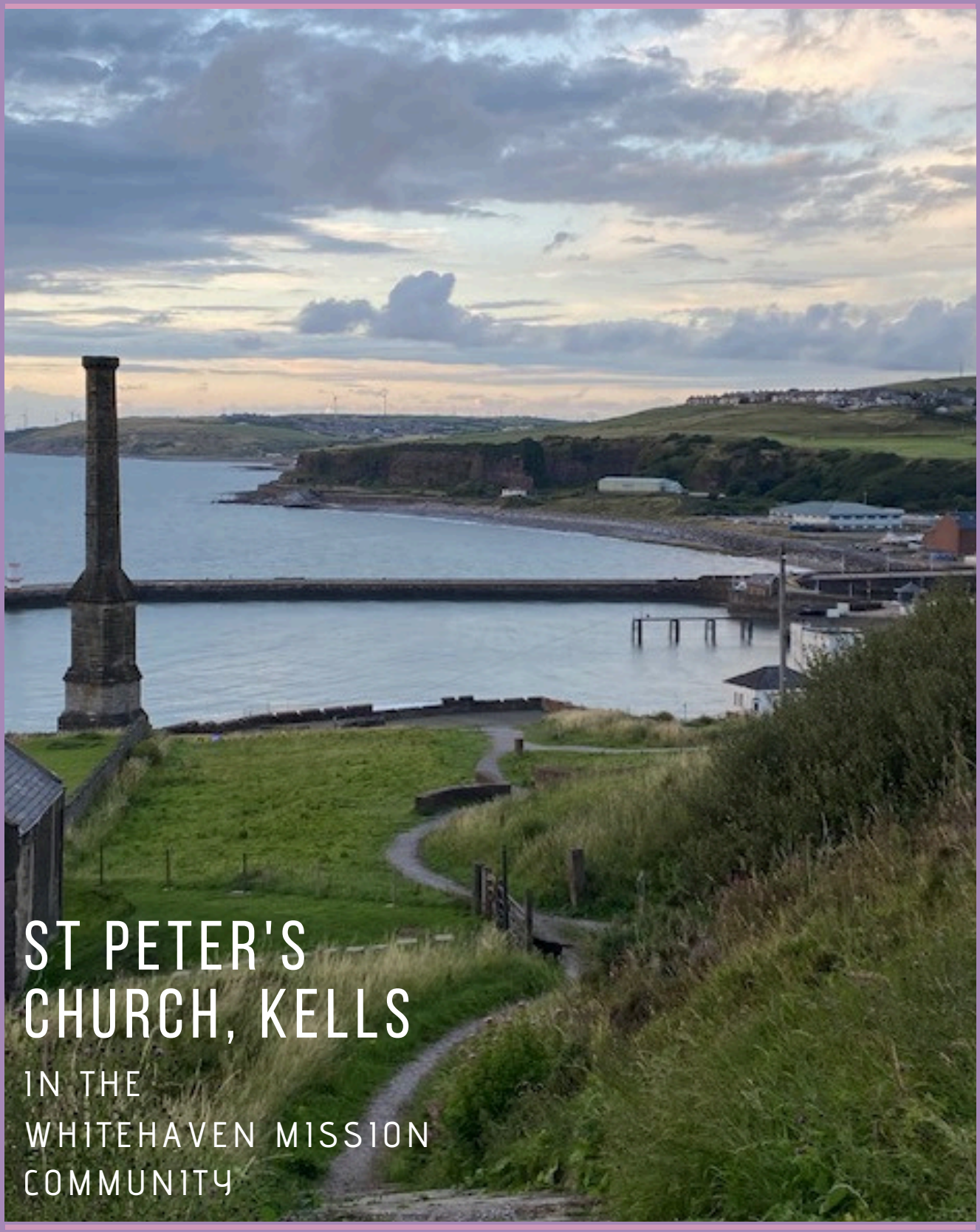
CURATE PROFILE



ST PETER'S CHURCH, KELLS

IN THE WHITEHAVEN MISSION COMMUNITY

God for All

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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 centred worship. Working alongside the Vicar we have a Distinctive Deacon and two Self Supporting Associate Priests.



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 and a monthly All Age Worship.



We have a congregation of about 45 each week on a Sunday morning. The church is valued in the local community and there are many 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 with families have been developed and nurtured.



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 and the Salvation Army, 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:

- Take part in the civic Remembrance Sunday service
- Run a Dementia Friendly Tea Service
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Songs of Praise in the town centre
- Carol singing in the town centre
- Hosting a Life Exhibition event
- Organised a church away day with a national speaker



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 are welcoming to young people*'. 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 THE SELLAFIELD NUCLEAR SITE.





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 guidance of the Holy Spirit,**
- **has a heart for the poor and disadvantaged,**
- **is willing to work across churches with different traditions and new worshipping communities,**
- **is prayerful,**
- **is a team player,**
- **is committed to the 'God for All' vision,**
- **is open and willing to learn,**
- **has the capacity to engage with others in creative forms of mission.**





YOUR ROLE

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, Vicar 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 Headteacher's 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. Mandy Jones
  Vicar of St Peter's and Mission Community Leader

- Revd. Alison Dobel
  Rector of St James

- Revd. Allen Banks
  Associate Priest, St Peter's

- Revd. Alison Riley
  Whitehaven Network Youth Church

- Revd. James Tyson
  Associate Minister and Distinctive Deacon, St Peter's

- Revd. Jackie Oakes
  Associate Priest, St Peter's

- Mrs Anna Jones
  Reader, St James

- Revd. Emma Holroyd and Revd. Samm Morris
  Ministers of Hensingham Methodist Church

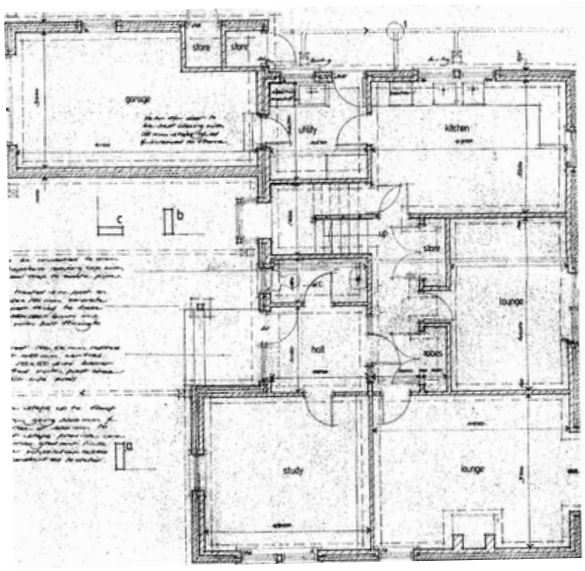
- Revd. Alistair Smeaton
  Minister of Whitehaven United Reformed Church

- Mrs Dawn Quirk
  Salvation Army

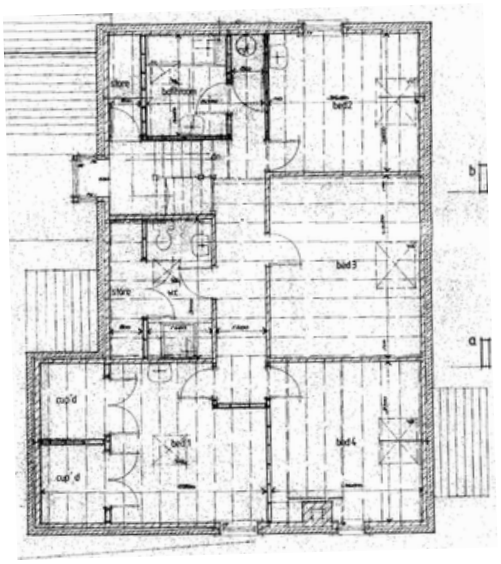
- Fr Philip Conner
  Catholic Priest

CURATE'S HOUSING





Ground Floor



First Floor

The accommodation for this role is The Vicarage, Oakfield Court, in the Hillcrest area of Whitehaven. The area consists mostly of modern and post-war semi-detached and detached family homes. It is in the catchment area of a popular primary school and within walking distance of a good secondary school. Hillcrest sits on rising ground overlooking the town centre and the Irish Sea beyond. The landscape is marked by former mining infrastructure, with the Haig Colliery winding wheel standing as a local landmark. Public footpaths lead into surrounding green spaces and wooded hillsides, connecting to wider coastal routes.



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achurchnearyou.com/church/12472
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Calder Deanery
carlislediocese.org.uk/calder-deanery

God for All
godforall.org.uk

St James, Whitehaven
achurchnearyou.com/church/12470
Facebook: facebook.com/carlislediocese/directory_intro

Whitehaven United Reformed Church
whitehaven.urc.org.uk

The Salvation Army, Whitehaven
salvationarmy.org.uk/whitehaven

Visit Lake District: Whitehaven
visitlakedistrict.com/explore/areas-of-cumbria/whitehaven

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