

St Oswald's Church Malpas



St John's Church Threapwood

Our Parish Profile

A complementary document to the Parish Fact Sheet

2021

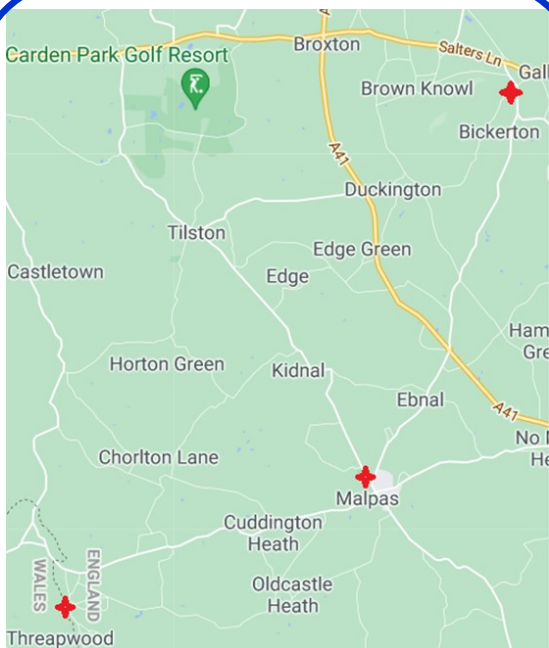
Malpas is a picturesque village deep in the south Cheshire countryside with a medieval street pattern, which still retains its Norman motte and bailey castle adjacent to the church, although the castle is long gone. It also has an unmissable village cross “conveniently” located in the middle of the main junction.



St. Oswald's church is magnificently situated above the centre of the village, visible across a large area of the local countryside. This is a significant church for the whole area. As one of the largest churches in the Deanery it is used for major services like

confirmation. It has been kept open every day during normal times for private prayer but it is not just a place of Christian worship, it attracts both national and international visitors whose visits benefit Malpas in general. It looks out over glorious fields of the Cheshire countryside.

As a civil parish Malpas is under the authority of Cheshire West and Chester and the parliamentary ward of Eddisbury. It lies on the borders with Shropshire and Wales, and has an estimated population of approximately 2400 for Malpas Parish. The name derives from Old French and means "bad passage", possibly related to the risks of travel in earlier times.

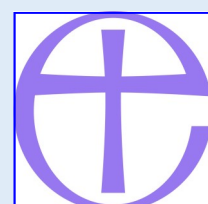


St Oswald's Malpas is in the middle of the 3 churches within the Benefice. It is about 20 minutes drive to Holy Trinity Bickerton and about 10 minutes to St. John's Threapwood.



Malpas is well situated for larger conurbations, being 13 miles from the historic city of Chester with its Roman walls and Cathedral, 10 miles from Wrexham and 4 miles from Whitchurch where there are supermarkets and all other amenities, clothes shops, restaurants etc.

Our Parish





Rural life requires people to be proactive to make things happen and Malpas has an active parish council and many clubs and groups who have organised Summer Pageants and carnivals. To commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 (2018), a parade was organised with floats decorated by various groups and a fascinating display of the history of the village in war time was put up in the High St Church.

St Oswald's displayed the individually researched histories of many of the young soldiers whose names we commemorate on the war memorial and a fabulous flower display throughout the church attracted many visitors. Several thousand people came to Malpas over that weekend.

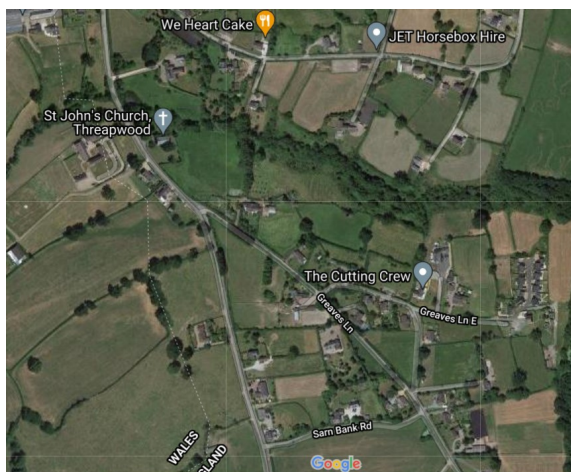


Malpas benefits from having all the essential shops including a renowned bakery, Huxley's, a recently opened new Co-op and even a high street bank (Lloyds) plus both primary and secondary schools, several eateries, an excellent Care Home for the elderly and a fire station.

More details of the amenities and local societies of Malpas are given in the Appendix and the Bickerton Parish Profile describes the attractions of the surrounding areas.

Recent substantial growth of the housing developments shows Malpas as a sought-after village and has also resulted in a shift in age profile to younger families. This is an opportunity to reach out to new congregations as families are moving in and getting settled.

Thrapwood is a relatively isolated and dispersed settlement in open countryside lying some 15 miles south of Chester and 3 miles west of Malpas. The Civil Parish of Thrapwood forms a tight boundary around the scattered properties and covers an area of approximately 100 hectares. It is also part of Cheshire West and Cheshire authority and borders Wales.

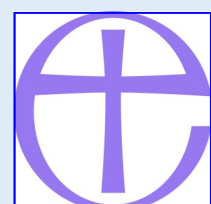


The population of Thrapwood Parish is about 300 people living in 119 households. The numbers have been increasing with several new builds within the village envelope.

There has also been a marked increase in the number of young families choosing to move here. Thrapwood has an active Parish Council which, like Malpas Parish Council, has enjoyed a good working relationship with the former Rector.

St John's is a unique public building which is largely unaltered since its inception 200 years ago.

Our Parish



St Oswald's Church

"Where 2 or 3 gather together in my name, I am there among them" Matthew 18-20



St Oswald's church is an imposing building to enter, with seating capacity for about 430 congregation and about 26 choir members. Immediately striking is the stunning nave roof with its painted angels and the two side chapels with the family graves of the Cholmondely and Brereton families.



Church officers and congregation members extend a warm welcome to newcomers and Sunday morning service. Sunday (and some Wednesday) services are followed by refreshments served within the church using the purpose built "kitchen in a cupboard" completed in 2019 (along with the (at last!) toilets accessible through the North exit).

All the churches in the Benefice celebrate special feast days, and they can be filled for services like the children's crib service and also Remembrance Day. St Oswald's also specifically reaches out to the wider community each year by inviting the local families who have lost loved ones during the recent year at the annual All Soul's service.



Many members of the congregation of all three churches take the chance to join this thoughtful service to remember family members.

Church services at St Oswald's offer an opportunity to

- ◆ **Strengthen and renew personal faith through prayer, taking the sacraments, immersing in the beauty of the familiar liturgy, uplifted through the power of choral music and the singing of hymns, the beauty of the building and the sense of centuries of faithful worship in this place.**
- ◆ **Listen to the scriptures and improve our knowledge of Christ afresh in the interpretation in our modern lives.**
- ◆ **Enjoy Christian fellowship and friendship and a shared experience.**
- ◆ **Pray together for those in need and remember with love and respect**

Worship



The currently established pattern of services are arranged to ensure that all three churches have opportunity for regular worship led by the Rector. We would be willing to work with a new Rector and our partner churches on any adjustments that may be felt to be needed :

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity (see Holy Trinity Bickerton's separate parish profile) has a service of Holy Communion at each service (Common Worship Order 1):

1st & 3rd Sundays 11am.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9.30am.



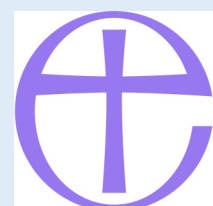
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8am Holy Communion every Sunday (BCP)
1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays of the month: 11am Sung
Parish Communion (said in August) Common
Worship
2nd Sunday of the month: 11am Family service
5th Sunday of the month: 11am Mattins (BCP)
Every Sunday 6.30pm Evening Prayer (monthly
choral)
Wednesdays: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion is also celebrated on all major
feast days

St John's Church

St Johns is currently used for regular services on the first and third Sundays of the month, 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP), with further services to celebrate Church Festivals.



St Oswald's Church

There is a team of supportive members of the congregation who can be relied upon to take an active role in the PCC, manage the finances, organise and support social events, keep the day to day necessities functioning (flowers, readers, sides-persons, cleaners, gardeners etc.) and mark key church calendar and civic services with particular effort at church decoration etc.

St. Oswald's is a community that has a heart and willing support is given by our church members across a range of activities vital to the church.

The electoral roll is healthy and so are the finances; we have an active fabric committee who proactively identify work needing doing and arrange it or carry it out themselves.



Organisation

Church Wardens	Angela Latham, Beverley Dobson
Verger	Ann Welby
Director of Music	Stewart Smith
PCC Treasurer	Louise Furnival
Gift Aid	Liane Smith
PCC Secretary	Karen Kirk
Tower Captain	Ben Kellet
Ozzie's Club	Vicki Williams
Website	Nigel Dobson
Social Media	Sue Anderson
PCC Rep for St John's	Jonathon Clark
PCC Rep for St John's	Sue Pickering
Friends of St Oswald's	Christine Bibby
Friends of St John's	Gill Edwards
Julian Prayer group (monthly)	Brian Fletcher
Flower Rota	Noreen Hodgkinson

*Some
Key
Roles*

Ozzie's Club

Ozzie's Club aims to provide an environment which will help encourage and teach children about Christianity in a very relaxed, fun and engaging way. Activities can include colouring, story time, salt dough and Lego creations; those who attend always enjoy themselves! Ozzie's was held most Sundays during term time, so parents can come and enjoy the service whilst their children engage in activities surrounding bible topics and church seasons. It has suffered from the interruption of the last year in children's attendance and needs reinvigorating in the coming period.



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We offer a "parent creche" in the North Aisle play area for children with a family member to go into and play on the mat with the toys, colouring equipment and books.



St Oswald's Church

The choir at St Oswald's is well renowned in the area and is a distinctive aspect of worship in St Oswald's. The membership is exceeding 25 persons whose ages range from 10-75, ably led by our highly experienced Director of Music.

The choir members are very supportive of young children and teenagers who wish to join and this has been a most successful form of outreach to children (once they can read) and their parents. Once children have tried the choir, they seem happy to maintain their link to the



church, even after a break at University. We hope the new Rector will forge a good link with local schools and get them involved in Church services, including through choir membership.

The repertoire of the choir has grown vastly with a wide variety of the Mass settings ranging from Palestrina to the 21st century composer Philip Stopford. It is rare to find a church choir able to tackle such a range of music in 4 or more parts. The choir leads the congregational hymns and sings a range of Motets during communion each week according to the Church's calendar and sings psalms and the chants for Evensong and Matins.

Choir



The choir has sung Evensong in Chester Cathedral several times, and two years ago enjoyed singing Evensong in the beautiful Hereford Cathedral. We occasionally sing at other Cheshire churches including St John's, and at Bickley and Tarporley. We have established a tradition on Palm Sunday Evening of performing a major choral work for Passiontide. These have included Stainer's Crucifixion and Faure's Requiem and have brought a wonderful focus to the start of Holy week.



St Oswald's Church

During the Summer months (May to October) we have a series of Choral Evensongs on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This has been an opportunity to invite visiting choirs which have included Chester Cathedral Choirs, The Borders Singers, Vox Vocavit, Abbey Gate College and several others in addition to our own choir of St Oswald's.

During different phases of "lockdown" some services were videoed with just the Rector and a small group of singers and distributed to the electoral roll email list (>200). We recorded an Advent Carol Service which went on You Tube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NYaKh6I18U>)

and the full choir performed the Christmas Carol Service as we were able to use the large Sanctuary area socially distanced. In 2021 the choir members have attended services with a rotating soloist or small group of singers according to the varying rules, so everyone has had their chance to contribute to maintaining the distinctive high standard of music at St Oswald's.

We plan to continue to expand the choral repertoire once we can all sing together again and take the opportunity to take the choir to sing in the local area and further afield including Evensongs in Cathedrals.

The Director of Music has been keen to have investment made into the maintenance of the historic Lewis Organ. The current organ builder is Brian Jones from Liverpool who has a lifetime's experience in organ

building in the north west. Most recently, thanks to a generous financial donation, Brian has been able to renew all the leathers on the bellows and work on some of the air leaks in the pneumatic action. More money still needs to be spent, but we are getting there.



<http://www.malpaschurch.co.uk/all-the-hymns-for-passiontide-are-played-by-stewart-smith-see-you-tube-link/>

Recordings & Organ



St Oswald's Church

A group of up to 8 bell ringers ring the 8 bells every Sunday for the 11am Communion Service.

The bells will also ring on Christmas day and also New Year's eve/day and other feast days including Remembrance Sunday and also weddings. There is a practice on a Wednesday evening.

St Oswald's has visiting groups of Bellringers from all over the country who come and ring, with full peels being rung 4 times a year.

The earliest reference to church bells at St Oswald's can be found in the arrangements made by Randle Brereton III in 1522 for his funeral: "Also I will that the Parish Clerks shall cause three long peals clashing to be rung with all the bells in the Steeple, except the Saints Bell. The Clerks to be paid for their ringing 4d each." (You don't get much of a peal for 2p these days!).

The current bells date from 1802 and 1914.



St Oswald's Church Mothers' Union currently has 25 members, (including many who are lifelong). We are a welcoming and active branch, meeting regularly, enjoying fellowship. We also join with other branches in the deanery/diocese for worship and have fundraising events.

Sadly it is an aging group, and so seeks new and younger members. Going forwards (post pandemic) we hope that it might be possible to engage with mother and toddler groups and in offering evening activities for those who work to hopefully grow and secure the future of Mothers' Union here in Malpas.



Bellringers and Mothers' Union



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The Julian Meetings were started 10 years ago with a group of 6-10 parishioners following the pattern of half-hourly periods of contemplation every first Monday of the month. The format followed the order recommended by the national Julian Meetings of a short reading or lesson followed by 30 minutes of silent contemplation. An appropriate choice of music leads into and finishes the silent contemplation. Whatever the venue, we always finish with a prayer followed by a time for tea or coffee and conversation.

Julian Meetings

We encourage people to seek what is right for them; to discover how they can integrate contemplation into their daily prayer life and how personal and group contemplative prayer can enrich each other.

Film and media was introduced into a regular bible study group by our curate, and two five week courses were able to take place before lockdown. Meeting in the afternoon, the first course was based on the film *The King's Speech* and the second on *Touching the Void*. Video presentations of the Gospel were also included. These proved to be a very stimulating way to learn and share experiences.

Bible Studies

When public worship ceased during 2020, the evening Bible study group decided to pledge to pray in their homes on a Wednesday when the mid-week Eucharist would normally be taking place in church. Our curate proposed a suggested form of liturgy which was circulated together with a weekly reading, reflection and prayer requests. This now continues as the *Wednesday Wave of Prayer*. The circulation list has greatly increased since its inception and now extends beyond the Benefice and includes clergy and laity alike. The prayers are also included in public worship on Wednesday. This has become a dynamic prayer ministry.

Wednesday Wave of Prayer

A PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE

Father God, your love for us is unchangeable.
In Jesus, you call us to be His Body in this place.
Keep us in step with your Holy Spirit at this time of transition and change.
Inspire us with new vision and energy,
and faithfulness in prayer,
that we, with our new Incumbent,
may bring your abundant life and your gospel of good news to this Benefice.
To your love and wisdom we commit ourselves,
Trusting that your grace is sufficient for our every need.
Thank you, Father, for your love.
And thank you, for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
in whose precious name we pray. Amen



St Oswald's Church



St Oswald's has excellent acoustics, a fabulous organ and a decent piano and reasonable amount of space around the front of the nave. It is therefore very popular as a venue for Choral and Orchestral Concerts. These are a regular feature in the calendar with support from the Entertainments Committee providing refreshments. Funds raised have gone to various church projects ("the toilets", "the pew cushions"), as well as many charities (CATH, Cancer Research, and the local care home, Prospect House).

In February 2020 the Church filled for a 'One Man Show' by 17 year old Henry Smith who entertained with comic sketches as well as solos on piano, Organ and Tuba. The evening raised £1300 towards the pew cushions appeal.

Each Easter and August Bank Holidays we hold a coffee morning followed by a recital lasting 45 minutes. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Church. These have been very varied including, Organ Recital, Ensembles and a variety of soloists. In August 2021 we will have a performance by local opera singer Peter Edge, who was a previous choir member. Events have included poetry evenings, theatre groups, Opera Galas, folk singers and various speakers, including Monty Don.

Events

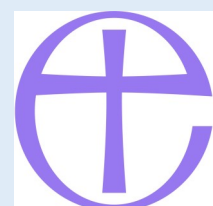
Entertainment Committee

When the Church needs to put on a fund raising event the entertainments committee is the first port of call, from serving Prosecco at evening concerts to Tea/ Coffee and Cakes served at Bank Holiday recitals, and occasional lunches for the whole community. At Harvest we organise a Bring and Share lunch eaten in the church after the service.



Friends Of St Oswald's

The Friends of St Oswald's was established in 2004 as an independent charity. It's aim is to provide for both the immediate as well as the long term preservation of our church building. Some of the fundraising is specifically managed by and for this charity and it underpins costs related to the activities of the entertainments committee.



St Oswald's Church

The Church has looked outward supporting prison ministry with the Christmas and other appeals, and being a collection point for CATH in support of Holy Trinity. Numerous charities have benefited from fundraising over the course of many events or through the efforts of individuals doing sponsored activities. These include cancer research, the Roy Castle Lung Cancer charity and MacMillan nurses.

The former Rector was Chaplain to the ATC (Air Training Corps) 617 Squadron which is at the Bishop Heber High School, and developed a close bond with the ATC leader. The ATC and other uniformed organisations regularly support the Remembrance service and are strongly welcomed in the church.



Regular monthly communion has been given in Prospect House and Craddock Court local care home and assisted living; communion was also given in homes where the person was housebound. Contact continued within constraints in 2020

and support was given through a charitable donation to one elderly couple who spent 2 weeks emergency respite care at Prospect House following a flooding event in Bickerton. A new "Cedars" retirement home has opened and there is an opportunity for a new Rector to approach them regarding bringing communion or other support that the church members could provide.

A group of dedicated people including the Rector set about ringing around all those on the electoral roll on a regular basis through 2020, keeping them informed and making sure that everyone was coping well with the lockdown. Regular weekly missives of prayers, readings and reflections were sent out on both Email and Facebook to all parishioners for whom we had email contact (~200).



There is a monthly Parish News magazine for the Benefice.

Outreach



St Oswald's Church

At Christmas a group from the choir sang carols (outside) throughout Malpas including the care homes, but also in some of the courtyards and areas of new housing. Carol singing was also done in Bickerton.

An Easter Art project was done in 2019 which we would aim to repeat in future years. The local primary age children were invited, through the schools, to drop by through-



out Easter Saturday to make "church mice" using various materials and to help to decorate the Easter garden and to make edible treats. A large team of

helpers from the church managed about 50 children who came and went through the day. They did the various activities in the aisles within the church building, making a great deal of mess and having a wonderful time. Games were also organised outside. It was a lot of fun for all and time flew by.

Towards the end of the year we invited the children to make a Christingle, which resulted in one family making "the world's largest Christingle" which was a marvellous addition to the Christingle service, and subsequently "went on tour" around other churches, including Chester Cathedral.



We make the church available for lots of secular events and we believe that making the building available for a variety of purposes encourages people to get through the imposing doors and realise that there are welcoming people inside. A lot of the events are to support community and charitable fundraising.

Music is a great tool for outreach both with our choir going out into local communities and also welcoming incoming choirs. We have hosted choirs for a weekend (Manchester Singers choir and Mayfield Consort from Kent). Both gave a concert which we supported and then joined us for the Sunday services. We do joint concerts and services with the local Malpas choir, One Accord, and Nantwich Choral Society.

Outreach



St Oswald's Church

- ◆ Encouraging one another to grow in our faith is important to us. Pre-Covid, an evening Bible study group was meeting regularly, usually in a member's home. This was enhanced by the curate introducing film but post-covid we need to re-establish and grow the confidence of the laity to lead these groups.
- ◆ Following the success of carol singing we plan to entertain the residents at Prospect House in their garden with a selection of hymns and songs that they will know and can join in with. We aim to improve the pathway from Prospect House to the church to make it more wheelchair friendly so that it is more feasible for them to come to services and concerts (which they already do).
- ◆ We started some ecumenical children's work with the High St Church which led, pre-Covid, to an ecumenical Messy Church. High St Church has a new minister coming and we feel that a possible way forward to encourage children into the church is to build on our existing partnership with High St/Rainbow Rhymes/Rainbow Church which had been carefully established by our curate.
- ◆ We will continue with children's art and craft projects at Easter and Autumn, hoping to reach out to the many young families in Malpas and encourage them to see the church as a place where children are loved and encouraged to be themselves and can have fun. Because of the size of the space there is scope to use the church for children's drama (like Noah's flood) which could make a positive contribution, particularly to family services. We feel that the steps we have taken in the past will need reinvigorating but a few seeds were sown.
- ◆ We want to institute a new outreach to Malpas in September 2021 which is focussed on encouraging people who are not church-goers to develop a link to the church and understand its wider value to the community and for their lives. Plans are still developing but it is a chance to talk to people on the high street and build a bridge to the people who are disconnected from the church and its message.
- ◆ Covid forced us to utilise new media for giving the services and keeping in touch. We believe that there are opportunities to reach out using a variety of social media to communicate Christ's message in ways relevant to wider society, and this is an area the laity needs to investigate and take in good ideas from a new incumbent and other parishes.



Thinking Forward



St John's Threapwood



The congregation at St John's has been steadily increasing and there have been several weddings in recent years and also christenings have increased. We are a caring and thriving community.



The church is the only Public Building left in the village and the congregation have been instrumental in forming a Church Support Group (Friends of St John's) which has tackled some very challenging issues. We managed to successfully apply and execute a Lottery Fund Grant to renew the roof and bell tower. We have also raised the necessary funds to rewire and update the lighting, install heating, install secondary glazing, and new carpets, altar cloths and kneelers.

The congregation have also been involved in forming the local Community Committee who have integrated the whole village with their events (Village Fete, Fun Days Fashion Shows Silent Auctions). Altogether our efforts have been transformational for this church, making it more relevant to and appreciated by the village.



Who we are looking for

- ◆ Someone able to articulate an optimistic vision of the impact of faith in their lives and how that can be translated into the surrounding community, with the confident leadership skills to enthuse the laity to help in making it a reality.
- ◆ A person who will respect our middle-ground traditions with faith, prayer and spirituality, who will maintain a full ministry at St John's Threapwood, Holy Trinity Bickerton as well as St Oswald's and build on their increasing importance in their local communities.
- ◆ A person with a love of the liturgy, supportive of traditional services, but with vision and innovation to take the church forward to increase the congregations.
- ◆ A warm, approachable person with excellent People Skills, with the ability to communicate to all ages, from preschool children to the seniors in their homes and care homes and all ages and walks of life in between; empathetic to the needs of the sick and weaker members of society.
- ◆ A willingness and enthusiasm to be engaged and personally involved in the village of Malpas and the rest of the Benefice, supporting community events throughout the year so that the church and its message is seen as a strong partner and a positive force in the locality.
- ◆ A realistic awareness of the necessity to raise funds and support the efforts in all 3 churches in this regard. Support by the Rector for the various concerts, parish lunches and other social events are not only opportunities for building the church fellowship and outreach to the local communities and wider public, but they do make a vital contribution to the running costs of the churches.



- ◆ A family orientated Rector who will prioritise outreach to families, reinvigorating the Sunday Club "Ozzie's" at Malpas as a weekly chance for children to establish the habit of coming to have an enjoyable time at church and building on past efforts to create children's activities throughout the week with-

in the churches of the benefice. A person who will work energetically with our local schools, youth groups and ATC and encourage participation by children and their families in the warmth of church life.

- ◆ Someone who is enthusiastic about Choral Church music with a wide and varied repertoire. This is a great strength at St Oswald's and it plays a key part in many outreach activities.



St Oswald's

- ◆ A home, close to the church (2 min walk) with outstanding views, with local amenities (5 min walk) and great schools both in Malpas and in Bickerton.
- ◆ A warm friendly congregation who are sociable (refreshments after the services, various events, annual choir parties, occasional trips out together)
- ◆ A supportive PCC and active people in all key roles.
- ◆ PCC has adopted the diocesan safe guarding policies and all relevant personnel are DBS checked.
- ◆ A wonderfully dedicated Verger (new in the post) and Wardens
- ◆ A genuine concern for the well being of the incumbent ensuring that weekly days off are respected and that annual holidays and breaks are taken uninterrupted.

The Rectory

The Rectory is just 2 minutes walk from the church and comprises

Ground Floor

Hall way

A good size Sitting Room

Separate Dining Room

Small snug

Kitchen with morning room

The office and Toilet separated from the rest of the house by a door

First Floor

4 Bedrooms

A Family Bathroom

Outside are 2 good size gardens front and back with fantastic views of the Welsh hills.



A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW INCUMBENT

Almighty God,

We thank you for your faithfulness and steadfast love,

And the hope to which you call us.

By the power of your Holy Spirit

Guide your Church to seek first your Kingdom.

Inspire with your wisdom those involved in appointing a new incumbent for this Benefice.

Lead and strengthen the priest you are calling to answer your call;

That they may be ready to serve you in this place,

And that we may be ready to receive them with joy.

For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

What we can offer the New Incumbent



Malpas Shops

At one end of the High Street there is a new Co-Op supermarket. Along the High Street, a dry cleaners / launderette, hair dressers / barbers, a beauticians, a chemist and (on Church Street) an Antique/Craft shop and Lloyds bank. There is a NISA supermarket which houses the local Post Office at the other end of the High Street and in the middle is Huxley's Delicatessen renowned for its breads (go early to get her multi-seed loaf), cakes, cheeses and other things. At the top of the Village is a Florist Called "Honey Bee" run by our Ward Councillor Rachael Williams. The High Street is busy most of the day as the village acts as a hub for surrounding villages over a radius of about 30 mins drive. It seems to have survived the economic pressure of 2020 quite well. Slightly further out of the village beyond the High School is an excellent farm shop, selling local produce, which is just doubling in size.



Eating Out

For eating out the village has 3 great eating places: "Table at Eaton's" a family run restaurant which can be found at the Cross; "The Old Fire Station", situated half way down the High Street and also "The Lion" newly renovated in 2020. For takeaway food there is the Malpas BBQ and The Malpas Chippy.



Malpas has three pubs: the Crown which has recently been renovated; the Lion which also has had a complete renovation and partial rename, and the Vaults Hotel (which has not been renovated).

Health Care Provision

Malpas has a Doctors surgery, dentist, optician and pharmacist that service the local community and surrounding area. Malpas is covered by The Countess of Chester Hospital (40 mins drive) for accident and emergency services.



Malpas Schools

At the top of the High Street sits the Alport Endowed Primary School. Mrs Sarah Worthington is the Head Teacher and the school's Ofsted Report is "Good". The Rector is a governor at this school and also at Bickerton C or E Primary School and gave assemblies in both from time to time – see Bickerton Parish Profile.



Further down Chester Road going out of the Village is the Bishop Heber High School. Mr David Curry is the Head Master and the Ofsted Report is "Outstanding". The school has an ATC – 617 Squadron, of which the past Rector was chaplain.



The Barn Childcare provides high quality childcare from birth, offering a **unique experience**, with outstanding facilities and staff, focusing on child-initiated learning

The Beeches was established in 1983 and has been in its current unique rural location at Edge Village Hall since September 1997, where we enjoy a beautiful, extensive outdoor area which includes a Site of Special Interest, full of wildlife.



Local government & services

Malpas has an active Parish Council with an informative website Malpas falls within the Cheshire West and Chester unitary authority. The bus route is from Whitchurch to Chester and there is a Community Bus service.

Housing

In the past few years Malpas has seen a surge in development with hundreds of new houses being built. Most of the new homes are 2,3,4 and 5 bedrooms; a percentage of these are social housing. The rest of the homes in the village and surrounding areas are in well established estates and rural detached properties and farms. In the village itself, houses date back as far as to Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian eras. Property prices are average for Cheshire but do seem to be rising.

Prospect House is Malpas's Care home with an excellent reputation.

Social Activities

The Parish Council Website has a long list of Clubs and groups and how to join.

www.malpascheshire.org/directories/community.html

Charities	Clubs / Societies (cont)	Meeting Rooms
Brightlife	Malpas Bridge Club	Malpas Young Persons Centre
British Legion Representative	Malpas Darts League	Victoria Jubilee Hall
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	Malpas Field Club	Sports
Malpas OPAL Club	Malpas Flower Club	Malpas Cricket Club - General Enquiries
Malpas Recreation Ground Trust	Malpas Football Club (Seniors)	Malpas Tennis Club
Churches	Malpas Lions Club	Young People
Friends of St Oswald's	Malpas Seniors Bowling League	1st Malpas Beavers / Cubs / Scouts
High Street Church	Malpas Writers Guild	1st Malpas Brownies/Rainbows
St Oswald's Bell Ringers	West Cheshire Ladies Birdwatching Group	1st Sandstone Scouts Group
Clubs / Societies	Whitchurch Malpas and Oswestry Tee Kwon Do School	Air Training Corp (ATC)
Bowling Club & Social Institute	Community	Cheeky Monkeys
Broxton Barn Owl Group	Malpas and District Community Land Trust	Fire Service Cadets
Chorlton and Cuddington WI	Malpas Community Links	Girl Guides - Senior Section
Fabric Arts Group	Malpas Community Mini Bus	Malpas Airport School Parent Teachers Assocation (PTA)
Friends of Bishop Heber	Malpas Fair Committee	Malpas Cricket Club - Under 15's
Local History Research Group	Malpas Fair Committee	Malpas Cricket Club (All Stars and Dynamos)
Malpas Amateur Gardeners	Malpas Parish Council Chairman	Malpas Cricket Club (Under 13's)
Malpas and District Scottish Society	Malpas Parish Council Clerk	Malpas Young Persons Project
Malpas and Oswestry Chess Club	Malpas Parish Council News Editor	Malpas Young Persons Project
Malpas Bowling League	Walking For Health	The Beeches Pre-school
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