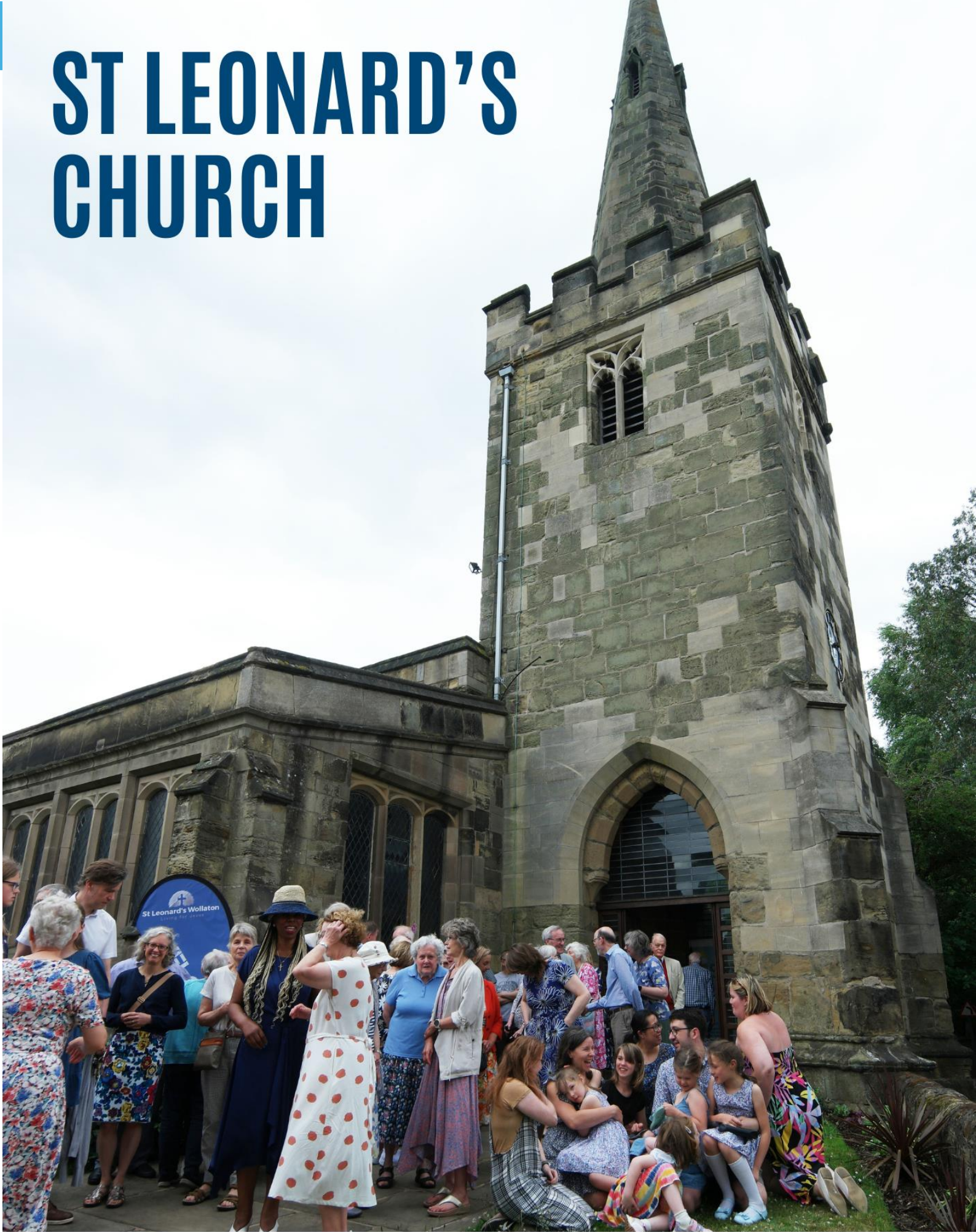


ST LEONARD'S CHURCH



St Leonard's Wollaton
Living for Jesus

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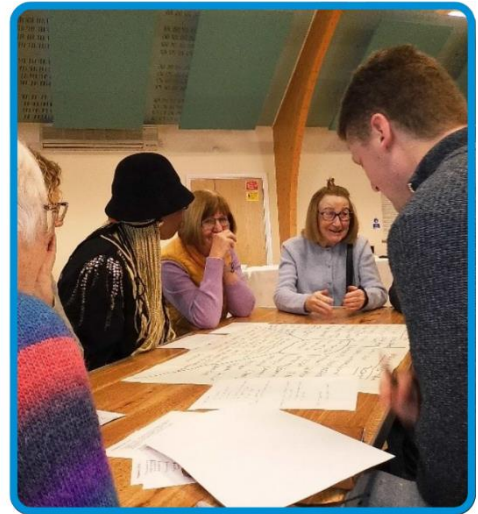
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It is our pleasure to welcome you to St Leonard's, a vibrant parish church with a rich history, valuing the traditional and modern, confident that God is building something new.

In forming this profile, we wanted to hear people's thoughts, discern what God has been doing and where He might be leading us.

Almost 80% of our regular congregations engaged with facilitated exercises in corporate spiritual discernment (CSD). This gave as many people as possible the opportunity to be heard and inform our vision for the leadership and direction of our church going forwards. We also invited input from our young people, those new to church, attendees of various groups as well as non-Christians known to us personally. We are excited by the widespread enthusiasm within our community to actively participate in shaping the future, for which we give God thanks.



St Leonard's is a diverse community with different viewpoints, but there is a depth of love, support and commitment which would bless any future incumbent. We are praying that this guide will help you, as you discern whether God is calling you to partner with and lead us.

Mike Smith and Mienieke Vine

(Churchwardens)

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham 02

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham incorporates the City of Nottingham, the whole County of Nottinghamshire and five parishes in South Yorkshire. The population is 1.15million – 51% live in the greater Nottingham conurbation, 31% in ex-mining areas and 18% in rural communities. There are 305 churches (252 parishes), served by 119 stipendiary clergy and 228 licensed lay ministers.



In 2024 we launched our refreshed vision of Living Hope for the city, towns, and villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond. We believe the presence of thriving, growing churches across the diocese is vital for people to discover Living Hope and make the best decision anyone could ever make for their lives - to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.

To enable this vision, we are committed to our mission of growing disciples of Christ with compassion, confidence and courage. To support both parishes and the diocese in implementing our mission we have identified 7 areas of focus: inspiring worship, reaching younger, enhancing diversity, growing leaders, enabling commitment, encouraging generosity and nurturing prayer.

This vision is set out in more detail [on our website](#)

It is my hope that each worshipping community in the diocese will develop a compelling picture of its own future in God's purposes with an expectation of growing numerically and in the scope of its mission. It is my prayer that the new Rector of St Leonard's Wollaton will have the creative leadership and imagination to develop discipleship, plan for growth and reach out to the unchurched of all ages in its locality.

As you consider the role of Rector of St Leonard's may I encourage you to take time to look over and reflect on our diocesan vision as part of your discernment as to whether God is calling you to be part of this diocese at this exciting time.

I look forward to welcoming the new Rector of St Leonard's to join us on this faith-filled journey.

The Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham

Nottingham North Deanery

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St Leonard's is a well-resourced parish that is looking forward to the next season of ministry and mission to the people of Wollaton and to growing disciples of all ages: making the most of the many opportunities there are in the community to encourage people onto pathways of discipleship.



This is especially true for the new growth they are experiencing around children and families. They are looking forward to their new Rector leading them in refreshing their vision to make the most of the new things that God is doing amongst them, bringing living hope to the people of Wollaton and beyond.

St Leonard's has been supportive of the deanery of Nottingham North, which stretches across the northern half of the Nottingham conurbation and has various contexts within it from outer urban estates to leafy suburbs and towns that have merged into it. Through central church funding, exciting things have been happening in revitalising parishes in the deanery and there are more plans to be made and work to be done.

The Revd Canon Dr Richard Kellett, Associate Archdeacon.

Who we are - The journey of faith at St Leonard's

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St Leonard's is a community committed to welcoming all, where we want to help individuals explore and deepen their faith. Our church has been a spiritual home to some for many years, but recently God has been drawing significant numbers of new people of all ages into our fellowship.

Our vision (formed through our 2018 'Partnership for Missional Church' process)

*"to be a joyful and vibrant church empowered by the Holy Spirit,
committed to sharing God's love with the wider community,
welcoming partnership with others, so that all may be drawn
into the abundant life of Christ."*

Our key priorities are:

01 Building the next generation of the church

We are seeking to grow a broad, diverse and intergenerational community. Our children and families ministry is outward looking through work in and with local schools. We encourage members to share their faith with courage, through practices such as praying for 5 and sharing faith stories. Through teaching, honest discussion and prayer we want all to move forward on their journey with Christ.

02 Building authentic community

A welcoming community is a powerful witness to a fragmented world. We are committed to enjoying shared lunches, striving for openness, holding each other in prayer while actively serving the wider community. We want people to have confidence in the gospel leading to a joy that permeates our worship, our relationships and our experience of life.

03 Building relationships with those in marginal and vulnerable situations

Originally this focussed on an unreached area of the parish. Our exciting work in and around Firbeck school is growing well, but we must acknowledge other initiatives in this area have been tried and failed. We now also recognise a significant and growing need in our church and community, for better support for the bereaved, lonely and isolated, a key way in which we can demonstrate the love of Christ.

The pandemic was a significant set-back for our church, with a decline in regular attendance and a sense of weariness. However, in recent years, we have re-grouped and there is renewed hope and expectation for what God is doing. Our vision is still a work in progress; priorities 1 and 2 have seen significant progress, with priority 3 much more mixed. However, it remains who we are and want to be. The present is full of signs of hope, and we are so excited about the future.

In our PCC and discernment sessions with the wider church, we have often reflected on Philippians 1:27-2:11. Paul, in meditating on Christ, beautifully blends the call to live out our faith with confidence and courage, with the self-emptying compassion that sacrifices self for the needs of others. Jesus held these priorities in perfect balance. At St Leonard's currently we feel this means:

- **Deepening our spirituality:** We believe God is calling us to greater depth individually and communally. We want God's word to speak to our hearts, challenging and changing us. As a Church we feel we are in a season where we need to grow in intimacy with and reliance on God, expressed through creative worship, prayer, and confidence in our everyday lives.
- **Reaching out intentionally:** Many of our ministries impact the wider community, but we need to be more deliberate in helping people to take the next step towards a relationship with Christ. Supporting and developing our work with young people and their families remains a strategic priority. In the past year, God has blessed us with ~16 adults new to or returning to faith, and as we continue to develop a culture of sharing faith, we anticipate this number will grow. This necessitates joined up thinking to resource, train, and coordinate the support of those exploring faith and the discipleship of new believers.
- **Growing in compassion:** Of our vision priorities, engagement with the marginalised and vulnerable, even within our own community, is the least developed. The support received in and around our community has seen those struggling in different ways welcomed into the church family. However, growing and resourcing a team to provide pastoral support and practical care is an important priority.

Who we would like as our next Rector

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We believe God is calling a Rector characterised by several key attributes rooted in a deep love for God and a genuine love for people.

A deep inner life: The Rector will prioritise discerning God's leading, evidenced by a strong commitment to prayer. This will be a source of joy, foster clarity, enable trustful delegation, and insist on a healthy balance in work and life. The Rector will possess a pastoral heart for those struggling with faith, life, and hope, leading to both empathy and depth in their teaching and ministry.

A visionary leader with a collaborative spirit: This means providing direction, proactively navigating challenges and risks, yet welcoming dialogue; empowering, coaching and supporting others. The Rector will enjoy building relationships with people of all ages and backgrounds and actively extend the church's reach within the wider community.

A disciple-maker: The Rector will be a passionate disciple-maker, dedicated to developing clear and joined up pathways for individuals to move from connection to a committed relationship with Christ. They will foster intentional discipleship within the congregation, nurturing confidence in God, encouraging people to develop their gifts, cultivating compassion for the vulnerable (both within and beyond the church), and inspiring a culture of courageous faith sharing with family, friends, and colleagues.

An experienced and reflective pastor: fostering unity around the core truths of the Gospel, the Rector will acknowledge the range of theological views within the congregation, ensuring all feel valued and included. They will support creative expressions in worship, prayer, and spirituality that lead people to a deeper faith grounded in scripture.



In this section we illuminate what has been already set out with more nuance, specifics and examples. The subsections broadly map onto the [Diocesan 7 areas of focus](#), though with some reordering and additions, to help you understand how we interpret the wider vision.

7.1 Inspiring Worship

Coming together to worship God is central to our church life. We express our devotion and connect with God in different ways, so that our worship is marked by joyful variety.

Different expressions of worship: Our range of services (mid-week, Sunday morning and 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons), include traditional language, family-friendly gatherings, café-style discussions, and twice weekly Holy Communion. The imposition of ashes and the sharing of prayerfully discerned words or pictures are welcomed by the same congregation. We value teaching that shows how the Bible applies to our daily lives. A team of individuals lead us, through engaging sermons, interactive talks, round table discussions, and some dramatic craziness!



The importance of music in worship: In Sunday morning services, both traditional and modern styles co-exist peaceably. We have some talented musicians, but we need to pray for more to be raised up, especially those with a gift for leading and coordinating worship. This is felt keenly since historically music was a strength of the church. That we cannot currently support live music in all services is therefore particularly difficult for some. This is not just about quality, but an appreciation of the importance of participation in musical worship as a highly valued part of many people's spiritual walk. There is a widespread desire to see this aspect re-built in all its varieties in our corporate worship.

Worship in action: acts of service are how many express their devotion to God. Volunteers serve our community through various groups, supporting local initiatives such as the [local food bank](#), [Refugee Roots](#) and [Wollaton Care Group](#). Four couples also offer emergency accommodation to homeless youth through the charity [OpenHomes](#). Our partnership with other local churches is also valued, including

meeting for united services, a Lent course and special events such as the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Priority: To develop an imaginative and holistic vision of worship, encouraging people to explore their gifts, enabling all to participate in heartfelt worship.

7.2 Nurturing Prayer

Prayer is foundational for our relationship with God and essential for mission. St Leonard's has a strong tradition in liturgical and led prayer. However, in the past 2 years, new initiatives focussed on meditative, spontaneous, and intercessory prayer have all started, supported by a small but dedicated core of individuals.

We are actively seeking to normalise prayer in different contexts, hoping for deeper and wider engagement:



- **Nurturing it in our services:** We incorporate silence to listen to God, offer guided prayers, encourage “prayer for 5” and pray our missional prayer and offer regular prayer ministry.
- **Making it a commitment:** We ask those in specific roles, such as PCC, children's workers, to commit to pray for those they serve.
- **Emphasising its foundational role:** We view prayer support for initiatives like Alpha to be as essential as practical help. We hold weekly prayer meetings to give thanks for newcomers, pray for their spiritual openness and ask for God's blessing on the mission of the church.
- **Children and young people:** in all our groups, we incorporate prayer, using craft, activity or visual stimuli to engage children.
- **Encouraging its integration into daily life:** We model that prayer is not just for official church activities, but is for the needs and opportunities that arise in everyday life.

We believe that we are seeing an exciting cultural shift. During our CSD (involving 80 people), the importance of prayer was mentioned by every group. Some members have been in church many years, but have gradually developed the confidence to pray out loud in a small group. We hear testimonies of people incorporating the practice of “praying for 5” in their devotional lives. Some members now pray spontaneously with others outside of formal settings. Perhaps most encouraging of all, we have seen the arrival of new seekers, the first signs of God's response to our prayers.

While we celebrate this encouraging growth in prayerfulness, we long for deeper and wider engagement, that we might all experience the transformative power of prayer more fully.

Priority: To lead by example, inspiring a deeper desire and commitment to prayer, both individually and corporately

7.3. Enhancing Diversity



At St Leonard's, we want to see the love of God experienced by people of all ages and backgrounds.

Generational diversity: In 2003, 40% of our congregation was retired; in 2023 this had risen to 65%. Recently, 12 individuals in their late 20s and early 30s, together with 4 new families have begun to attend regularly. This growth is an answer to prayer.

Connecting wider: Wollaton is quite affluent, but there are areas of deprivation. Church members have tried to support a local community centre and food bank in this area, but substantive relational inroads have been limited to the work in Firbeck Primary School (see Growing Younger 7.5).

The congregation has different ethnic minorities, but not in proportion to the wider community (~65% White and 20% Asian). Our parents and toddlers' group is a possible point of contact with those from different backgrounds, but there has been no intentional work to address this.

St Leonard's connects annually with a wide cross-section of the community through various festival services and activities. These include a Bereavement Service, and Remembrance Sunday, which typically draws around 300 people (including uniformed organisations and the Royal British Legion). Additionally, 'Carols round the pump,' led by the church and supported by community groups, attracts approximately 2000 people, with hundreds coming into the church afterwards for quiet reflection. These events provide opportunities where thoughtful application of our hope reaches a broad audience.



Priority: To seek to build on existing opportunities and connections while offering a community of grace where all feel welcomed and accepted.

7.4. Enabling commitment

Making a commitment: St Leonard's is active in the community, hosting valuable events like family fun days, and Come for Coffee for seniors. Our longstanding and faithful team offering a monthly Dads 'n' Kids group has supported over 200 dads through many life events over the years. Although we have been



disappointed that only one individual has come to faith directly through this contact there are still many good innovative things happening, as we seek to help people onwards in a journey towards faith. An example is our parents and toddler's group, where Anne teaches children and parents her memorable poems, based on Bible stories. However, across the full range of ministries we need to think through joined-up and realistic pathways from church connection to commitment to Christ. While planning, we also recognise that the Holy Spirit is at work. Over the past two

years, God has repeatedly brought people directly to our services – some exploring faith, others returning after long breaks. A teenage lad, attending for 6 months, says he *“likes coming because it gives him a sense of peace”*. One young lady said *“she’d found it really welcoming, and the desire to love and serve people is just so refreshingly positive”*. At a recent baptism, a retiree, who’d started attending a few months before, was moved to spontaneously join in with being baptised! In this context the teaching in our services has begun to be bolder, challenging people to take steps of faith and encouraging them to receive prayer ministry.

Supporting those exploring faith is a key area we need to invest in to grow God’s kingdom. Our Alpha course in May this year began with 10 people new to or exploring faith (a significant increase in attendance over previous courses). Developing this we also need to provide more focussed support to those new to the Christian faith.

Growing in commitment: Beyond regular services, a monthly café-style service offers group discussion on practical Christian living. 'Connect groups' provide home-based support, learning from Bible-based resources, prayer, and community, helping believers deepen their walk with Christ. Annual opportunities like the Wollaton united churches Lent courses and 'Thy Kingdom Come' also foster faith growth.

Serving others is a vital part of discipleship, and while opportunities exist, we are seeking to better value and release individuals into the full range of their gifts.

St Leonard’s members value organised community engagement, however, there is some uncertainty about active, personal sharing of faith with friends and family. In a *“Leading into evangelism”* course survey (see appendix A) our members said fear and uncertainty, rather than not seeing the need, were the primary barriers. We believe, however, that small consistent changes, prayer, modelling, storytelling and gentle persistence are gradually moving the culture towards increasing confidence and courage in sharing faith.

Priorities:

- To develop clearer pathways to faith through building on existing contacts and opportunities.
- Foster deeper discipleship by exploring creative methods that encourage personal growth and spiritual challenge.

7.5. Reaching Younger

We want to be a church where young people feel they belong and are nurtured as lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. Our growing disciples plan aims to see whole families engage with church and come to know Jesus.

To support this ambition, the PCC appointed a Children and Families Minister in 2022. Lindy's role is strategically balanced: 70% outreach to the wider community and 30% focused on the church family. This has started to have an impact, with 4 new families joining our church community regularly in 2024.

Reaching Out: At Firbeck Primary School we are connecting with the community; running coffee mornings (5-8 parents), 'Talk time' – 1-2-1 emotional support for children, and running 'Energize Church,' an after-school club exploring faith (6-12 children each month). *"What [Lindy and team] bring to our school is huge...Parents have expressed heartfelt*



thanks to St Leonard's...and are talking about finding a place in...St Leonard's over the weekends" [Deputy Head, Firbeck School]. At Fernwood Primary School we run a monthly year 6 youth club, and we are also involved in Bluecoat CofE secondary school. We engage creatively with all these schools' RE curriculums (~930 children), e.g. our recent crime scene investigation extravaganza relating to the Easter story. Through committing to these relationships with children and families, we're trying to reach many who haven't heard about Jesus.

Supporting our Children and Young People: Within the church, we have seen increases in family attendance (4 families). We run groups for younger children (2-8 yrs), with song, story, and craft. For the over 8s, we provide more focused discipleship using



Urban Saints resources. Our "Youth Hangout" then provides a monthly gathering for 11-16 year olds offering food, fellowship, and faith-based discussion. In addition, we encourage our young people to actively participate in our worship services through engagement with drama, music and prayer. In a typical month we now see 20 children and their parents connect with our young people's work.

Challenges and Future Focus: We currently have only 5 secondary school age youth, and are consequently exploring more collaboration with other local churches. We also want to deepen relationships with baptism families, support parents in discipling their kids and create more opportunities for families to connect and share their faith. On a practical level, ensuring the financial sustainability of Lindy's role, and recruiting more volunteers for our growing ministries will remain important priorities.



Priorities: Expand and develop our ministry to children and young people, both in church and local schools, while securing the long-term financial sustainability of the Children and Families Minister post and growing our volunteer team.

7.6. Compassionate community

Feedback from recent joiners consistently describes St Leonard's as a genuinely welcoming place. A conscious effort is made to ensure newcomers feel at home. Shared meals, home groups, and the regular socialising over coffee after services helps build relationships. These connections often lead to spontaneous acts of care within the community, such as providing meals following emergencies, assisting disabled members with transport, and offering emotional support. To make church accessible to those who struggle to attend, we also live stream our Sunday morning service on [YouTube](#).

This close-knit community is particularly evident in our mid-week service, which is mainly composed of retirees. This service has enabled some to reconnect with church, following a bereavement or helped address feelings of isolation. Groups like Come for Coffee, and Mothers' Union provide additional avenues for fellowship and support. The 'Link Neighbours' scheme also offers a simple but effective check on vulnerable members through periodic communication. Collectively this provides a wide variety of social and relational support.



In contrast, providing focussed visiting and pastoral support has become increasingly challenging due to a small and aging team who understandably need to reduce their commitments. This crucial aspect of the church's care for its members and the wider community needs reinvigorating, training others with a heart and gifting for this ministry. However, this needs a lot of wisdom. The elderly community is large, and many younger members have busy lives and serve in multiple ways already. Expanding the number of individuals volunteering across all ministries will be essential to properly support this important work and prevent burnout.

Priority: To revitalise pastoral care for the elderly by identifying, developing and supporting gifted individuals to ensure the long-term sustainability of the care team.

7.7 Growing Leaders

St Leonard's leadership consists of motivated individuals from a wide range of careers and in different stages of life. Our Children and Families Minister, one of our Churchwardens, more than half of our PCC, and a few of our House Group Leaders are all in their 40s or younger. Among this group, and others with responsibility, there is a long-term commitment to and foundation for the future growth of the church.

With the backing of the PCC, our Children and Families Minister will commence LLM training in September, enhancing her spiritual understanding and practical skills. Our Reader, Elaine Thompson, is currently exploring the possibility of ordination through the Diocesan "Caleb" stream. Furthermore, several of our leaders recently participated in the Diocesan "Leading into Evangelism" course which focussed on fostering a church culture of sharing faith.

We have begun to try and widen the pool of people involved in services. Our All-together service is run by a committed team, and a few individuals from outside our preaching team have had a chance to explore their gifts in preaching and leading services.

We need to attract, support and grow new leaders within our children and young people's ministry. Balancing a desire to grow the work with the care of our committed volunteers is a constant challenge.

The recent growth in new people has highlighted the importance of our Alpha course. To ensure the sustainability and impact of this ministry, we need to invest in widening

the number of Alpha discussion group leaders and those who feel able to disciple new Christians, allowing them to gain experience and confidence.

Priority: Equip individuals to discern and develop their unique gifts, ensuring all ministries are resourced with passionate and called leaders.

7.8. Encouraging Generosity

Our giving is a response of worship, a key part of discipleship, and essential for resourcing the vision God has placed on our hearts as a church. Over the past two years, we've undertaken significant work to ensure St. Leonard's finances are sustainable. Despite healthy reserves, we've been transparent about the implications of our annual deficit ([view this presentation](#)). The chief concern is the potential impact on employment of our Children and Families Minister, which is integral to our growing disciples plan. Two annual giving drives (Feb 2024 & 2025), the first yielding a £30k/yr increase, demonstrate the congregation's response to clear vision and need.

We also support mission partners in Southeast Asia (CMS), the West Bank, and UK charities. Annual charitable appeals, including the Lent Appeal (supporting Refugee Roots this year), Christian Aid Week, and the Harvest Appeal (usually Tear Fund), are consistently well-supported. These efforts build strong relationships that inspire faith within our congregation.

Alongside encouraging increases in congregational giving we've also had to review our expenditure. Currently, we pay a parish share that exceeds full ministry costs by £30k and represents 88% of our regular giving and 70% of our income (excluding the community centre). As a parish with significant resources, we are committed to supporting mission within our wider diocese and value what our parish share funds. In seeking to balance our finances, we are actively engaged in discussions about the correct balance between financing our local growing disciples plan and contributions to the wider Diocesan mission. With regular encouragements to generosity and appropriate management of costs, we are confident that the church can ensure both the sustainability of our ministry and our continued support of the wider church.

[You can view our accounts here](#)

7.9 Employees

St Leonard's has several employees to assist the Rector and lay leaders in running the church and its community centre.



Lindy Jones
Children and Families Minister
30hrs/wk of which 5 is allocated to LLM training



Anne Scothern
Parents and Toddlers' leader
~8 hrs/wk



Natasha Hart
Parish administrator
20hrs/wk



Liz Norris
Finance administrator
8hrs/wk



Kerry Pashley
Community Centre Manager
15hrs/wk



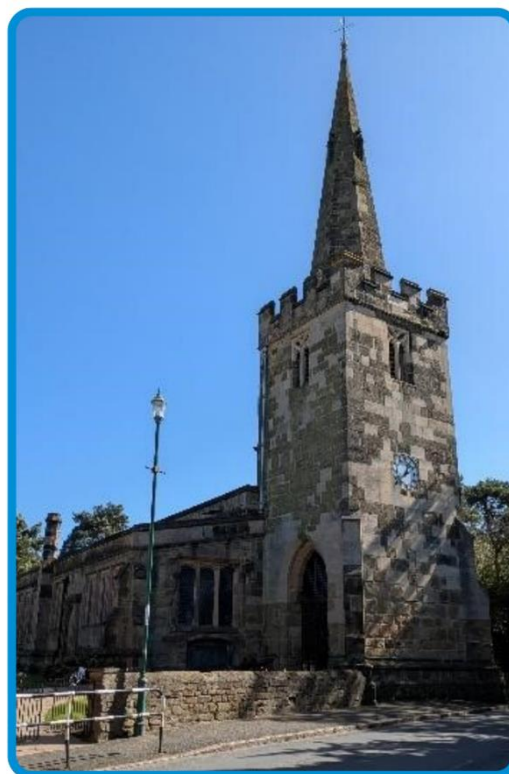
Karolina Atri
Community Centre Caretaker
24hrs/wk

7.10. Buildings

Christians have been worshipping at St Leonard's since before the 13th century. We are proud of this heritage and the buildings that have enabled it, whilst mindful that the primary function of buildings is to serve and enable the mission of the church.

The Church

The building is a Grade II* listed building, with an extension consisting of church office and vestry, used flexibly to host children's groups, meetings of the PCC etc. The church has traditional pews with a flexible area for small children and families. The combination of organ and a new multi-media AV system enables a broad variety of worship. Stonework repairs, small leaks, and faculties are an inevitability but, there is experience of coordinating these within the church. Within 10 years a staged plan for a new heating system will need to be implemented. A technical survey has taken place, and financial planning has recently been started.



The Community Centre

The St Leonard's Community Centre is across the main road from the church. It is used extensively by community groups, private parties and many church groups. It consists of two halls with a single well-equipped kitchen. The centre is run by its own board of trustees which includes a chair appointed by the PCC, the Rector, and some representatives (currently 2) from the Church. The centre employs a manager and caretaker who handle the day-to-day business of the centre. Financially, the

centre is a church asset but is managed to break even.

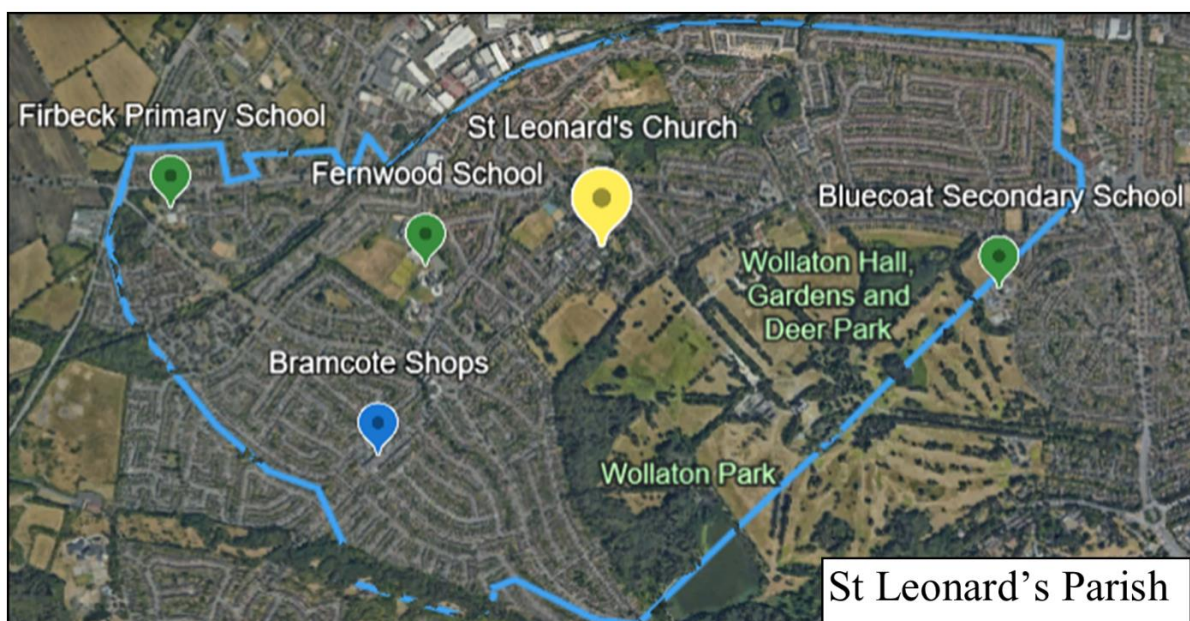
The Rectory

The rectory is located a few minutes' walk from the church. It has 5 bedrooms, a study and several reception rooms suitable for hosting small groups. The garden is a good size and offers privacy. The Diocese offered the previous incumbent a grant to maintain the hedges.



7.11. The Parish

The Parish of Wollaton is a suburb of Nottingham, situated on the edge of Wollaton Deer Park. The University of Nottingham and Queen's Medical Centre are close by and staff at both institution's attend the church. The area includes several good primary and secondary schools. Whilst the parish is largely affluent, the western part, near Firbeck Primary School, includes a disadvantaged area of modern housing. During the 21st century, the population has become much more diverse and now includes a significant minority Asian population.



LEADING EVANGELISM LEARNING HUB - CPAS COHORT 1

Name of church:	St Leonard's Wollaton	
Date completed:	19/01/2023	
Number of completed surveys:	50	

Please input the total numbers for each statement from the collated surveys. For example, if 20 responded to the first statement with 1, put 20 in the relevant cell (C9).

Question 1: What are the obstacles that get in the way of you sharing your faith with others in everyday life? On a scale of 1-5 indicate how big an obstacle each of the following is, where 1 = a very small obstacle and 5 = a very big obstacle.

	1	%	2	%	3	%	4	%	5	%	Average Score
Fear of how people might respond	7	14%	10	20%	18	36%	13	26%	1	2%	2.81632653
Unsure about what to say	6	12%	9	18%	18	36%	12	24%	3	6%	2.9375
Don't know how to get started	7	14%	7	14%	18	36%	14	28%	3	6%	2.97959184
Lack of personal experience to share	13	26%	17	34%	10	20%	8	16%	1	2%	2.32653061
Lack of confidence in the relevance of the Christian faith today	18	36%	13	26%	12	24%	4	8%	1	2%	2.10416667
Little personal motivation to share the faith	16	32%	18	36%	9	18%	4	8%	2	4%	2.14285714
Past experiences that didn't go well	18	36%	16	32%	7	14%	6	12%	0	0%	2.0212766
Limited contact with people who aren't Christians	18	36%	9	18%	11	22%	9	18%	1	2%	2.29166667
Fear of offending people	10	20%	10	20%	17	34%	11	22%	1	2%	2.65306122
Don't see the need to share my faith	27	54%	14	28%	7	14%	0	0%	1	2%	1.65306122
Too busy, lack of time	20	40%	8	16%	14	28%	5	10%	1	2%	2.14583333
Lack of interest amongst those I know	7	14%	10	20%	10	20%	18	36%	3	6%	3
General sense of hostility towards the Christian faith in society	7	14%	16	32%	17	34%	8	16%	1	2%	2.59183673

Question 2: If we were to provide a 45 minute session on how to overcome your main obstacle, would you be interested enough to attend?	Yes	%	No	%	Maybe	%
	22	44%	9	18%	16	32%

SfM Dashboard for the Parish of Wollaton in the Deanery of Nottingham North

Parish Census and deprivation summary

Parish population (2021): 16162

	Parish	Diocese	National
% aged 0-19	25%	23%	23%
% aged 20-44	29%	33%	33%
% aged 45-69	31%	30%	31%
% aged 70 & over	15%	14%	14%
% Christian	39%	43%	46%
% non-Christian religion	22%	7%	11%

Parish deprivation rank (IMD 2019): 7509

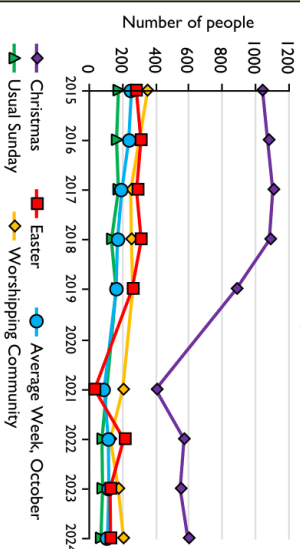
(1=most deprived parish in the Church of England, 12,178=least deprived)

For more detailed census & deprivation info, see <http://argis1/Ra54CS>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/data-services/> and
<http://www.cif.org.uk/shinealight/>

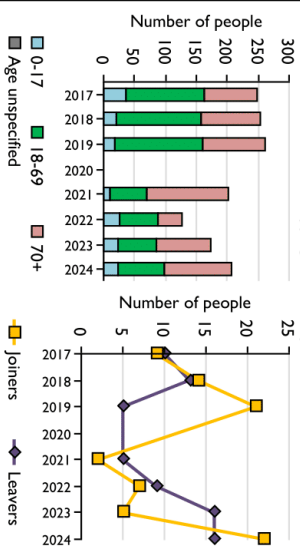
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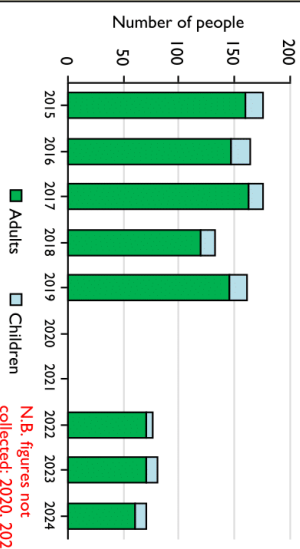
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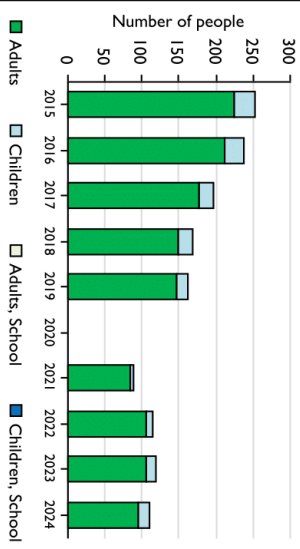
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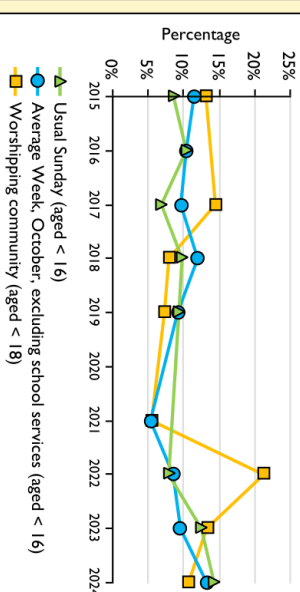
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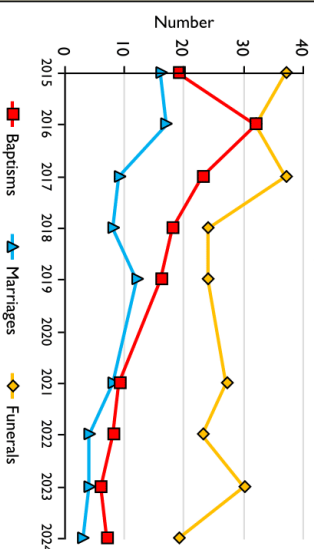
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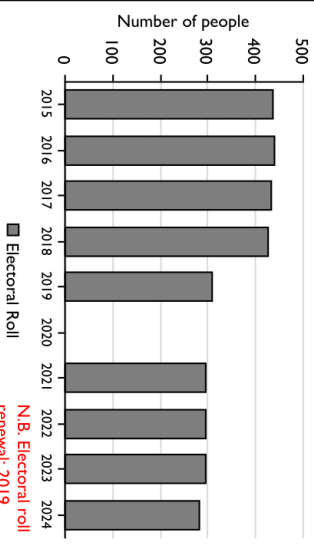
5. Percentage Children, 2015-24



6. Baptisms, marriages and funerals, 2015-24



7. Electoral Roll, 2015-24



Variations in attendance from year to year may be the result of changes in the number of churches that submitted returns, or changes in parish/benefice structure.

Number of churches included in returns: 2015 1; 2016 1; 2017 1; 2018 1; 2019 1; 2020 1; 2021 1; 2022 1; 2023 1; 2024 1.

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