

2023 BENEFICE PROFILE FOR THE PARISHES OF

ST. PETER'S CARLTON COLVILLE

AND

ST. ANDREW'S MUTFORD.



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WHO ARE WE?



At St. Peter's, Carlton Colville, we are an evangelical, welcoming, hospitable, friendly and sociable fellowship who love the Lord and seek to share the Good News of the Gospel with the community around us.

Our Leadership at present consists of:

- 1 x Licensed Lay Minister (our shared LLM Mark officiates at both Churches)
- 1 x Authorised Worship Assistant
- 1 x Authorised Pastoral Assistant (awaiting 'formal' appointment)
- 1 x Part time Lay Pastor/Children's Worker (post currently vacant)
- 2 x Church Wardens, 2 x Deputy Church Wardens
- Parochial Church Council
- 3 x Home Group Leaders
- 1 x Music Leader/Organist

STUNNING VIEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE TOWER OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH CARLTON COLVILLE.





St Andrew's, Mutford is in a small rural parish with several areas of settlement, separated by countryside and narrow lanes with a total population under 500. Set in countryside, activity is centred around the village hall and playing field. The parish hosts scattered areas of ancient woodland amongst extensive farmland and there is a network of public footpaths.

The grade 1 listed Church of St. Andrew's is Medieval in origin and

situated on high ground away from the settlements. It is approximately 2 miles from St. Peter's.

St. Andrew's has a small but reliable congregation averaging in the low teens for the two morning services we have each month. Christmas and other special services often see much larger numbers.

Leadership at present:

- 2 x Church Wardens
- 1 x Licensed Lay Minister (shared with St Peter's)
- Parochial Church Council

HOW WE WORSHIP:

Our Worship at St. Peter's.....

starts on a Sunday at 9.00 am, when we alternate between spoken Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, using Common Worship, or a service based on liturgy from Common Worship. This is a service mainly for those who prefer a more traditional and quieter style of worship. Numbers of congregation vary from 4 to 12.



After which, our 10:30 am, welcomers are on hand with a warm and friendly smile....

Our Sunday 10.30 am service again alternates between Holy Communion and a Worship For All Service. Worship for All is based on a Service of the Word with a mix of traditional and modern music using both our organist and AV equipment.

Our Sunday 10.30 am service has a fellowship average attendance of 40ish. We can have a small attendance from children on most Sundays, but more children will attend the Messy Church held monthly on a Saturday morning.

Pre-Covid our Worship for All service was flexible, such as Cafe Church, Celtic and Taize style worship. We use the AV equipment and with a good broadband connection within the main church building we can use

worship material found on the internet as well as projecting lyrics at most Worship for All Services. This is now primarily controlled by the worship leader, but in the past St Peter's did have a small audio/visual team, and we could look to that again. We also delight in worshipping through interpretation of music through dance. Heather takes her inspiration from Psalm 149 v 3: "Praise His name with Dancing".



St Peter's, chairs laid out for an informal Baby-loss service, showing use of move-able chairs.

At Holy Communion services, a Prayer Ministry Team is available to offer prayer and support to those in need of comfort, to fulfil Jesus' instruction in Luke 10 v 9: "Heal the sick and tell them the Kingdom of God is near."

Coffee, tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!) and a chat follow our 10.30 service. It's a chance to deepen friendships and fellowship.

First Thursday at 2:00 pm we have a Quiet-time, with quiet reflection and music.

Third Thursday at 10.00 am we have an informal Morning Prayer in the Parish Room, with the emphasis on prayer.

To aid our worship and spiritual growth we have two home groups that meet fortnightly to study a variety of applications of the scripture by a variety of methods...

As three of our home group members say: -

"We learn from each other as we share what we have learned about God."

"Home groups bring us togetherness, love and oneness, a feeling of safety and able to share openly."

"It's good to share thoughts on what we have heard and what we have done and best of all it's sharing the love of the Lord."

Our Worship at St. Andrew's....



Is traditional and reflective, of similar style to that of the 9.00 am service at St. Peter's. We have a Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Additionally, we have services at 11.00 am. on the third Sunday of each month, alternating between Holy Communion and Morning Prayer (Common Worship).

In alternate years, we hold several 'special' services through the year, such as St. Andrew's Day and a Memorial Service for those who have recently been interred in the graveyard.

On occasions in Summer, we hold 'Walk and Talk' events where a presentation of the history of our Church is accompanied by a walk through adjacent countryside and woodland to explain how the landscape has changed over time. The porch at the west end of the church is also being commissioned as a 'walking hub' providing maps for local dog walkers and ramblers.

We hope to encourage families to come and see the wildflowers in our Churchyard which is a sanctuary for wildlife recognised by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. We also offer trips up the tower which is the tallest round tower in Suffolk.



COVID AND US.

The Covid pandemic hit us at a time of vacancy, so like most churches we had to adapt but without the leadership of an ordained Minister. This was then both a challenging time, but also a time of discovery of new talents and adaptation of lay ministry from within the congregation.



St Peters Church Carlton Colville

@stpeterschurchcarltoncolvi4285 32 subscribers 51 videos

[More about this channel >](#)

During the period of total closure we turned to YouTube as a means of worshipping together and examples of our 'online' services can be found here:

[St Peters Church Carlton Colville - YouTube](#)

Appointment of a new incumbent saw us move our services, during total closure, on-line to a more conventional Zoom based service.

The functionality of move-able chairs in the main worship area played to our advantage during the time of re-opening to restricted numbers, and we were able to space chairs appropriate to the rules in place at the time.



Post-Covid, like many churches, we have struggled to rebuild to the numbers worshipping before the pandemic, although new members of the congregation are joining us.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

For the more senior members of our local community we maintain good links with the “very local” Carlton Hall Care Home/Care Village. Friendships have been formed and the less mobile residents are assisted to get to and from Church services. A monthly service at the home is also held. We keep a good contact with the nearby mental health facility at Carlton Court Hospital, where a monthly service is also held.

'Fishnets and Friendship' is a group where crafting and conversation create community in a Christian setting. Many who come just to meet friends have also met Jesus too.



The founder member, Jenny says

“It is an inclusive group; those of all faiths, or no faith at all, are welcome to join us”.

This group meet on the first Tuesday of each month except August and December.

'Upside-Down Group' are there for when the death of a loved one creates turmoil. From the first difficult days they seek to share God's love and comfort and to offer support and shared coping strategies for the future, to honour Jesus' words:

“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted” Matthew 5 v 4.



A monthly wellbeing café where it's ok to be not ok

'Seesaw' meets monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, at a local café and is an outreach to those struggling with poor mental health. It is very deliberately set NOT to be just a coffee morning group of existing church members but a very open space for those that need that space and support. It's in its infancy at the moment and finding its own feet along with those that attend.

Our small, but long-standing **Mother's Union group** has now been dissolved.

Our flower team organise a biennial flower festival and supply flower arrangements according to the church year and special events including weddings.

Our biennial **Christmas Tree Festival** is where 'Church Groups' are joined by our local three schools, Care Home and Hospital plus other local groups who wish to decorate a tree. A lovely pre-Christmas appetizer and an opportunity for fellowship across the whole community.



Carols@TheCrib

Another engagement with the local community has been Carols@TheCrib, in partnership with the local East Anglia Transport Museum, who welcome us in to run a very special short 'Crib Service' in their grounds. They run some late tram and trolleybus rides for those attending. This has become very popular with all those who come to this.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK.

LITTLE STARS....



Our Baby and Toddler group runs on Monday afternoons from 1.15 - 2.45pm during term time. We aim to provide a place of fellowship where parents, grandparents and carers can chat and toddlers can interact through crafts, toys, Bible stories and songs. Refreshments are provided. Attendance numbers fluctuate as intakes to nurseries and Primary Schools change.

MESSY CHURCH....



Now well into its 10th year at St. Peter's. This is Church with a difference, for families with children 0-16. With themed crafts, games, activities, singing, action songs, worship, prayer and a light meal held on a monthly basis on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 10:15am till noon.

OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS....

Pre-covid we had an Open the Book Team which visited the local schools. This encouraged both the schools and St Peter's to a closer relationship.

As a result, schools are now celebrating special occasions at St Peter's. We also still visit the schools, assisting in occasional assemblies.



MISSION.

We give 10% of St. Peter's income to our Missionary Committee to support our chosen Christian charities:- Tear Fund, Bible Society, and Church Army. We have the privilege, due to a legacy, of supporting 5 children through Compassion UK.

At Christmas we have also supported the Children's Society Christingle with a service, and, the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal through Samaritans Purse.

As well as the local food banks we also contribute by retiring collection to all Christian organisations when speakers come and share their message.

TECHNOLOGY.

The main church building has full broadband/wifi connectivity, and a standard telephone line within the vestry/parish office. Work is currently underway to replace our existing screen and portable projector with the latest mounted projector and screen, which will simplify and enhance the usage and experience of this equipment, and is seen as essential work for progressing our worship in the 21st century.

Two good quality roof suspended speakers near the front of the worship area are supplemented by two smaller speakers further down the aisle.

The lapel microphones were all recently replaced.

SOCIAL MEDIA.



**St Peter's Church, Carlton Colville with St
Andrew's Church, Mutford**



To meet the challenges of communication in the 21st Century, we have been developing a web presence through an internet site (www.stpeterscc.org.uk), hosted by churchedit. We have a presence on Facebook through St Peter's own Facebook page (@stpchurchcarlton) plus a vibrant Fellowship group.

As mentioned above, we have also posted several services, and sermons, during the Covid outbreak on YouTube.

These are all managed by members of the congregation. Links can also be found at the end of this document.

FINANCE.

Carlton Colville PCC, representing St. Peter's Church, has an annual income of less than £100,000 and is therefore classified as an excepted charity. This means that although Carlton Colville PCC is a charity in its own right, it is not required to register with the Charity Commission and therefore does not have a charity number.

FUNDRAISING

The church hosts a number of events during the year, organised by an events team. These include quizzes, strawberry teas, Christmas Fayres, etc; all assisting in raising funds.

The Church last hosted a gift day in 2019.



PAID PERSONNEL

In place there are:

- Lay Pastor/Children's Worker (vacant)
- Parish Administrator

The posts of Lay Pastor/Children's Worker and Parish Administrator are based on a nominal 10 hour week, with both positions attracting the 'Real Living Wage'.

RECTOR'S EXPENSES

An Office/Vestry has been created in the space previously occupied by the pipe organ, this includes a desk/working area, laptop computer, telephone and broadband, and colour printer.



The new incumbent may wish to develop a room in the Rectory as an office. The PCC can help with an allowance towards costs. We meet agreed expenses in full.

WHAT ARE THE FELLOWSHIPS' AIMS?

To be a listening Church.

- Listening to scripture as we model ourselves on Acts ch.2 v 42 - 47 by devoting ourselves to the scriptures and to each other as we praise God.
- Listening to tradition and rejoicing at our connection to the wider Church as we recite the Nicene Creed “we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church”.
- Listening to our neighbours in the parish, as a Christ centred community, as we endeavour to “love our neighbours as ourselves”.
- Listening to ourselves as we acknowledge each person’s gifts, talents, and skills to build God’s church and discover who we’re meant to be.

To celebrate our church’s past and build on the present as we look beyond ourselves and envisage a future energized by growing faith and growing numbers of believers, as the Lord adds to our number daily those who are being saved.

To go where the Spirit leads us.

LOOKING AHEAD, WHERE ARE OUR OPPORTUNITIES?

- 900 new build family homes planned in the very local vicinity.
- Our Church building, in that it is a welcoming, versatile space, offering possibilities for suitable community projects as well as a great location for many children’s activities and maintaining school services.
- A new Vestry/Parish Office was built in the space that previously held our pipe organ, and since the removal of the pipe organ we have been using a Lowry Electric Organ. The small window onto the Nave has assisted in creating times for the Church to be ‘open’ when the office is in use.
- Using our skills discovered during Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) training.

IN OUR NEW INCUMBENT:

We are looking for:

- A leader of vision and a teacher of truth, whose faith and teaching are rooted in God’s word.
- Someone who will serve and encourage us with joy, building us up in faith as they lead us by example in loving obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- In line with the Diocesan Committed to Growth initiative we hope that our new Minister would be open to encourage church members to explore all forms of Lay Ministry and Leadership, including the idea of becoming Authorised Worship Assistants, Licensed Lay Ministers, or Authorised Pastoral Assistants, and be willing to mentor those who decide to take up the opportunity to serve God in these ways. (In the Norwich Diocese, Authorised Worship Assistants and Authorised Pastoral Assistants are members of the laity who after training by the incumbent and approval by the Bishop can assist the worship leader, or Minister, in leading worship, or pastoral visiting).
- Someone who can support the elderly in our fellowship and encourage young families

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

A church has existed on the present site since Saxon times though this would likely have been of wooden construction. Early records cite the appointment of William de Weston to the 'Rectory of Carlton Colville in 1326'. Since that date there have been 42 Rectors.

The recorded history of our church extends to medieval times though much of the fabric dates back to Victorian times with replacement flint-faced walls. With the rebuilding of the walls the whole structure was re-roofed with Staffordshire tiles to replace the former thatch.

The church walls, both exterior and interior, are considered to be a copy of the original 14th century decorated gothic style. The present building consists of a Chancel, Nave, South and North Porches and a square crenelated tower. Unfortunately, due to work needed to the tower the peel of six bells is currently out of action.

The original pipe organ was removed to create space for a much needed new Vestry/Parish Office and loft storage.

The main entrance to the church is through the south porch, with other entrances including a priest's door to the south of the chancel and the other, through the Parish Room. The latter was created in 1986 and includes a main room, annex with kitchen and toilet facilities. The Parish Room is accessed through what was the north Porch.

The Chancel roof has a wagon-headed oak lined ceiling with moulded ribs and bosses at the Intersections. Most of the east wall is taken up with a triple stained-glass window depicting the Ascension of Christ. Below this window is an oak reredos decorated with carved poppy heads. Both the reredos and the choir stalls are of Victorian origin.



The stain glass window on the north wall features a depiction of St. Peter and St. Mark (dating back to a time before St Peter's planted the 'new' church in Oulton Broad, St Mark's). The nave has an open timber roof decorated with carved shields at the intersection of the rafters and wall plates. The walls are rendered with lime washed lime plaster. The font is of stone and decorated with angels and lions around the bowl and seated lions around the pedestal.

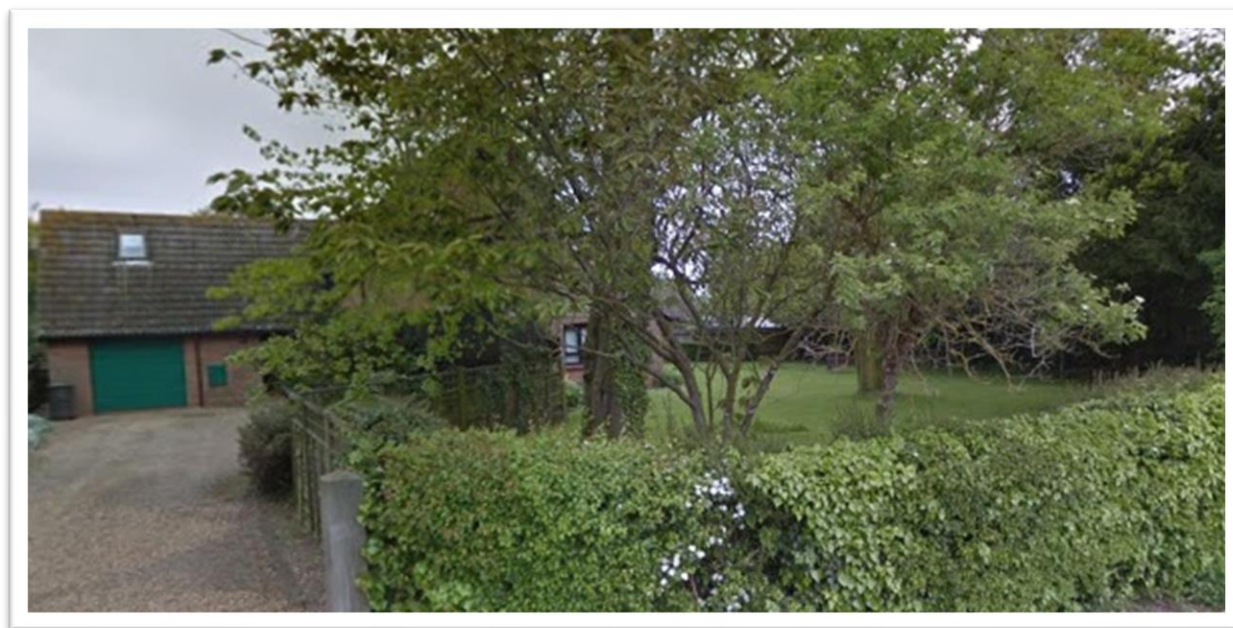


Seating features modern upholstered chairs, both with arms and without. The Church is heated and lit with wall-mounted halogen lamps and L.E.D. Lights.

There is no dedicated car parking however there is 'on road' parking around the Church. The Churchyard boundary is part mixed hedging and part flint wall. The cemetery in St. Peter's Road is owned by Carlton Colville Town Council, but is closed to new burials, remaining open for additions to existing graves only.



THE RECTORY.



The Rectory and Rectory Garden © Google Maps Street View

The Rectory is situated a few minutes' walk from the Church in Rectory Road and consists of a modern detached, brick built, 4-bedroom house. The garden is lawned and borders Rectory Road with mature trees. A drive with parking for up to 3 or 4 cars leads to the front door sited at the left of the property.

HALLWAY

An ample hallway with extensive cloak area; leading to kitchen, sitting room, dining room, and stairs to first floor. There is a downstairs toilet.

KITCHEN/UTILITY

A large kitchen, dimensions 4.970 x 3.700 mtrs. Is linked to the utility room. 3.700 x 2.600 mtrs. The kitchen has work surfaces and space for a fitted or free-standing oven and fridge. There are gas and electric power points for the oven.

DINING ROOM

Dimensions, 3.270 x 3.500 mtrs.

SITTING ROOM

Dimensions 4.970 x 4.010 mtrs. Located at the rear of the house with access to the gardens via patio doors.

OFFICE

Dimensions, 4.000 x 3.020 mtrs. With telephone and internet connection points. Carpeted.

FIRST FLOOR - BEDROOM 1

Dimensions, 4.970 x 3.100 mtrs. With double fitted wardrobes. The room features a skylight.

BEDROOM 2

Dimensions, 4.300 x 3.820 mtrs. With double fitted wardrobes. An integral sink.

BEDROOM 3

Dimensions, 3.700 x 3.000 mtrs. With double fitted wardrobes.

BEDROOM 4

Dimensions, 3.700 x 3.700 mtrs. With double wardrobes.

BATHROOM

Dimensions, 2.235 x 1.950 mtrs. Bath, Vanity unit with sink over. Skylight.

SHOWER ROOM

Dimensions, 2,235 x 1.300 mtrs. Shower with mixer style fittings. Vanity unit with sink over. Toilet and skylight.

GARAGE

Dimensions, 4.970 x 3.950 mtrs. With single port up and over door. Side entrance from utility room. The gas boiler is sited in the garage.

THE PARISH OF CARLTON COLVILLE.

Carlton Colville is a town to the south of Lowestoft with council offices adjacent to the Community Centre in Hall Road. (www.carltoncolvilletowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Parish of Carlton Colville has a population of 8,505 adults and children and comprises 4,000 private residences. The parish is bordered (www.achurchnearyou.com; search Carlton Colville Parish) to the north, south, east and west by the River Waveney, Gisleham Road, Long Meadow Walk and Mutfordwood Lane, respectively.

St. Peter's Church (Church Lane, Carlton Colville, Suffolk NR33 8AT) is to the west of the parish. Much of the town is made up of modern housing (2,880 residences), less than 20 years old. The original and older Carlton Colville comprises 1,120 residences.

Carlton Colville and Lowestoft have good road, rail and bus networks to Norwich and London.

Schools within the parish include Grove and Carlton Primary Schools and the Sunrise Academy. The nearest senior school is Pakefield High School approx. 2 miles away.

Near the Church is Carlton Hall Residential Home and Village, comprising of individually owned bungalows with independently living residents. There is also provision for residential care to suit different needs including dementia. On the site there is a coffee shop 'The Olive Tree' which is open to both residents and the public. A number of residents attend St. Peter's Church.

Nearby is Carlton Court Hospital offering psychiatric care for both adults and children, with its own coffee shop 'Poppies' also open to everybody.

CARLTON COLVILLE SERVICES...

Within Carlton Colville, there are local shops including a Londis convenience store, newsagent, florist and three public houses, the Old Red House, the Bell Inn and the Carlton Crown. A garage, Carlton Colville Service Station is situated in The Street. There is a post office and Premier Store in Deepdale just outside the parish boundary on one of the newer housing developments. There is also a small shopping centre bordering Ashburnham Way which includes a Co-operative supermarket, with cashpoint, Well Pharmacy, a bakery, a newsagent and Post Office, a charity shop, and a pet shop. Rosedale Surgery and Hayden Pharmacy are situated across the ample car park.

LOWESTOFT SERVICES AND AMENITIES...

Carlton Colville lies 3 miles south of Lowestoft.

Lowestoft, a town of some 50,000 residents is slowly reinventing itself from its historic roots in the sea fishing industry, to tourism and offshore services of wind farms and gas terminals.

The town was strongly influenced in the Victorian era by Samuel Morton Peto with many

Victorian residences featured on the outskirts.

The Gateway Retail Park Centre [South Lowestoft Industrial Estate] hosts a range of outlets including Morrison's supermarket, Homebase, B&M, The Range, Aldi, Greggs, Card Factory and Costa Coffee.

North Quay Retail Park: hosts a range of outlets including Morrison's supermarket, Argos, Next, Poundland, Halfords, Wickes, Lidl, Pets at Home, Iceland, Curry's, TK Max, Costa Coffee, Subway and Burger King, as well as a large charity shop.

Within Lowestoft there are extensive shopping outlets in London Road North and the High Street, and also in the Britten Shopping centre.

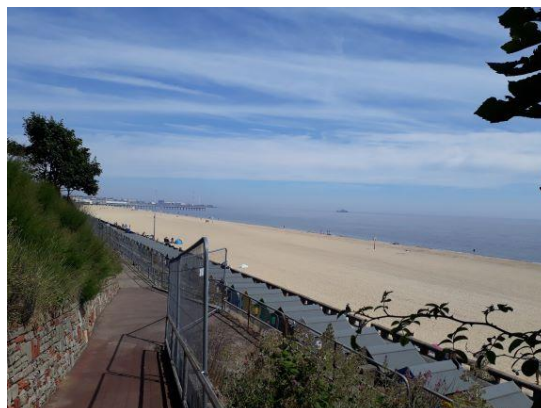
In terms of local scenery and leisure, Lowestoft boasts three theatres, The Marina (also a cinema), The Seagull and The Players. The main cinema in London Road South, East Coast Cinema, whilst not a nationwide chain, shows all the latest movies, and has multiple screens.

Leisure facilities include:

Water Lane Leisure Centre which includes a swimming pool and gym.

In Carlton Colville there is the Rookery Park Golf Club.

Lowestoft South Beach offers attractive sea views from the esplanade and has good beaches with ample parking.



Carlton Marshes bordering Oulton Broad comprises 120 acres of grazing marsh, fens and peat pools, and is the subject of significant investment to create a nature reserve through Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The site offers walks, bird watching and nature study.



Nearby coastal towns include: Kessingland, Southwold, Aldeburgh, Thorpness and the market towns on the River Waveney of Beccles and Bungay, and Halesworth. Aldeburgh is famous for its son, Benjamin Britten, the composer, with concerts and music festivals being held at Snape Maltings.

REGIONAL AMENITIES...



Within the wider East Anglia there are the Broads National Park and waterways with boating, fishing and wildlife. The North Norfolk coast is well known for walking and bird watching, and of course the seal colonies; local well-known seaside towns include Sheringham and Cromer.

The nearest major centres are Norwich (25 miles), and the more distant, Ipswich (40 miles). There are good road, bus and rail connections to each. Shopping centres in Norwich include: Chapelfields, Castle Mall, Royal Arcade and the street market.

Norwich, a major regional centre boasts our Cathedral, the historic Norman castle, now the Castle Museum and Colman Gallery, Museum of Norwich, the University of East Anglia and on campus the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts.

Regional hospitals include the James Paget University Hospital, Gt. Yarmouth and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. At Ipswich is the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust.

A FINAL WORD.

Thank you for taking the time to read this profile. It has taken a small dedicated team from both congregations many hours of their time to collate and produce it.

As you can see, we are a benefice of two very different Parishes offering an opportunity to explore, experience, develop, and lead ministry in many different ways.

If you feel called by the Holy Spirit, having read this, to be our new Rector then we look forward to reading your application to be the Rector who can lead and inspire us to serve the Lord in our communities.

Thank you from the congregations of St Peter's Carlton Colville and St Andrew's Mutford, in the Deanery of Lothingland, in the Diocese of Norwich.



**“THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKER’S ARE FEW. ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD.”
MATTHEW 9: 37-38.**

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