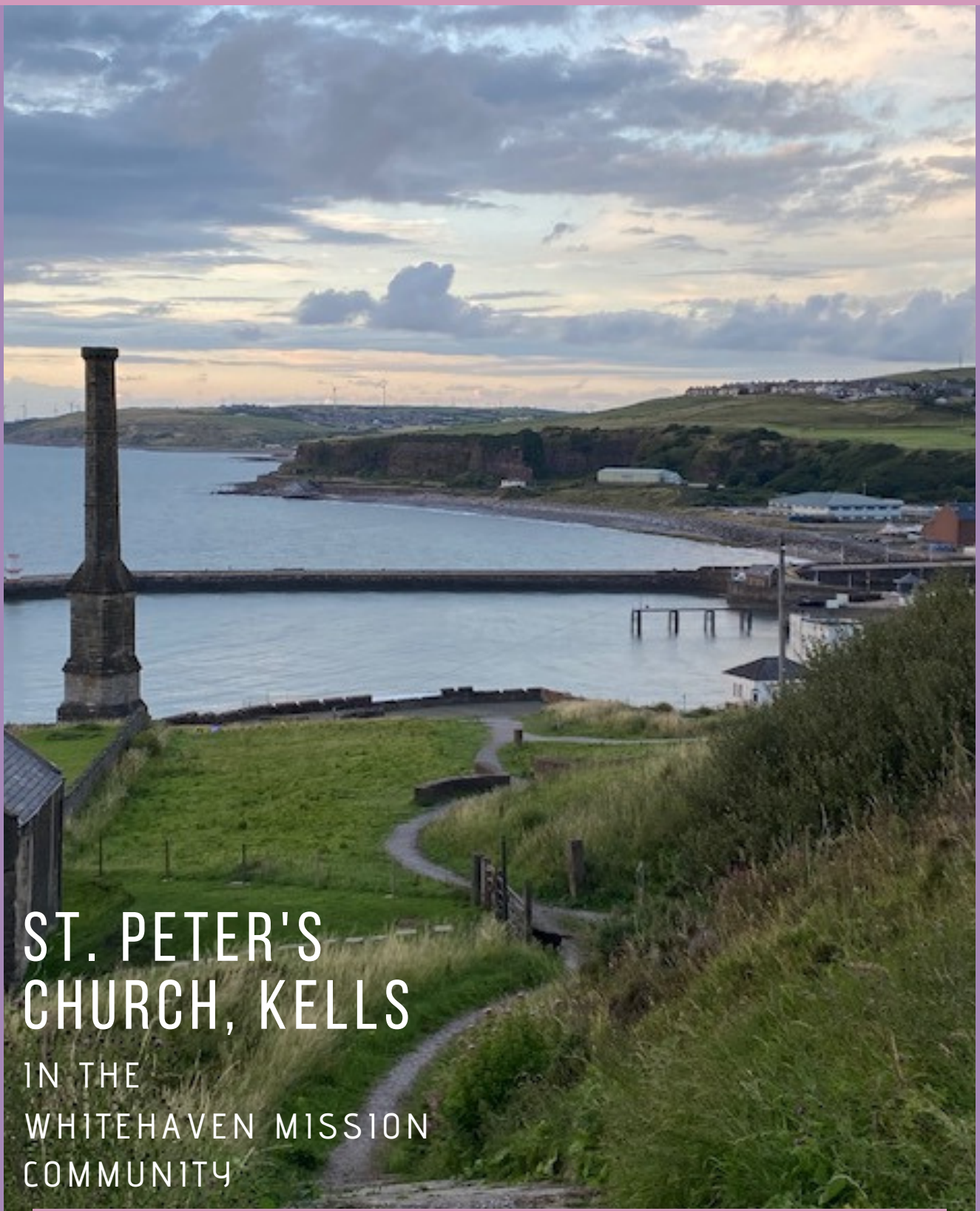


CURATE PROFILE



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, KELLS

IN THE
WHITEHAVEN MISSION
COMMUNITY

WELCOME

Thank you for taking time to read this profile.

As you read on please know that we are praying for you as you discern whether God is calling you to St Peter's Church and the Whitehaven Mission Community.

This is an exciting opportunity to join an outward facing church, full of down to earth people with a love of God and a commitment to the community of which they are part.



WHO ARE WE?

As curate you would be based primarily in St. Peter's Church, Kells, Whitehaven, which serves the people of Kells, Woodhouse and Greenbank but with opportunities to work across the wider mission community.

St Peter's is a traditional Anglican church with a choir, organist and eucharistic centered worship.

Although we are traditional in our worship style we are not afraid to try new things and find our worship and faith enriched by more informal services, including a Celtic Communion once a month in our midweek service.

We have a congregation of about 45 each week and though relatively low in numbers on a Sunday morning the church is valued in the local community and there are lots of opportunities to join in with community led events.

Our church building is open every weekday for private prayer and also has a community food pantry where people can come and take what they need without judgement or obligation.

We run a weekly babies and toddler group in our community hall in partnership with the local youth services. This group is well attended and relationships have been developed and nurtured and a good number attend our Messy Church and come for baptism.

Our Wellbeing Café has grown into its own community where friendships have been made between those who attend and the prayer time at the end of each session is valued by all.



THE WHITEHAVEN MISSION COMMUNITY



St. Peter's is part of the Whitehaven Mission Community and we work alongside our partners from the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, the Salvation Army and Woodbank Chapel, as well as joining with our catholic brothers and sisters during the Christmas season.

The Mission Community has a committed leadership group and we meet regularly for breakfast, fellowship and prayer in Wetherspoons.

As a group we have joined together to:

- Explore Living in Love and Faith
- Hold an Easter morning vigil on the cliff tops,
- Put together Christmas packages refugees in the town
- Take part in the civic Remembrance Sunday service
- Host Lent Lunches
- Hold a healing service

THE WHITEHAVEN MISSION COMMUNITY

Jesus says: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

One of the great strengths of the Mission Community is the rich diversity amongst the churches, from evangelical churches to more traditional churches with a sacramental focus. What unites all these churches is the desire to see the people of our town come to the knowledge of God's love and care for them.

As curate part of your training would include being involved within the life of the mission community, providing a unique, varied and interesting training context.



NETWORK YOUTH CHURCH
Young people being church
across Cumbria



As part of the Mission Community there will be opportunities to work alongside Revd. Alison Riley who leads the Whitehaven, Calder and West Coast NYC where they 'do church in ways that make sense to us'. Alison works in the local secondary schools as well as running weekly clubs and trips. You can find out more about the work of NYC at <https://www.networkyouthchurch.org.uk>

THE AREA

THERE IS A GREAT DIVERSITY OF HOUSING, FROM TRADITIONAL TERRACES ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER MINES, LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING TO MODERN ESTATES.

THE GEORGIAN TOWN HAS A HARBOUR WHICH IS RICH IN HISTORY, BUT THE TOWN CENTRE IS DEPRESSED WITH MANY BUSINESSES CLOSED. THE MAIN EMPLOYER IN THE AREA IS SELLAFIELD NUCLEAR POWER STATION.



The Mission Community contains some of the most deprived areas in Whitehaven with the associated issues this brings, as well as some of the most affluent.

Within the Mission Community area we have numerous primary Schools, the town centre shops, plus neighbourhood shopping areas and industrial parks.



This makes the mission community a diverse and exciting community within which to live and work.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR THE FINISHED PRODUCT, AND RECOGNISE THAT YOU ARE STILL TRAINING. BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CURATE WHO:

- loves Jesus and loves people,
- is open to the Holy Spirit,
- has a heart for the poor and disadvantaged
- is willing to work across churches with different traditions,
- is prayerful,
- is a team player,
- is committed to the 'God for All' vision,
- is open and willing to learn.





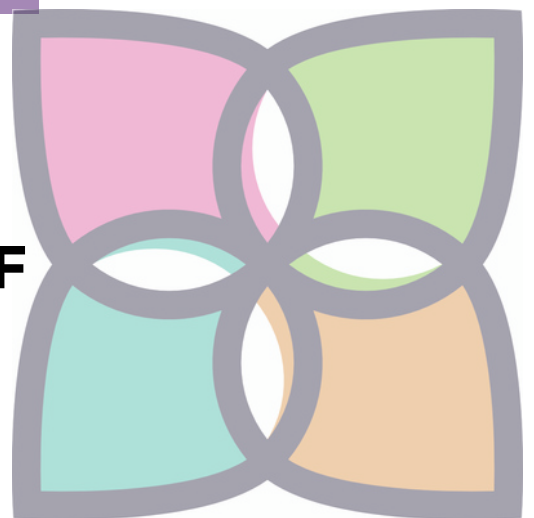
As a training post initially you will work primarily within St Peter's, involved in day-to-day church life.

As your ministry evolves, there will be opportunities to focus on specific areas of ministry either within St Peter's,

or within the wider mission community depending on your calling, gifts and skills.

It is expected that as curate you would play an important role in helping support the aims and objectives of the mission community.

**"YOU WILL...
SUPPORT THE AIMS
AND OBJECTIVES OF
THE MISSION
COMMUNITY.**



WHAT WE OFFER



- **SUPPORTIVE COLLEAGUES**
- **PRAYER**
- **OPPORTUNITY TO GROW**
- **EXPERIENCE OF DIFFERENT WORSHIP STYLES & TRADITIONS WITHIN THE MISSION COMMUNITY**
- **OPPORTUNITIES TO TRY NEW THINGS**
- **PERMISSION TO FAIL**
- **FUN**
- **BROAD AND VARIED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**
- **CAKE**

TRAINING MINISTER



The training minister will be the Reverend Mandy Jones, Priest in Charge/Pioneer Minister of St Peter's, Kells since September 2020.

Mandy was ordained in 2016 after having completed her full time training at Cranmer Hall in Durham and then went on to serve her curacy in Penrith.

Mandy writes.... I am originally from Whitehaven and before ordination training I was the Headteachers PA in the local secondary school. I have lived in various places including Sheffield and Grimsby where I was involved in Church Army ministry.

This is a parish which is deeply rooted in tradition but not so blinkered as to think that if we just keep doing the same thing we have always done the 'glory days will return'.

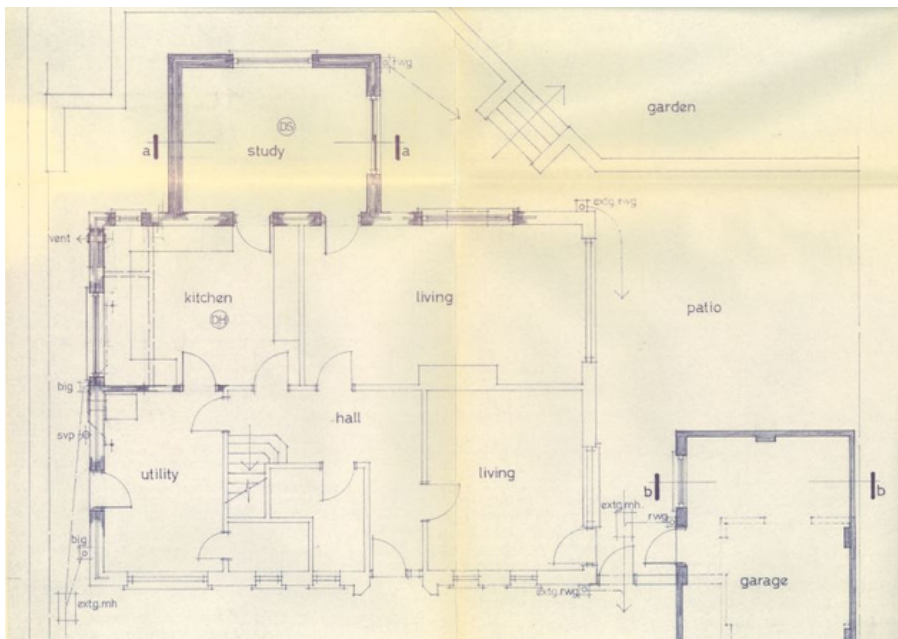
I would describe myself as an outward looking vicar and I love the balance of encouraging and challenging those in the church to look beyond the building but at the same time being allowed the space to explore new ways of being church with those in the community who are not connected with the church,

THE REST OF THE TEAM

WE HAVE A STRONG TEAM OF LAY AND ORDAINED PEOPLE IN THE MISSION COMMUNITY, HERE ARE A FEW:

- **Revd. Alison Dobel**
Priest in Charge of St James
- **Revd. Kina Saunders**
Minister of Hensingham Methodist Church
- **Revd. Alistair Smeaton**
Minister of Whitehaven URC Church
- **Major Steven Watson**
Salvation Army
- **Rev Barry Appleby**
Pastor of Woodbank Community Chapel
- **Revd. Alison Riley**
Whitehaven Network Youth Church
- **Revd. James Tyson**
Assistant Minister and Distinctive Deacon, St. Peter's
- **Revd. Jackie Oakes**
Curate, Whitehaven Mission Community
- **Revd. Allen Banks**
Assistant Rural Dean
- **Mrs Anna Jones**
Reader, St. James

CURATE'S HOUSING



The accommodation for this role is Mirehouse Vicarage...

Mirehouse Estate is 1.5 miles south of the town of centre and is the neighbouring parish to St. Peter's, Kells and St. James in the town centre. It is a local housing authority estate with many of the properties now privately owned. It has a strong sense of identity and does have areas of deprivation. There is a primary school, a parade of shops including a pharmacy and post office as well as a general store and chip shop.

There is a lot of cross over between St. Peter's Parish and Mirehouse with many people in Mirehouse having connections to Kells, Woodhouse and Greenbank.

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- **Calder Deanery**
<https://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/calder-deanery/>
- **Visit Lake District - Whitehaven**
<https://www.visitlakedistrict.com/explore/areas-of-cumbria/whitehaven>
- **God For All**
godforall.org.uk/
- **St James, Whitehaven**
<https://www.whitehavenparish.org.uk/about-us/st-james-church/>
- **Whitehaven United Reformed Church**
<http://whitehaven.urc.org.uk/index.html>
- **The Salvation Army, Whitehaven**
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/whitehaven>
- **Woodbank Community Church**
<https://woodbankchurch.org.uk/>
- **St. Peter's Church, Whitehaven**
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12472/>

ST PETER'S, KELLS IS IN THE
WHITHAVEN MISSION
COMMUNITY

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
ARRANGE A
VISIT?

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