The Mortimers Cross Churches

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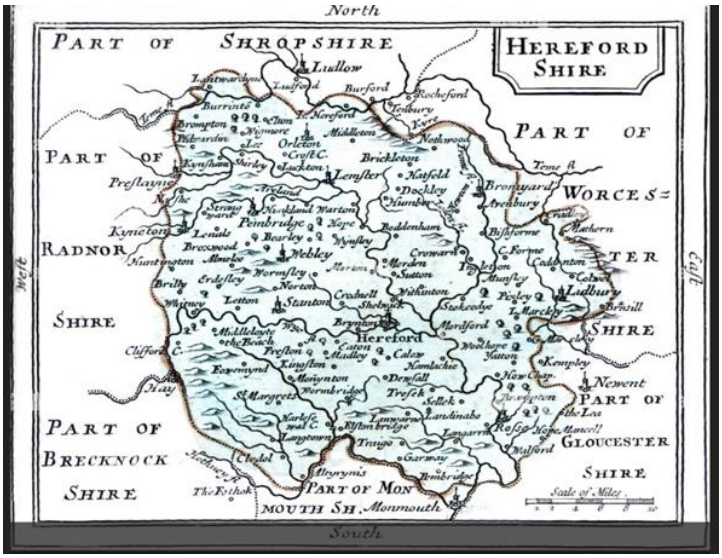


Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden

From the Bishop of Hereford. Welcome to the Diocese of Hereford!

Thank you for your interest in this post and in the Diocese of Hereford. As you will have seen from the benefice profile, this is a group of parishes with great potential. A strong team is already in place, and the congregations are in good heart—ready for a new pastor to lead them forward in mission and ministry.

The Diocese of Hereford is the smallest in the Church of England, and we believe that our parishes are at the heart of diocesan life. We are committed to supporting local ministry and enabling ministers to thrive. Being a small diocese means we place a high value on relationships. While we offer proper structures—such as Ministerial Development Review (MDR), and access to confidential wellbeing support including accompaniment and counselling—we also know that informal support is just as important. The accessibility of senior staff and a rich diocesan social life contribute significantly to the sense of community here. I also have access to a discretionary fund to provide emergency financial support when needed.

Our benefices are diverse—socially, economically, and theologically. We are fortunate not to experience the kind of aggressive partisanship found in some other places. On *Living in Love and Faith* (LLF), I have always affirmed that clergy will be supported to act according to their conscience, within the proper order of the Church.

We have a diocesan strategy, but it is intentionally light-touch. Our purpose is clear: to proclaim Christ and grow disciples. We shape our churches around three core values—Christlikeness, prayerfulness, and engagement. These values have been explored in diocesan-wide 'Years of Prayer, Discipleship, and Engagement,' but their local expression is left to the discernment of each benefice. In areas where there is limited relational connection—particularly with young people—we are working alongside the national church on creative outreach initiatives. Thanks to our total return accounting policy, we are also able to fund innovative local projects.

I hope you will find the Diocese of Hereford to be a happy, supportive, and enriching place in which to live and minister. I look forward to receiving your application.

The Rt. Revd Richard Jackson

Bishop of Hereford

Leominster Deanery | Diocese of Hereford

The Mortimer's Cross Benefice is part of the Leominster Deanery. Our Deanery is a large one, both geographically and in terms of the number of church buildings. We are largely rural (with all the joys and challenges that implies) and centred around the market town of Leominster (pronounced 'Lemstah'), stretching from the northern limits of the City of Hereford in the south to the village of Leintwardine in the north.

We have one Team Ministry and five multi-Church Benefices in the Deanery, and have been blessed with a full complement of clergy in the past few years, a number of Curates (mostly self-supporting), as well as active retired clergy with permission to officiate, a few Readers and licensed lay ministers, and other commissioned leaders. We meet regularly, both in Synod and Chapter, and experience a good level of friendly collegial support. We look forward to welcoming a new incumbent in the Mortimer's Cross Benefice.

Mark Long | Rural Deans

Between two rivers… Our Benefice.

The four churches of our benefice lay intertwined with the rivers that give it so much life, that feed the fertile acres that surround us and lead onwards to the Wye valley. Those rivers, the Arrow and the Lugg, perhaps stand as a metaphor for the work we try to fulfil in this magical area of north Herefordshire, offering the river of life to the people of our communities. We live between the rivers and we are conscious of living between times. Our Lord's coming to walk amongst us and to share our troubles, as the servant King and we anticipate his return when he shall return as a triumphant King.

The fields that surround us were once known for their apple orchards that supplied the cider presses of Hereford, but now the rich ground offers potatoes and other arable crops that fill the shelves of the nation's supermarkets. We live between woods, as our landscape is blessed with rounded hills thickly forested and walking trails to soothe the most stressed lives seeking an escape from city life.

Each one of our four Benefice churches is close to these rivers as they meander towards that great valley of the Wye, and then on towards the sea. Although peaceful now, the area was once the battleground between Welsh and English, and between the red and white roses of York and Lancaster and has played a significant part in the history of our nation. As a border area, the frequent battles with the Welsh kings are visible through the many castles we are blessed with. The Welsh Marches possess one of the richest collections of medieval monuments to survive in Britain – an area where one can pick out examples from every important post-Conquest phase of castle and church building. The fields around Kingsland were also the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the War of the Roses, that of the battle of Mortimers Cross in February 1461. Little is known of this most crucial of conflicts, where the death toll may have reached 2-3,000 on each side, but we are certain that many would have sought sanctuary in the largest of our churches, at Kingsland.

Our Benefice has enjoyed a variety of churchmanship over the years, and we value the regular celebration of the Eucharist and more traditional services with a robed choir. However, we have a desire to grow and bring new youthful life into the church by embracing our successful Messy Church, Open the Book outreach, Forest Church and iSingPop. We are active in our local communities and are looking for innovation and energy to reach each of our rural communities. At present we have a curate nearing the end of her training, and the Church Wardens and lay leaders meet on a monthly basis to plan services. There is a warm and friendly atmosphere and mutual support between our

benefice leaders. We reach out to and have a close relationship with the Methodist chapel in Kingsland village.

We are well-resourced with a modern and warm vicarage and a hedged garden and vegetable patch next to Kingsland Church. In the village, there is a successful church primary school, which has close ties with the church. The incumbent will join the school governing board, and historically has supported the welfare of school staff, as well as taking part in weekly assemblies. The village also boasts two pubs, a village shop, a bowling green and one of the most successful rugby and cricket clubs in the county. Close to the church there is a large village green, and all three villages have well-used Parish Halls at which many varied and interesting events have taken place over the years. Our nearest large settlement is the working town of Leominster, with rail connections to Manchester, Cardiff and London.

Each of the villages where our four churches are found have contrasting and yet similar communities. Kingsland and Eardisland are on the Black and White Trail, which describes the traditional timber and white plaster style of building and attracts tourists to our communities. Each village holds an annual festivals. At Kingsland on the Millennium green, at Eardisland a successful Craft Fair is held in the Church grounds, and in Aymestrey there is a summer fair with a duck race held on a local meadow and stream.

In addition, our communities have active environmental groups, a history group, and Herefordshire Arts week, of which Kingsland church is one of the largest to display paintings and sculpture. We are also lucky to have church buildings in good order. Kingsland Church has just completed a five-year restoration, and the remaining three churches have raised funds to complete their own repairs. Our group of bell ringers move from tower to tower, and our musical tradition is strong, with weekly organ and choir services at three churches, and occasional well attended choral events. Our communities recognise and depend upon us for the main events in life and in death - we are their touchstone for the happiest and the saddest of days.

We are committed to rural life in this most blessed area of the country and ask whether there is any greater and more rewarding challenge than leading God’s work in a rural ministry. We look to the future and hope we may incorporate the village of Wigmore into our benefice, bringing with it a care home, and a combined primary and secondary school in which we already offer Open the Book to its pupils. With a traditional rural economy, we have shepherds and arable farmers, small businesses and large, young and old, and throughout it all we know we are the very beating heart of the Church of England.

Person Profile

A good sense of humour, listening skills, and the following personal strengths, interests, and aptitudes are vital:

- Being a team member and a team leader. It is essential to be a good communicator and must be able and comfortable to delegate. We have enthusiastic readers and lay teams who lead a variety of monthly services.
- Worship with variety. Whilst keeping a balance with much-loved traditional services, develop and nurture variety and fresh approaches that might encourage a younger generation, families, and new-comers where we can connect as a local community. We have monthly services of Messy Church, iSing Pop, and Forest Church, which are focused on encouraging our younger community. These will need support and empowering as numbers increase.
- Musically minded - we have a strong musical tradition, and a regular choir not only for Sunday worship, but for weddings and funerals and even a steel pan group. To have someone able to involve themselves in the musical side of our church life would be a great help.
- Love of community. An incumbent should be outward-looking and happy to become an involved part of a community, with its challenges and demands, its pubs and clubs!
- Someone who is willing to embrace a rural ministry with all its challenges and preferably has either experience in, or an understanding of, rural ministry.
- Passion for growth. We wish to attract an applicant who naturally makes spreading the Good News of the gospel a high priority, especially among families and in the schools with which we have a strong relationship. Experience turning this into practice would be desirable, although we are open to someone coming from a curacy (recognising that they would expect and need strong support).

Benefice Needs and Challenges

Benefice Needs

We have gathered together a summary of our principal Benefice needs, which we feel are both a challenge and an opportunity:

- Support the mental health of the farming community;
- Reach out to young families and offer them a spiritual home;
- Support individuals in the community suffering through rural isolation;
- Recognise young people face limited job opportunities if they want to remain in this community; and
- Property prices are expensive, putting financial pressures on young people, families and the old alike.

Challenges

Of course we face challenges - we know we live in an agnostic and secular world. We have an ageing and faithful congregation, a bustling and buzzing Messy church, a newly created Forest church, iSingPop, Open the Book, and we need to bring them together and bridge the age gaps. On every Sunday through the winter months, some 250 children gather to play rugby in Kingsland village - is there a way of reaching out to them?

Finance is always a problem and likely to remain so. Kingsland Church has set a budget with a small deficit this year in order to continue to pay its part of the Benefice Parish Share. It has a small reserve but there must be some doubt as to how long this might continue. The total of the Benefice Share this year was £57,000 paid in proportion by the three churches, with Kingsland being the largest church, bearing the largest share. Fundraising by necessity is through planned giving, donations and a series of fundraising events in all three churches. Like so many parishes throughout the country, we spend much more time than we would wish on these activities and less on proclaiming the Word of God.

We rely on the service of some elder pillars of our church community. In Kingsland and Eardisland for instance, one person is the Organist, Choir Master, editor of the monthly Parish magazine, and also prepares the rota of duties and music. In Kingsland we have been successful in inviting three younger members of the village to join the PCC, and look forward to their participation and input.

As always, the harvest is plentiful but the workers few.

Benefice Administrator

We are fortunate in having a Benefice administrator who works one morning a week, and deals with a multitude of matters on behalf of the four churches. Lucinda creates and prints off the weekly Sunday pew sheets which not only details the Collect and Readings but also keeps our congregations up to date with benefice matters. She also answers emails, passes invoices to our Treasurer, advises on current fees for weddings and funerals, and keeps in touch with undertakers. Lucinda is also a focal point for communications with the Diocese on all matters that involve the parishes.

Safeguarding and Diversity

The Mortimers Cross Group of Churches is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders are expected to share this commitment."

https://kingslandchurch.co.uk/safeguarding/

All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS with Barred Lists check.

We are committed to equal opportunities and diversity in Hereford Diocese and welcome applications from all suitably qualified clergy. As UKME /GMH individuals are currently under- represented within our Diocese – we would particularly welcome applications from these candidates.

Parish Profile - St Michael & All Angels, Kingsland

Our beautiful Grade 1 Listed church of St Michael & All Angels was built between 1290 and 1310 on the foundations of a much older church and is situated in the middle of the village of Kingsland. It has recently completed a major refurbishment project, over a period of several years, where the North roof was replaced and considerable amounts of interior work undertaken. As part of that work, the north and south aisle pews have been removed, which now allows us to have a much greater use of the building. We hold concerts, craft fairs, musical evenings, flower festivals, plus lunches and suppers.

We have an excellent choir master/ organist, with a regular robed choir of 12 people and several more for special services and concerts. In addition we also have several steel pans used by both children and adult groups who play weekly. The children's group enjoy pizzas and drinks after their session, which makes it similar to a youth club. We also have a refurbished set of handbells, which is another excellent asset. Music is important to us, so someone with the same enthusiasm would be a real plus.

The regular sound of bells is much enjoyed, this being performed by an enthusiastic group of bell-ringers who meet weekly to practice and then ring each Sunday around the churches in the benefice. It is all part of how we work together and support each other. There are also several volunteer groups without which we would struggle to keep the church in such excellent condition. We have a Gleam Team to clean regularly, a Brasses group that attend to the many memorials, flower arrangers, and the Burke and Hare Society that tends to the churchyard. There are plans to start a monthly men's breakfast club.

On the first Sunday of each month prior to our weekly service, we hold Messy Church, where up to 30 children with their parents or guardians attend who come from the surrounding villages and also from the nearby town of Leominster. This popular gathering takes the form of an activity followed by a brief service and breakfast. A regular youth group has started and, on occasion, hold a sleep-over in the church.

A weekly traditional Eucharist service is held, normally at 11.00 am, and in a five-week month, we hold a Benefice service when we take turns to move around each of the four churches. In August we operate a 'safari' church, with each of the four churches taking turns to hold the Sunday service. In Kingsland, we have also been holding a BCP morning service at 8.00 am on the first Sunday of each month, and is attended by a small number of regular adherents. Our normal congregation is near 30 people, but for Annual Festivals, attendance is much higher. We often follow our major festivals with a meal and also hold a Christmas lunch in the weeks leading up to one of the busiest times in the church calendar.

There is an exceptional Church of England primary school with which we have an excellent relationship, nurtured over many years. We assist with assembly on a weekly basis, and hold several services for the school where up to 150 pupils and even more parents and siblings attend. At a welcome service for the Reception class children, we distribute the Children's Storyteller Bibles to each class member, as well as any newcomers to the school. A warm bond unites the church and the school.

Kingsland village has post office, village shop and café (all under one roof), two pubs, a bowls club, an extremely popular rugby club where numerous other sports are played and enjoyed, and even a village milkman who also supplies papers on his rounds. Fortunately we have a modern purpose-built medical centre with 5 doctors and a dispensary. Our church is also responsible for the production of the village magazine each month, freely distributed to every house in the parish, with a print run of around 500 copies.

Kingsland is on the Black and White Trail, where visitors come to view the beautiful period properties. Farmland surrounds us in this beautiful part of Herefordshire and we are fortunate to have a good rapport with our local farmers. We hold a blessing of the plough each January, and a Benefice Rogation service on the 5th Sunday after Easter, at a local farm. It is a time for blessing the crops, animals and all aspects of agriculture. While not essential, familiarity with the joys and challenges of rural life would benefit any priest applying.

We have much to be thankful for in our parish, although we recognise we also face challenges ahead. We are searching for an enthusiastic individual who can build upon our successes, introduce fresh initiatives, and drive us forward.

Parish profile – Eardisland

Open every day, the Church of St Mary the Virgin is tucked away with only the tower visible from the village centre. This simple but beautiful building, raised above Saxon foundations, is set in a well-tended and peaceful churchyard. There are many appreciative and complimentary remarks in the visitors book. Spanned by a stone bridge and surrounded by grassy banks, the much-photographed River Arrow is a main focus. Our village is on the Black-and-White Trail and said to be one of the prettiest in Herefordshire, with many fine black and white houses and a 17th century dovecote.

We are fortunate to have three Eucharist services a month with an average congregation numbering 17; the second Sunday is our part of the Benefice children's ministry hosting iSingPop. Several of our regular congregation support and enjoy this lay-led session. On a fifth Sunday, the Benefice churches take turns to host a joint service and many of our congregation are willing to travel and enjoy fellowship with others.

Annual festivals are always well-supported; Harvest is always followed by a lunch in the church; at Christmas the children decorate the tree in time for the candlelit Carol Service which is a highlight and build the crib as the Christmas story unfolds.

We love to hold Taize services, also Healing and Anointing services, both of which are especially treasured as hearts are touched and souls find peace. Whilst still reverent in our worship, a more relaxed style has come about; we are not afraid of finding new and different ways to experience God's word.

Tuesdays sees our flourishing and supportive Prayer Group gather and thereafter enjoy coffee and book study. We have produced four leaflets to help would-be Christians, which are now printed and in all the churches in the Benefice. We made Lent Bags and often have prayerful resources for visitors to take away. Our resident lay-reader also holds monthly Bible studies for the Benefice.

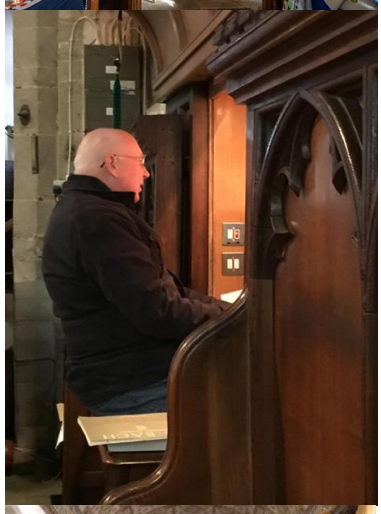
Our very talented Flower Guild provides wonderful displays; a dedicated organist and robed choir of six ladies leads the singing and produces two and three part anthems. We are working towards an Eco-church bronze award.

Our building is in a good state of repair although there are still quinquennial repairs outstanding and we have an on-going project to install a much-needed kitchen and toilet. We are fortunate to have the services of a professional to assist us with this project.

The Parish Offer is always at or over the rate of inflation; our finances are healthy, mainly underpinned by Parish Giving but boosted by ever-needed fundraising events. This becomes a greater challenge with a smaller and ageing congregation and

having to be ever more innovative to attract enough visitors to make efforts worthwhile.

Bellringers from near and far – even cathedrals - enjoy our peal of 8 bells, said to be one of the finest and easiest to ring in the West Midlands. There is a ground floor ringing room, allowing it to be an inclusive activity, and people can watch through the glass doors which partition it from the Narthex. Automatically triggered on entry to the ringing room, is a bell-ringing audio-visual display projected on an architecturally-designed screen of ringers which many visitors enjoy.



'Friendly and welcoming' is an often-used phrase but actually that is what you get in Eardisland both in the wider village and in church. Almost everybody knows a large group of people and especially as our community ages, all our organisations have fewer volunteers. Collaboration is our way of coping, providing interest and activities for young and old alike.

The annual Craft Fair is a good example of this – with the church, Village Hall and E-team (who enhance our village environment) plus many other volunteers, organise a very popular and successful event.

No new house-building has taken place here for quite a few years as the River Arrow and changes in climate have increased the size of the flood plain. Our village has been flooded at least 3 times recently with 28 houses suffering damage. The village is entirely cut off at both ends and flooded in the centre, too. We prayed for sandbags – and they came! In fact, for the first time, a service had to be cancelled as no one could wade through to the church – which thankfully does not suffer from flooding.

We have two pubs, a WI, Bowling Club, an active Village Hall committee, a Community shop, the E-team, Neighbourhood Watch, Sustainability group, a recreation ground, community garden and a Stitchers group. There is also a Benefice Craft group which welcomes all-comers and meets in Kingsland. On the outskirts is the Arrow Bank Caravan Park; lodges, static and touring vans bring plenty of people to us during the year. Some regulars get very involved in both in village and church life and others join us when visiting.

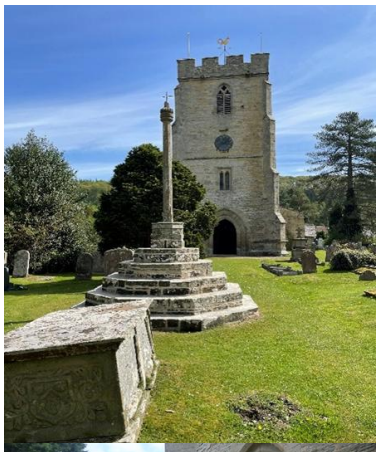
Our village school closed in the 1970s and most of our children go to Kingsland or Pembridge C of E schools; however as they reach secondary age we are in a different catchment area and instead of going to Wigmore, as Kingsland children do, most of our children go to Weobley High School.

A recent survey, demonstrated that many more people than those attending services have ties and good will towards St. Mary's.

Our mission/vision would be to create a place of worship that is relevant to life in the 21st Century along with the further

spreading of God's love into the community and engaging more widely so others may embrace the spiritual life of the church.

Parish Profile - Aymestrey Church with Leinthall Earls Church



As a parish, we are reputed to be one of the largest in the diocese but the most sparsely populated, with a population of around 300 distributed between the two main villages, scattered hamlets and farmsteads. The parish has the benefit of two ancient and beautiful churches, one being the parish church and the other being the chapel of St Andrew at Leinthall Earls.

Aymestrey is the larger of the two communities with the village straddling Watling Street (now the A4110) at it crosses the River Lugg below the Iron Age hill fort of Croft Ambrey. The church is dedicated to St John the Baptist and St Alkmund and is believed to date back to the 12th century with evidence of an earlier Saxon building on the site and it is reputed that the horses were stabled in the church prior to the nearby Battle of Mortimers Cross in 1461.

Worship at Aymestrey has Eucharist for the first two Sundays in the month and has a small but dedicated congregation of between 7 - 15 each Sunday, with greatly increased numbers for festivals and events, with Harvest Festival attendance between 70-80 and our Carol Service well in excess of 100. Our worship is very often greatly enhanced by poetry, choirs, soloists, duets, readings, talks and sometimes drama, so….'traditional we may be…but staid, we are not! 'On the fourth Sunday, we have Forest Church (with bonfires, barbecues, Morris dancing, environmental issues, lambs and walks by the river…) all led by different members of our ministry team and which attracts a growing number of children, many of whom we notice are 'swelling the ranks 'at other services.

We are lucky enough to have an enthusiastic organist and the church is renowned for its wonderful acoustics which ensures concerts are a joy and over the years a number of very successful musical fund-raising events have been held. Over the last couple of years an enthusiastic and dedicated team of bell ringers has grown at Aymestrey who now not only ring at their own parish church but also enjoy supporting the other churches in the Benefice and beyond. We also have an enthusiastic History Group linked to the church and this has led to interesting local history displays within the church which are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The church of Leinthall Earls takes part in the full range of parish activities and keeps alive the Christian life of eight hundred years.

The village of Leinthall Earls sits in the bottom of our steep-sided valley with the Iron Age Fort of Croft Ambrey on the southern edge, and Gatley Long Coppice on the north. The Norman, St. Andrew's church, which lies in parkland on the north edge of the

village, is rubble walled with an interior of natural roof timbers alongside white walls. This gives a wonderful light interior.

Our children attend Wigmore primary and Wigmore high schools, along with the other children from Aymestrey parish. We have sought to build a strong relationship with the primary school, taking monthly assemblies where we have participative Open the Book Bible stories alongside music. It is proposed that the parish of Wigmore will join with our Aymestrey parish and become part of our church family. This would enable our further involvement in the Wigmore schools and will also bring 700 souls into our care. This is an opportunity to engage the Wigmore residents with the great range of activities and services that our church family offers.

The introduction of 5G broadband enables working from home, and the many enterprise parks are bringing new work opportunities, but we recognise a need for more youth engagement for all ages.

Our farming in the parish is very productive and works alongside environment Land Management schemes and a substantial area of woodland. The woodland is diverse and split into many parcels, often on the steepest or wettest land. The hillside quarry is a major employer and the principal supplier of road stone in Hereford and Worcester counties. Bird song and flying displays delight alongside diverse flora and fauna. Groups of between four and forty fallow deer can often be spotted grazing in the fields and leaping back into the forest.

The farming specialities in the parish include pedigree sheep, beef cattle breeding and finishing, potatoes, wheat, oats, barley, and peonies. We hold special services which often include the whole benefice, for Good Friday, Rogation Sunday, Lammas, Harvest, Christingle, and jointly, Forest church.

Both churches are in a good overall state of repair with extensive and major restoration projects having been undertaken approximately twenty years ago, together with installing a new heating system at Aymestrey in 2008 and being one of the first parishes in Herefordshire to restore our ‘at risk ’medieval preaching cross. But with recent quinquennial inspections noting further works required, the finance is now in place for work to start at Leinthall in the next few weeks, with works at Aymestrey anticipated to be commenced on completion.

Aymestrey and Leinthall Earls have never failed to pay their parish share and have a good record of planned giving and fundraising. Even though we are a small parish with an extended agricultural community, the churches are extremely well supported, particularly for the traditional festivals which mark the churches year, beginning with Plough Sunday in January at the start of the farming year. Aymestrey pioneered the reintroduction of this festival and it is now linked with our local Young Farmers

Club annual charity tractor run involving 40 or more vehicles and all blessed by the vicar before setting off! This provides a great link between the church and the young members of the farming community. Rogation Sunday is celebrated on farms around the Benefice, and Lammas is celebrated at Leinthall Earls. Harvest Festivals take place at each church with a traditional sit down three course Parish Harvest Supper every other year seating 70 plus in Aymestrey village hall.

Our parish may be small, but it beats with a big heart, with lots going on, most of which has church involvement, from the running of the thriving and ever-growing annual Village Fete in July to the Big Bonfire and Fireworks event in November which attracts over 500 people. Both events are run in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee and proceeds are shared.

As an example of how active life is in Aymestrey parish, at the recent VE80 celebrations, the History Group organised an exhibition in the church depicting *life in the parish during the war.* The PCC supported the parish hall committee in arranging a successful Parish VE80 free afternoon tea, followed by a Special VE80 Commemoration Service and closing with a twelve-piece brass band 1940s concert evening which raised funds for the church.

The Vicarage and Garden, Kingsland.

We are well resourced with a modern red brick vicarage that is a four bedroom detached building constructed in 1968 and that has a pleasant garden set to grass surrounded by high hedges. There is ample parking space at the front of the Vicarage inside closed gates and completely independent of Church car parking.

Inside, the lounge has doors leading into a dining room and both rooms look onto the garden. The kitchen leads to a utility room and thence to a single garage. There is a ground floor cloakroom. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, two with hand basins, a family bathroom and separate WC, an airing cupboard and a drop ladder leading to a floored loft. Also on the ground floor is an ample study with both an entrance from inside the house and a separate external entrance. The house has gas fired central heating with an open fire in the lounge and is served by mains drainage. Windows are double glazed.

To the side of the house, the present incumbent has planted a small vegetable garden and a run for chickens. The vicarage itself is beside the church in Kingsland and has vehicle access onto the church road, and is within a hundred yards of the village shop and post office, and the village pubs.

Services and Benefice Detail

Kingsland	1st Sunday: 9.30am Messy Church, 11am Holy Communion
	Remaining Sundays: 11am Holy Communion
Eardisland	1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays: 9.30am Holy Communion
	2nd Sunday: 9.30am iSingPop 9.30am
Aymestrey	1st, 2nd Sundays: 11am Holy Communion
	4th Sunday: 9.30am Forest Church
Leinthall Earls Church	Alternate Sundays: 3.30pm Holy Communion or Evening Prayer
	5th Sunday: 10.30am 4 churches take turns to hold service

Information

Kingsland.	Population 1,100. Choir. 2 weddings, 2 Baptisms, 5 Funerals.
	Churchyard is open.
Eardisland.	Population 500. Choir, 2 weddings, 1 baptism, 3 Funerals
	Churchyard is open.
Aymestrey.	Population 212. No Choir. 3 weddings, 6 baptism, 5 funerals.
	Churchyard is open.
Leinthall Earles.	Population 138. No Choir. No weddings or baptisms, 2 funerals.
	Churchyard is open.
Wigmore	Population 280. No Church.