in Middleton Cheney, where there are two pre-schools, one primary academy and a secondary school which serves Middleton Cheney and the surrounding area. It also has a range of shops, including two food stores, a pharmacy, a thriving café, two hairdressers and two food outlets. Our library is owned by West Northamptonshire Council but entirely run by volunteers. Our active sports organisations use the playing fields behind the Rectory and many other venues around the area.

The Benefice strategy has been to sustain and develop a range of worship styles and traditions, acknowledging the different village histories, and to encourage anyone new to the area to find a church where they can feel at home.

If you feel called to minister to expanding village populations, celebrating the Gospel in styles ranging from prayerbook services to more evangelical services using modern technology – then please read on.



Our Vision and Mission

To enable Jesus to be known in all our villages through church communities which are:

- Seeking out opportunities to share our faith
- Welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds
- Providing pastoral care and support
- Engaging with and responsive to the needs of our villages
- Engaging in community activities
- Using our buildings to celebrate their history and beauty
- Working effectively together

All being underpinned by a strong commitment to the safeguarding responsibilities within our churches and in our communities.

Our Biggest Opportunities

The Benefice is geographically dispersed with strong village identities and individual church traditions. As well as celebrating different styles of worship, our churches play a significant role in the community life of our villages. This engagement in the community can be a real blessing and opportunity for outreach but can also be a challenge for the small core congregations and lay leaders. The added responsibility of maintaining our ancient buildings is a constant challenge for all the churches. The lack of public transport between the villages makes it harder for those who do not drive to support joint events.

The village residents who wish to, and can travel, may seek different forms of worship and are more likely to go to the local towns of Brackley (in our diocese) or Banbury (in the Oxford diocese), or even further afield, than to other villages in the Benefice. This can be frustrating for those in our churches who want to be more active in mission, and we look forward to exploring together how we can attract these people to worship with us as well as encourage new people to faith.

We have three primary schools in the Benefice, in Chacombe (a Church of England school), Greatworth and Middleton Cheney, and one secondary school (Chenderit School) in Middleton Cheney. There is the opportunity to build stronger links with all the schools.

Role Priorities

To build a strong team across the Benefice to:

- Be a strong advocate for the Gospel across the communities
- Offer Pastoral Care both to and beyond the congregations
- Develop deeper relationships with schools to minister to staff, families and children across the benefice
- Get to know, understand and work with the different village cultures
- Develop Administrative, Finance and Governance structures to release ministry and mission resources.

The Person we are looking for:

Will Be a lover of Jesus and a visible Christian presence in the benefice willing and able to embrace different worship styles able to demonstrate a strong commitment to safeguarding enthusiastic to work with children, young people and their families

Have some understanding of mission in rural ministry some understanding of working in a Multi-Parish Benefice experience of working effectively as a team with volunteer leaders

Will Be a good communicator
personable
organised



Middleton Cheney talk about church developments

How we can support you in your role

You will have:

- A warm welcome from the current worshipping community across the Benefice
- A small group of retired clergy, plus experienced lay leaders in some churches, to help deliver services
- Church wardens who are knowledgeable about their communities in the churches and the villages
- A team willing to work together to explore and implement incremental changes
- Administrative support available to you from volunteers in the churches
- Safeguarding expertise
- We have a vacancy for a House for Duty post


Greatworth Leader at Coffee and Praise Service

Our History

The Chenderit Benefice was formed in 2004 to include the 6 parishes in Chacombe, Greatworth, Marston St Lawrence, Middleton Cheney, Thenford, and Warkworth. The name of the Benefice was chosen as it is the name of the secondary school in Middleton Cheney which most children from our Benefice attend. Thorpe Mandeville and Sulgrave parishes joined in 2019.

Each parish has a church with hundreds of years of history which influences its culture and the faith life of its community. Seven churches are active within their community, and the church buildings are a community resource. All eight churches have been encouraged to work independently to value their differing church traditions and community needs.

Our Worship Life

During the vacancy we have adapted our Sunday worship arrangements to take account of the small group of available retired clergy who support our communion services, our two Lay Licensed Ministers, and our local lay leaders who have had a variety of training and experience in leading worship. Our pattern in recent years has been as follows::

Chacombe meets twice a month to celebrate Holy Communion.

Greatworth and Marston St Lawrence work together to provide a joint pattern of weekly services.

- Greatworth meets for one Holy Communion a month, plus a lay led "Coffee and Praise" service.
- Marston St Lawrence meets for one Holy Communion service and one lay led All-Age service.

Middleton Cheney meets every Sunday with alternate weeks being priest-led Holy Communion and lay-led Morning Praise services. There is also a Wednesday morning spoken Holy Communion service.

Sulgrave meets twice a month to celebrate Holy Communion plus having occasional lay-led Matins or Evensong service.

Thorpe Mandeville meets monthly to celebrate Holy Communion

Thenford meets monthly to celebrate Holy Communion.

Warkworth holds 6 sung evensong services a year only.

In months with a fifth Sunday, we hold a single communion service, moving around the churches in the benefice.

There is a small group of organists who support some Sunday and occasional services across the benefice. This is supplemented in some churches with streamed music. Middleton Cheney also has PA, projection and recording equipment available.

The Culworth Branch of the Peterborough Guild of Bell Ringers supports bell ringing across our benefice. There is a regular team of ringers based at Marston St Lawrence who support other churches in the benefice. Middleton Cheney has a new Tower Captain and is in the process of developing a new team.



Middleton Cheney Jolly Teapot

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Our Benefice statistics

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Village Name	West Northants Designation *	CofE Parish Population at 2021 Census	Housing growth identified in draft WN Plan 2026	Church electoral roll 2025	2025 Total Parish Income £	2025 Parish Share Requested £	2025 Parish Share Paid £
Chacombe	Secondary Service Village	693	28	26	19,000	10,748	10,748
Greatworth	Secondary Service Village	113	40	28	15, 343	10,747	8,598
Marston St Lawrence	Small Village	779	0	22	25, 068	11,055	6,000
Middleton Cheney	Primary Service Village	4114	178	54	61, 836	38,655	32,213
Sulgrave	Small Village	425	0	30	32, 876		0
Thenford	Hamlet	73	0	15	19, 327	6,859	6,859
Thorpe Mandeville	Small Village	178	0	18	8, 937	6,350	5,115
Warkworth (with Overthorpe)	Hamlets	256	0	0			4,000
TOTAL		6631	246				

Your New Home

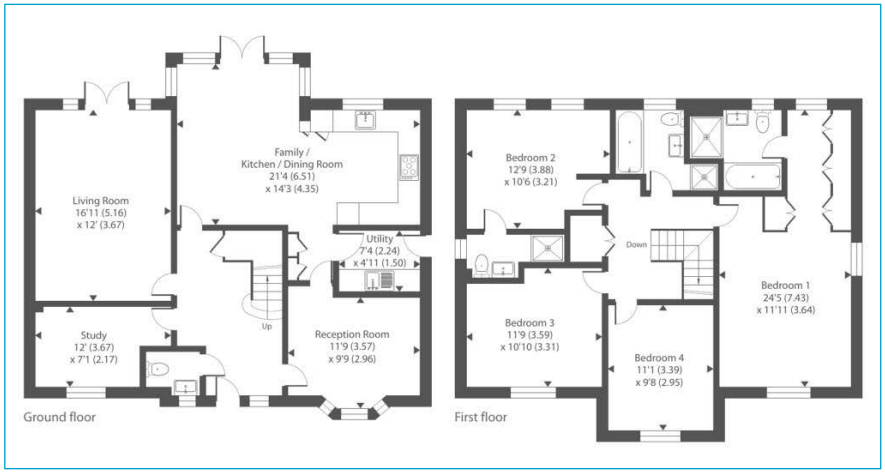
The Rectory, 18 Centenary Road, Middleton Cheney, Banbury,
West Northamptonshire. OX17 2SJ

Your new home will be in Middleton Cheney which is less than 2 miles from Junction 11 of the M40 and with Banbury station 10-20 minutes' drive depending on the traffic. There is an hourly bus service that runs between Banbury and Brackley all day calling at several points in the village. The village is on the Millenium Way which runs from Pershore in Worcestershire to Middleton Cheney and there is plenty of good walking in the area, often with refreshments as a destination.

It is a modern four bedroomed house with a kitchen-diner, a living room, reception room and a study.

There is a double garage and driveway with off road parking, and a good-sized garden.

The house is a short walk from the local shops, schools and the church.











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Our Diocese and Deanery

Peterborough Diocese was established in 1541 with its roots firmly formed by monastic life and missionary impetus. Today, we are rediscovering God's mission for us as we seek to implement a strategy that will allow us to focus afresh on where we can share and model the love of Christ in all our communities.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Diocese, and we can see already where God is bringing gentle growth. Geographically diverse, we have 380 churches and around 200 clergy, including curates and retired clergy.

We cover 3 counties - Rutland, Northamptonshire and part of Cambridgeshire - and have good links with our civic leaders. We have presence in both urban and rural settings and rejoice in the diversity of worship styles that exist across the diocese. With 12 Deaneries, it is possible to get to know local clergy well and our Rural Deans work hard to encourage mutual working and support.



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Appendix 1: St Peter and St Paul, Chacombe



We are a small, elderly but friendly congregation with a dedicated churchwarden and Licensed Lay Minister who look after the church with PCC support. We meet twice a month for a Communion Service at 9am, using the Benefice Communion Booklet, and are lucky to have an organist to accompany the hymns.

Our challenge is how we can keep open and active in the village without new people joining our numbers and taking on leadership roles.

We hold a popular Shrove Tuesday gathering with fresh pancakes served in the church and celebrate the major festivals alongside our regular Communion services. We also store the Benefice Foodbank contributions and our LLM plays an active part in their distribution.

There is a large care home in the village where services are regularly led by our Lay Licensed Minister.

We also have a Church of England primary academy and past Rectors have been regular visitors to the school, leading assemblies and supporting the pupils and staff. The pupils, with staff and families, are welcomed at the church for their end of term services.

SS Peter and Paul is an early 14th century Grade 1 listed building standing on the western edge of the village, next to the popular village public house. There is a large graveyard with several listed and protected stones. The best preserved is in memory of Henry Bagley 1683 whose family owned the bell foundry in the village from 1600 to 1785, and many churches in the area still have Bagley Bells. Chacombe tower houses six bells, four of which are original Bagley bells.

The stone font is earlier than the present church and possibly used from the 8th century. During the repointing of a blocked window in 1982 the wall painting of St Peter's death was discovered. The stone blocking the window turned out to be a medieval altar with a relic hole and consecration crosses, this altar was restored and stands in the north aisle.

Chacombe has a population of approximately 600 people, and we would love to welcome a new incumbent who, working with our Church School, will help us to grow our congregation and encourage young families to join our church community.



Chacombe Choir Leading School Service

Appendix 2: St Peter, Greatworth



We are a small rural church community which plays a traditional role in the life of the village. There are two services a month, Holy Communion and a shorter lay led service "Coffee and Praise" devised by our church members to attract those who might find a full communion service overwhelming. Our lay leader always begins with a guitar song of praise. Our tradition is at the low church end of the spectrum and Coffee and Praise has the theme of Trust in God.

The village has always had a close relationship with Marston St Lawrence, and this includes the church. Villagers often attend each other's services. We co-operate closely, including our Parochial Church Councils where there is a de facto amalgamation. In recent years Greatworth has only had one churchwarden, currently in an acting capacity. Average Sunday Attendance for 2025 was 14.

We share a Harvest Festival with the Greatworth Methodist Church, hold a village Remembrance Service and a Christmas Carol Service. Greatworth Primary School also holds a carol service in the church. Activities beyond services are limited currently to Weddings, Christenings and Funerals to support the village on a need's basis.

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St Peters which dates from the 13th Century, is a Grade 2* building cherished by many in the village. In 2004, together with National Lottery Support we raised funds to restore St Peters' bell frame and enhance the peal to six bells, this has made our tower popular with ringers from our community and visiting groups. Commitment to the church is also reflected by a strong volunteer team of church cleaners and flower arrangers, a growing churchyard maintenance team, all drawn from the wider village community. The monthly village magazine, The Glimpse, contains details of all services in the benefice

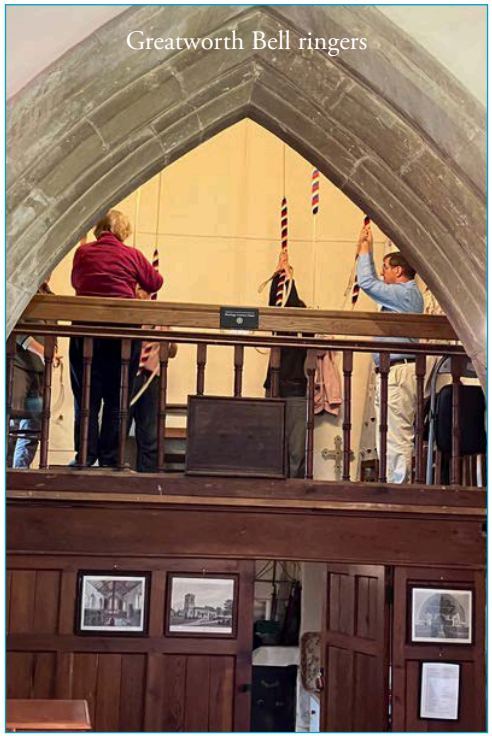
The village also runs a highly successful Restoration and Improvement group to support the Church. They hold monthly coffee mornings, regularly attended by circa 30 people and raising on average £250 per event. They have provided funds to both maintain the church, e.g. drainage, extensive window refurbishment, decoration and improve facilities e.g. to replace and further improve the organ.

Our strength is dedication of a small congregation and support of the wider community through the Restoration and Improvement Group and volunteering.

Our weaknesses are the lack of clergy support particularly in the context of pastoral care and the decline in numbers with an ageing congregation.

Our challenge is to grow the congregation, improve its age profile and sustain and develop closer links with the wider benefice.

Greatworth is a vibrant village community, and it still has a school, pub, social club and shop/ post office. There is a wide range of village clubs and activities, including the cricket club, golf society, ex WI group, gardening club, community library and a community bus ran by volunteers. There is an annual Flower and Produce Show sponsored locally and in which the Rector traditionally acts as a judge. All these activities are jointly enjoyed with Marston St Lawrence.



Greatworth Bell ringers

Appendix 3: St Lawrence the Deacon, Marston St Lawrence



Marston St Lawrence (MSL) is a small village of around 85 houses, though the church parish boundary includes part of Greatworth village. Marston currently alternate weekly services with St Peter's Greatworth with a Holy Communion service (on the 4th Sunday) and a lay led All-Age worship service (on the 2nd Sunday).

The All-Age service is lively, informal, joyful and engaging and is currently Lay led and supported by a music band. Attendance has increased steadily to an average of 9 children and 21 adults. The number of lay leaders has also increased. Attendance at the more traditional and "high church" Holy Communion service has reduced however over the last three years although the number of under 16s attending has increased.

We have volunteers to help with gardening we also pay for some gardening services, cleaning, and our wonderful organist (who has used the church for Easter and Christmas school performances).

The Church itself is very large when compared to the current population of the village and it is thought to have been in existence from early Norman times, although there was probably an earlier centre for worship on the site. There are some lovely features, a mediaeval font, an interesting oak vestry screen dated 1610, and a contemporary reredos created by Louis Osman in 1971. In the tower, there are 5 Bells re-hung and tuned in 1997, and an early 18th century clock, recently refurbished, wound daily by volunteers.

The large capacity of the building as well as the beautiful grounds does however lend itself well to large weddings and other similar celebrations. We now have an exciting project underway to bring water in and drainage out of the church (Faculty approved) and to build a Kitchen area and WC (Faculty approval ongoing). A later project will be to update the heating system in the church. These projects will substantially enhance the facilities and comfort in the church and will make the building increasingly inviting for other large-scale events such as concerts and school performances.

Our vision is of a permanently open parish church in MSL and a hub of a flourishing active Christian ministry for the village.

The village itself has a thriving cricket club with two adult teams, coaching for several junior teams, and fabulous facilities. The village also has a newly refurbished and well-used village hall and of course, our Grade 1 listed Church of St Lawrence. Many of our village organisations are run jointly with Greatworth.



Marston St Lawrence Bellringing Practice



Marston St Lawrence Band at All Age Service

Appendix 4: All Saints, Middleton Cheney


Middleton Flower Tower made by the village

We are a friendly and welcoming church community in the largest village in the Benefice. As the sole church in the village, we enjoy and value the variety of services we have, led by male and female priests and lay leaders. We respond well to people who are passionate, inclusive, and inspire us with their teaching. We have had a lot of change in recent years and are pleased that, by hard work and by listening to our church members and wider community, we have brought people along with us. We expect this to continue.

We worship every Sunday at 10:30 with alternate weeks being priest-led Holy Communion and lay-led Morning Praise services. In recent years we have focused on providing reliable and regular services providing a mixture of leading, teaching and preaching styles. We have seen a small increase in numbers including younger families with children. In addition, we have a mid-week spoken Communion service on a Wednesday at 10.00 am and there is a small weekly First Steps group for pre-school children and their carers which offers a simple introduction to worship focussed on Christ and bible stories.

Our members are involved in many of the village organisations. We are part of the Benefice food bank, and church members are involved with the Parish Council, Library, Pre-schools and village societies, some of whom meet at the church. The Community singers hold concerts in the church twice a year and contribute to our funds. Almost all the pews have been removed to give us the flexibility to host various events. We hold a well-supported weekly drop in session called "Jolly Teapot" welcoming people from the village for refreshments and chat, an annual Strawberry Fayre, Christmas Tree Fayre and celebrate the major church occasions with special services.

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We have supported Operation Christmas child for the past 22 years and support the Children's Society, Samaritans Purse and the Northamptonshire Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" initiative. There is a lot of opportunity to extend our outreach and community engagement programmes.

Our work with children and young people offers lots of opportunity for growth. We welcome regular visits from the Primary Academy to learn about William Morris and the local Horton family, and we host the year 5 Christmas performance. Older children, from Chenderit School, use the graveyard as part of their geography studies. We run a very successful Christingle service each year, a Crib service and Easter Garden. With opportunities to develop relationships with the schools, community youth activities and with the growing village population, there is the possibility for real growth in this ministry.

Our basic vision is simple – we need to grow our regular worship base so that it is at least 2% of the village population.



Middleton Cheney Strawberry Tea

That means approximately 80 people right now instead of the 25-35 which is our typical Sunday attendance. We pray that together we can achieve this ambition.

There is a strong team of lay service leaders with varying levels of experience and based around a home group that meets weekly. There is a committed and competent administrative team led by our experienced PSO, our Treasurer and our LLM. Together with the two Churchwardens, we all believe that All Saints has so much to offer our village that is sorely needed. The PCC is a mixture of recent converts and long-serving members who know the village and its' people well.

All Saints is a grade 1 listed building. A church has been on the site since 1285 and has been the focal point of the village throughout that period. The church was re-ordered in the 1860's by George Gilbert Scott and includes a fine set of windows from the William Morris/Burne-Jones team for which we have become internationally famous. Our windows and architecture attract a lot of visitors.

From the 1970s onward, we installed a new organ, a servery and toilet. In the past 10 years we have installed a new steel roof replacing the lead, moved and removed most of the pews, refurbished the side chapel for small services and, most recently, installed new electric heating and lighting. Two pedestal tombs have been rebuilt in the churchyard. which is closed for burials but still available for interment of ashes. The churchyard is maintained by West Northamptonshire council.

Appendix 5: St James the Less, Sulgrave



The church sits at the heart of the village. We are a small but enthusiastic congregation who worship in a mainly traditional style. Twice a month we celebrate Holy Communion plus we have a lay-led Matins or Evensong service. Sadly, many of our stalwart members have either moved away or died and we are struggling to attract new faces to our congregation.

This year we have had to finance major building works on the North Porch and the tower as well as refurbishing the church weathervane. Hopefully, significant fund-raising events will provide much needed funds to maintain our financial stability. Our church is open every day and now houses the village library, encouraging everyone who uses it to become familiar with the church building. The churchyard is well maintained and includes a Garden of Remembrance for the interment of ashes. The church is a grade 2* listed building.

Sulgrave is well known for its connection with US President George Washington and his ancestral home, Sulgrave Manor, attracts many visitors. There is a community shop founded in 2004 which houses a Post Office. Apart from two salaried members of staff the shop is run by volunteers. In 2022 it was recognized with the Queen's Award for Volunteers.

Our church hall is leased from the Diocese and has undergone a total renovation thanks to a large grant from HS2. It is available for private hire as well as various village society meetings and Pilates classes.

A Pocket Park, recently refurbished with a grant from HS2 provides a wonderful amenity for village children. There is a village green, owned by the Parish Council and a pub. A monthly newsletter delivered to every house in the village keeps everyone up to date with village activities.

As a small congregation we endeavour to have a visible profile in Sulgrave reaching out to those in the village who need help and support. Safeguarding training has made us aware of any problems that may occur. A warm welcome to the church goes a long way to welcoming everyone to our community. We are though, aware that we need guidance and support in our Pastoral care.

There is the distinct opportunity for outreach if a new incumbent is prepared to assist us. Visibility in the village would go a long way to engaging with residents and newcomers and to encourage them to join our congregation.

In recent years we have been working hard to make our profile more visible. We are looking forward to giving our support to a new incumbent and we have faith that God will provide someone who can lead us forward, encouraging young families and children to join us in worship, and to help us play a larger part in the Chenderit Benefice.


Sulgrave church hall

Appendix 6: St Mary the Virgin, Thenford

Thenford is one of the smaller villages in the benefice, with just under 50 houses and cottages, some two-thirds of which belong to Lord Heseltine's estate. The residents are friendly and mutually supportive, keeping in touch through a village WhatsApp group. It has neither shops nor a pub and the church is its only public building. There is normally one Holy Communion service each month; currently these are bi-monthly, alternating with churchwarden-led morning prayers.

The church of St Mary the Virgin, dating from the early 13th century and Grade 1 listed, lies at the southern end of the village just beyond a paddock and enclosed on the other three sides by Lord Heseltine's arboretum. It retains its medieval rood screen, remnants of early 15th century stained glass and simple 17th century pews. Modern technology makes up for its lack of an organ. The lead from its roof was stolen in 2019 and although a substantial donation has generously been made towards its replacement, some funds still need to be raised. General maintenance is normally undertaken by PCC members.





Image credit: Clive Nichols

Appendix 7: St John the Baptist, Thorpe Mandeville



A warm welcome awaits a new incumbent to share in the opportunities we see to take the church forward. Our goals are to provide a quality of service to please our present attendees, involve the church in the wider village community with a view to enhancing the PCC's financial position and recruiting new attendees.

Set in rolling hillsides, our small rural parish has about 75 dwellings with a population of c160. Roughly 1/3 are over state pension age, 1/6 are minors and the other half are largely employed in office jobs with fewer than 10 regularly working from home. There is an historic public house, The Three Conies, which is in good heart but no village school, shop or material business activity beyond 4 farms. The sole blight is the building of HS2 on the NE boundary.

The church seats about 110 people comfortably with room for more in the chancel and main aisle. It is a Grade 1 listed building in a good state of repair. Interesting features include a saddle-back tower roof, a 14th c. wall painting and a 17th c. family monument. The flagpole above the tower parapet was reinstated in 2006 and since May 2022 an Ukrainian/ Union biflag has been flown for much of the time other than over major C of E festivals and UK events. The second rector of the Old North Church in Boston, Mass. almost certainly grew up in the parish. The churchyard is well-maintained and has a splendid ancient yew. The churchyard was extended in 2017 attracting good local financial support. 22 people helped with the latest annual churchyard clear-up, 12 of whom are not regular attenders.

Our regular services in recent years have been a first-Sunday holy communion service plus festival services. We like the Book of Common Prayer which has brought in regular attendance from outside the benefice. Average first-Sunday attendance in 2025 was 12, mainly ageing adults. Festival services are popular with 60 to 80 people attending the carol service on Christmas Eve at which members of other denominations are invited to read. We have a regular organist, a keen choral singer who is in the choir at All Saints, Northampton and since the Coronation a keen bellringer. A successful annual outreach service in recent years has been Carols in The Three Conies attracting those who are not church attendees.

We are currently operating with one churchwarden and 8 lay members on the PCC. There are 18 on the Church Electoral Roll. A regular email notification goes out to circa 50 households detailing church services and other church news.

We hope that we have kindled interest in how we can work together and meet the current challenges.



Thorpe Mandeville churchyard extension consecration

Appendix 8: St Mary, Warkworth

St Mary's church stands in the fields between the villages of Warkworth and Overthorpe but is in the parish of Warkworth. It is a Grade 2 listed, 13th Century church. The tomb of Sir John de Lyons, who was Lord of the Manor, is prominent within the church and his parents lie in the alcoves.

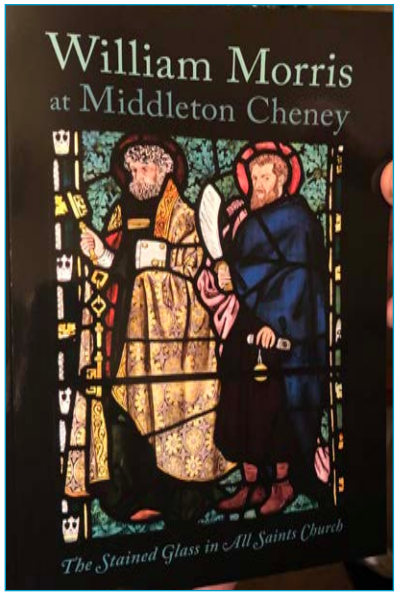
The former pattern of church services ceased in 2021, due to dwindling congregation numbers as well as the practicalities of getting to the church in winter months, and the lack of effective heating. However, since then a tradition has been established of holding cathedral style choral evensongs once a month from May to October, with a choir drawn from experienced cathedral and large church choir singers. The acoustic of the church lends itself to such services which have been much appreciated by an increasing number attending from both within and outside the benefice. In 2025 congregation numbers were up to forty-eight on one occasion.



The church is now listed as a Chapel of Ease under the oversight of Chacombe PCC. However small working parties from the village of Warkworth keep the church clean and tidy. The church is locked in the winter but open in the summer months.

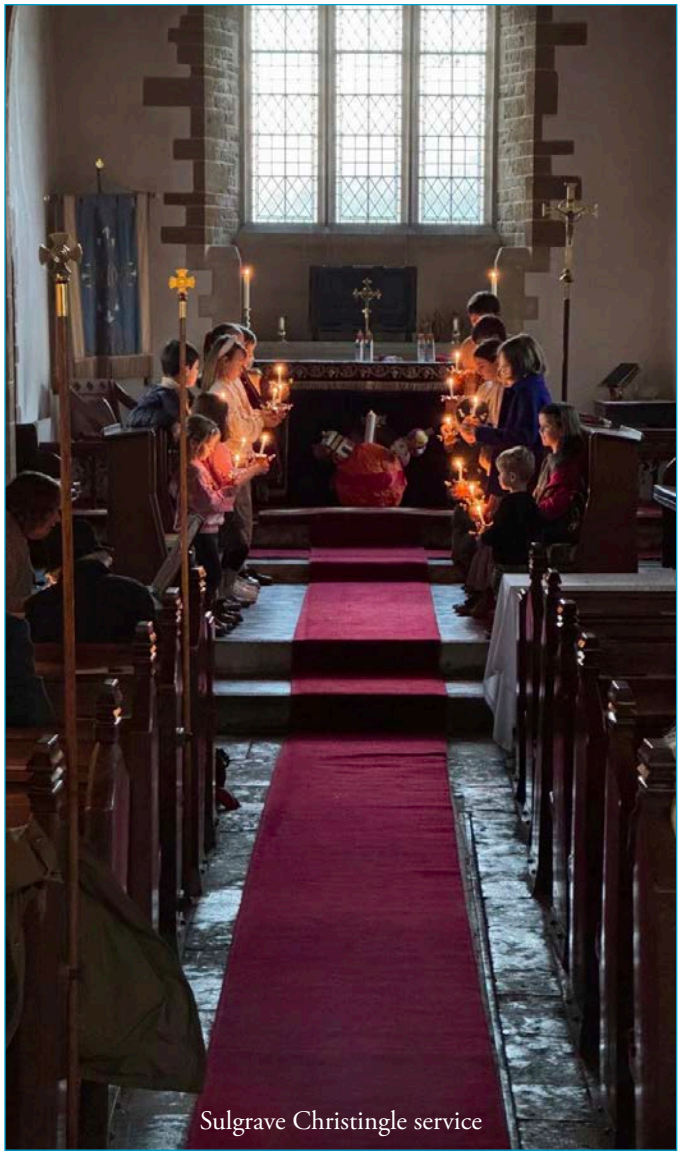


Warkworth Evensong Service




Greatworth
Welcome
refreshments


Chacombe Building the Easter Garden


Sulgrave Christingle service

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