



*Ansdell and Fairhaven*  
*St. Paul*  
*Parish Profile 2015*



*Through the Year with St. Paul's*





St. Paul's Church Ansdell & Fairhaven  
Working In Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

## *Mission Statement*

Putting our trust in the power of the Holy Spirit  
We the family of St. Paul's seek to:-

*Live in the fellowship of God  
Teach in the word of God  
Share in the love of God  
And to live out our faith  
Together in the Journey of life.*

St Paul's is a Registered Charity and is registered with the Charities Commission, No.1131961.

*The teachings of the Holy Bible are central to our Christian Journey;  
and our ministry within the Parish of Ansdell and Fairhaven St. Paul  
is based upon prayerful consideration in all matters. We share our  
faith within our local community through our mission and our  
outreach, in which our Fundraising Shop plays an integral part.*

### **Parish Profile August 2015**

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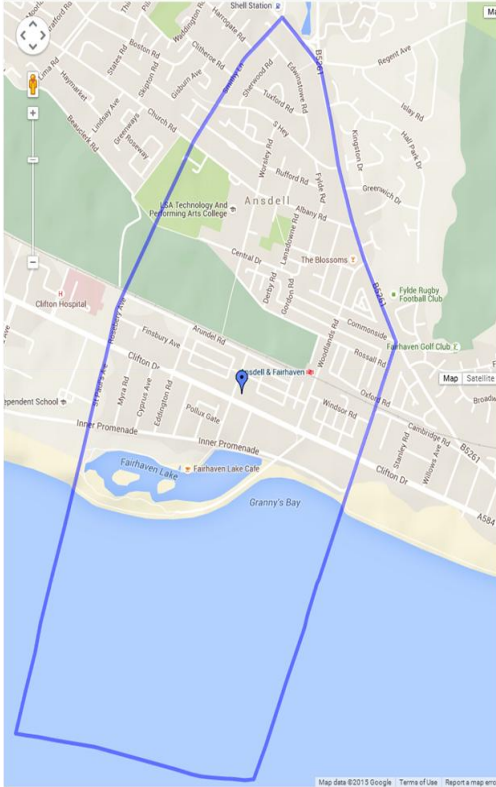
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*"St. Paul's makes you  
feel welcome at any age  
or at any stage of your  
journey with Christ."*



## About the Parish



### The Fylde Coast

St. Paul's is a pleasant seaside parish set on the Fylde coast in Lancashire, England. It has a population of approximately six thousand people of whom fifty-five are on our electoral roll.

### Ansdell and Fairhaven

St. Paul's Church is situated on the boundary of Ansdell and Fairhaven, which is located between Lytham and St Annes, with easy access by car, bus and train to both centres. The Parish can be identified on the map opposite. The area is largely residential and has several good schools, including the largest high school in Lancashire, a modern library and an interesting collection of shops which includes our own Friends of St. Paul's Fund Raising Shop. Ansdell has its own railway station with direct links to Blackpool and Preston. There are many Churches of different denominations with which we meet for joint worship.

### Amenities

Surrounding recreation includes several golf courses, most notably the famous Royal Lytham used for the Open Golf Championships, sailing and bird watching along the coastline. The adjacent Fairhaven Lake recreation area has facilities for skate boarding, tennis, boating and a park cafe.

More of the local amenities can be viewed on the website at: [www.thefylde.com](http://www.thefylde.com)

### North West

This part of the Fylde coast is close to the end of the M55 with good links to Lancaster, Carlisle and the Lake District to the north; Preston, Liverpool and North Wales to the south; and within one hour of Manchester to the east. Blackpool airport is within 15 minutes drive of Ansdell.

St Paul's Church and Vicarage are located on the corner of Lake Road and Clifton Drive.



*Granny's Bay*



*Fairhaven Lake*





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## Our Church Buildings

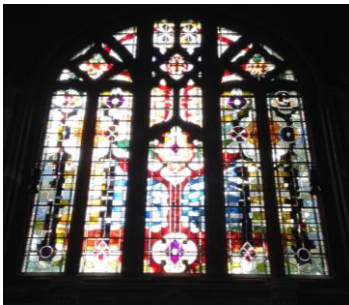
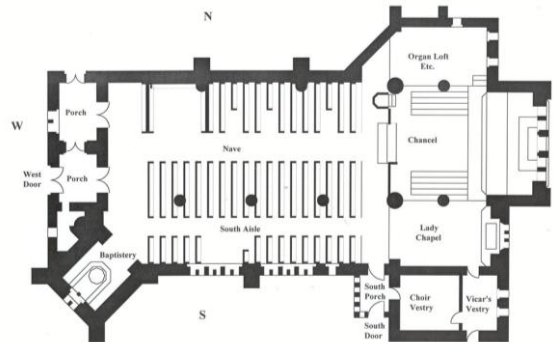
### 1. The Church

#### Church Architecture

The Church building was consecrated on 29th February 1904 by the Bishop of Manchester. The chief material both externally and internally is red Accrington brickwork, with features internally a streaked sandstone from Runcorn and externally with a hard stone from Huddersfield.

Regarding the design of the Church, we quote from our predecessors:-

*"The design of the Church has been made to suit the locality and the conditions of the site. It is simple in detail almost to severity, sturdy as befits the seaside, where often tempestuous, windy storms prevail".*



East Window

#### The Church

The original design of the building has not been completed as the northern aisle and tower were modified.

In 1969 a new east window was installed above the stone reredos, as a focal point for the congregation. The window was designed by Mr Lawrence Lee who has been responsible for many stained glass windows which are considered to be outstanding examples of modern English work. He is especially known for his windows at Coventry Cathedral.

#### Lady Chapel

The plan accommodates a delightful Lady Chapel to the south of the chancel. This is used for services during the week and early Sunday services when a congregation of not more than thirty may be expected.

#### Baptistry

To the south west corner of the Church is the Baptistry. This hosts one of the newest additions to the Church features, a portable baptismal font. The font was hand-carved from redundant church pews by a former vicar, The Revd Graham Rouse



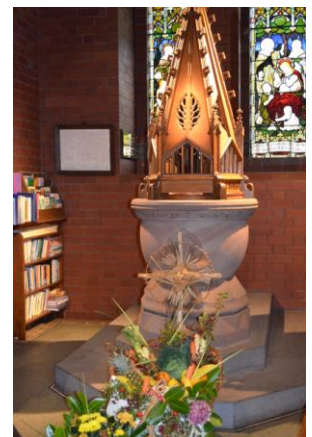
Looking towards the altar



Lady Chapel



The portable font in use



Baptistry



## 2. *The Church Hall*

We have a large well-equipped hall with a fully functional catering standard kitchen capable of supporting public functions for over 180 people.

There are several small rooms off the hall, which can be used for smaller meetings.

The Parish Office is also located in the hall and provides a point of reference for information and enquiry and supports the Vicar in his administrative duties. It is staffed by volunteers, some of whom produce the weekly Pews News sheet and the monthly Pews News Extra.



*The Church Hall*

### **Parish Hall Activities 2015**



*Quiz Night*



*Thursday Service Youngsters in the Garden*



*Brownies and Rainbows Strawberry Tea*



*Christingle (December 2014)*

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### ***A Comment from a Parishioner***

*When I first came to St Paul's I attended the 8.30 service because I was unsure of the welcome I would receive. I was made very welcome at that service, and was encouraged to come again. Each week I was made to feel as if I mattered to the congregation and was also encouraged to give the 10.30 service a try. After some months I braved that service - to discover that I was immediately drawn in and made as welcome as I had been at the 8.30 service. It wasn't long before I felt that I had something that I could give back to St Paul's - as a result I am now involved with various aspects of Parish life.*





### 3. *The Vicarage*

The Vicarage is a modern, detached, 5-bedroom house situated in its own extensive grounds and adjacent to the church. The rooms are spacious and comfortable. It has been a well-loved and happy home.



*Spacious rear garden*



### 4. *Friends of St. Paul's Fundraising Shop*



The Friends of St. Paul's Fundraising Shop plays an important role in the life of the Parish. It occupies a prominent position at the heart of the village; thereby giving the church a meaningful presence within the community.

Through the profits made from the sale of goods, it contributes a substantial part of our Parish Share and has been under the supervision of a paid Shop Manager since August 2014.

The shop is located at the corner of Woodlands Road and Rossall Road, approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the church in premises leased from a local businessman. The lease was renewed in January this year for a further 9 years.

There is a spacious shop-floor where the goods donated for sale are displayed; and to the rear is a seated area where visitors may sit and talk with staff or friends.

The basement has a small office area and two rooms where donated goods are examined, priced and stored until ready for display in the shop. Goods which we are unable to sell are held here until recycling arrangements are made or, if appropriate, to pass on to other charities.

*More exciting information about our shop on pages 12 and 13!*



## *Finance Summary Statement*

St Paul's Ansdell & Fairhaven has always managed to meet its financial obligations as well as maintaining the church and associated buildings. As the financial profile of the Parish is not as high as that of the area we have always looked for ways of increasing our normal level of giving. We are blessed with a congregation and many friends who give freely of their time to assist with both fund raising and outreach to the community.

In 2003 we opened a fundraising shop which is situated in the centre of the local shops in Ansdell, the shop was a success and a few years later we moved to our current larger premises. In 2014 the shop accounted for 63% of our receipts whilst our regular giving and cash

collections and hall lettings represent 20% and 5% respectively. During 2014 a decision to employ a full time shop manager was made to ensure that the shop could fulfil all our financial obligations whilst continuing to be a base for outreach to the community.

The PCC uses budgets and long term planning to make informed decisions to ensure that its future financial needs are met and it is currently working to meet the financial implications of the Quinquennial Report.



## *Improvement and Repair*

Over the past seven years we have: -

- Installed a new lighting scheme
- Updated the sound system
- Undertaken organ refurbishment and ongoing repairs
- Re-tarmacked the car park and paths around the church buildings
- Re-decorated the hall
- Re-carpeted the entrance hall to the church hall

BUT – there is still much to do .....

## *Quinquennial Report*

- Repairs to the roof
- Repairs to inside walls
- The PCC is developing a 5-year plan to ensure that all necessary works are completed





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# *The People of St. Paul's*

## *Our Worship*

### **Sunday**

**8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10:30am Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
*5th Sunday ~ Songs of Praise*

*(There is a small children's corner at the back of church providing activities to occupy the children during the morning service.)*

**4:00pm Evensong (BCP)**  
*1st & 3rd Sunday is sung*  
*2nd & 4th Sunday is said*  
*5th Sunday ~ Healing Service*

### **Wednesday**

**10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*Followed by a Coffee Morning*

### **Thursday**

**6:15pm Family Worship in the Church Hall**  
*A 'Fresh Expressions' service for the younger members of our church, including songs, Bible Stories, prayers and activities.*

### **Saturday (1st)**

**8:00am Prayer Breakfast at the Shop**  
*An ecumenical event held on the first Saturday of each month*

Other services are held, as and when required and include a Christingle Cafe, a Carol Service, Holy Week and Easter Services; and Churches Together Services, in which the 5 church leaders take a part.

We have a regular congregation and each service has its own little nucleus of people, some of whom attend more than one service.

Sunday 8:30am ~ 4-8 people;  
10:30am ~ 40-50 people;  
4:00pm ~ 4-10 people

Wednesday 10:00am ~ 8-15 people

Thursday 6:30pm ~ 12-36 people

Saturday 8:00am ~ approximately 11 people



*Harvest 2015*



*Wednesday Holy Communion*



*Family Worship Harvest*



## *Our Churchmanship*

Whilst we consider ourselves to be more centrally biased in our worship, we offer a wide range of services from the Book of Common Prayer to Fresh Expressions. This enables us to meet the varied needs of our Parishioners, as can be seen from the services listed on page 9.

Whilst most of our services have been led by our incumbent, there has been plenty of opportunity for the laity to be involved with the reading the lessons, leading intercessions and administering the chalice. The present Readers regularly lead Evening Prayer and other non-Eucharistic services, as and when required; and the Thursday Family Service is principally laity led, with help from parents and the incumbent.



## *Who We Are*

### **The Congregation**

At St. Paul's you are always sure of a warm welcome and a friendly atmosphere.

Our previous vicar had this to say about our community:

"This is a vibrant community and the church family at St Paul's continues to seek to offer a wide range of services and support for all. The parish is blessed with a strong band of willing workers who are determined to show God's love in action through their dedication to service."

(A quote taken from the Parish Website <http://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/vicar.html>)

### **St Paul's Choir**



We have a dedicated Church Organist and a very small four-part choir which is affiliated to the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music). It is an integral part of Sunday morning worship and services at major festivals. Although our choir is presently in need of new members, it still endeavours to maintain a presence in leading our worship on Sunday mornings. It is not specialised and there are no auditions. Encouragement is given to those who cannot read music and where appropriate, tuition is provided.

### **Pastoral Ministry**



There are two Pastoral Assistants who work in conjunction with the Vicar. Pastoral care includes visiting the sick and elderly, baptismal candidates and the bereaved.

### **Reader Ministry**



We have a licensed Reader who is presently responsible for the organisation and running of non-Eucharistic Sunday Services. The Reader is ably assisted by a Reader Emeritus and members of the congregation who are keen to help with reading and the leading of intercessions.

### **Other Lay Ministry**



We have a total of eleven members of the congregation who are authorised to administer the chalice at Eucharistic Services.



## *Our Church and the Community*

### *Facts and Figures*

#### **Year 2014**

Baptisms	10
Weddings	2
Funerals at the Crematorium	18
Funerals in Church	5
Interment of Ashes	2
Electoral Roll	115
Average attendance during Sunday services in October	52

#### **Year 2015 (until 31st August 2015)**

Baptisms	8
Weddings	2
Funerals at the Crematorium	8
Funerals in Church	3
Interment of Ashes	2
Electoral Roll	119
Average attendance during Sunday services (March-July 2015)	60

#### **Wednesday Coffee Mornings**

A coffee morning is held in the Church Hall each Wednesday morning from 10.30 to 11.30, following on directly after our 10:00am service of Holy Communion. It is a time for friendship, fellowship, relaxation and refreshment over a cup of tea or coffee. There is often a gift and/or produce stall available and all are welcome to come along.



#### **St. Paul's Mothers Union**

St. Paul's has a lively and active Mothers Union group of 26 members along with a number of supportive associate members. They are always delighted to welcome non-members to their meetings which are normally held on the last Monday of each month, starting at 2.15pm and usually finish by 4.00pm, though there is always time for a cup of tea and a chat.

The MU members are always willing to assist with refreshments and cake stalls at parish events. They also organise social events for the whole Parish such as Beetle Drives, Hot Pot Suppers, Barbecues and a yearly outing.





## *The Friends of St. Paul's Fundraising Shop*

### **The Shop and Mission**

The shop not only helps St Paul's financially but it has taken our mission and outreach back into the community, allowing us to spread the Good News more widely.

We have created an area within the shop, which is principally used by the Prayer Breakfast. However, it also offers the opportunity for people to find a quiet corner to sit for a while and is regularly used for the Tuesday Parish Surgery.

The shop is open six days a week and gives us an opportunity to serve our local community in a number of ways:

- on the first Saturday of each month, an inter-denominational **Prayer Breakfast** meets in the shop before it opens for business;
- representatives from the local **Churches Together** initiative have a monthly meeting in the shop to discuss and plan joint activities and ecumenical services; and
- it is also the venue for one of the weekly **Parish Surgeries**.

Under the auspices and direction of the PCC, the shop manager is ably supported by a team of volunteers both from the church family and from elsewhere within the community; these have included young people from local schools taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and clients of Fylde Community Link.





## Prayer Breakfast

Hosted by St Paul's, this group meets in the Friends of St. Paul's shop on the first Saturday of each month for a time of Christian fellowship. For the past nine years, this group was known as 'Men's Prayer Breakfast' but steps are now being actively taken to publicise it as 'Prayer Breakfast' as the meetings are open to all. The meetings are relaxed and informal and regularly attract attendees from all other Christian traditions represented locally. It begins at 8:00am with a very simple format: we have a Bible reading, followed by some healthy open-minded debate which varies richly and is never dull, then a time of prayer, and finally some breakfast!

## Churches Together

Members of the five churches of Ansdell and Fairhaven have a monthly meeting at the shop to plan their ecumenical work. Each church takes it in turn to host one of the joint services and the five church leaders are invited to take part within the service. The services include an Advent Service and a service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During Lent, each church hosts a Lenten Lunch, which includes an organ recital at St. Paul's. On Good Friday we meet outside our Fundraising Shop for a short act of outdoor worship followed by a Walk of Witness, which finishes with a service in one of the churches.

On 5th December 2012, on the occasion of the Churches Together Advent Carol Service being held at St Paul's, representatives from each church family signed **The Covenant** as an indication of the journey we are travelling together in God's service within the local community.

(Follow link to see a copy of The Covenant  
<http://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/community.html>)

The five churches involved are St. Joseph's RC, The Well Church (Baptist), The White Church (URC), Fairhaven Methodist Church and ourselves.



## Parish Surgeries

We have two Parish Surgeries, one of which takes place on Tuesday afternoon from 4:30-5:30pm in the shop. It is a time when all are invited to come along to arrange weddings and baptisms, or to discuss any matters of particular concern for them. The second Parish Surgery takes place in the Parish Office between 9:00-9:30am on Wednesday mornings.

## And there's more .....

- We have a **Notice Board** to publicise Parish Activities
- Each month a free **Pews News Extra**, our monthly magazine, is given to each customer
- **Christmas and Easter Cards** are distributed advertising the relevant seasonal services and events
- **Leaflets** are added to shopping bags advertising parish events and activities
- Regular **Donations** are taken for charities such as the Children's Society
- **Raffles** are organised
- A **Fun Day with a Barbecue** was held in July 2015



## Our Young People

### Thursday Worship

This a "Fresh Expressions" service aimed at young families, but welcoming young and old alike. It is between teatime and bedtime and includes songs with musical shakers and actions, story time, fun and craft activities. The service is fun, flexible and interactive. An adult discussion group takes place in a Committee Room during the children's activity session. The majority of materials used come from the Scripture Union Light Live website, for which we have a subscription.



The Thursday Worship is led by a team of three people, which until recently included both the Vicar and his wife. The remaining team member is now seeking extra help from members of the congregation.

It is a thriving group of children and their parents and has gone from strength to strength over the past few years. Recently, it moved from the church to the hall to accommodate the need for more flexible surroundings.

Of the Thursday Service some of our youngsters have this to say:

*"It's fun!"*

*"You get to learn lots about Jesus."*

*"I like helping the young kids with the activities."*

### Girlguiding and Scouting



**Girlguiding**  
4<sup>th</sup> Andsell St. Paul's  
Andsell & Fairhaven

#### Girlguiding at St Paul's

Girlguiding UK is part of Worldwide Movement which enables girls and young women to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society through its distinctive and stimulating programme of activities delivered by trained volunteer leaders. At St Paul's there are flourishing girl

guiding units for Rainbows (5-7 years old), Brownies (7-10 years old) and Guides (10-14 years old).

Whilst the main objective for the girls is to complete their Guiding programme which is encouraged by the PCC, they also help the church from time to time by attending and supporting parish events.



#### Scouting is all about Fun, Challenges and Adventure.

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 5½ to 14 year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities. We have only recently been able to re-introduce Scouting at St. Paul's and

have two active units ~ Beaver Scouts (5½ - 8 years old) and Cub Scouts (8-10½ years old). We hope that a Scout Unit (10½ - 14 years old) will follow shortly.





## *Our Schools*

### **Ansdell Primary School**

(<http://www.ansdellprimary.co.uk/home>)

Ansdell Primary School and the Church have enjoyed a close and mutually supportive relationship for many years. It is a relationship that is cherished by both communities and considered an integral part of what both are seeking to achieve. This close link enables all children and their families to access Christian values, beliefs and acts of worship which provide a positive influence now and in their future lives, within an increasingly secular society. In recent years, our vicar has taken assemblies at the school, approximately once a term; and parties of pupils have visited the Church to study aspects of Christian worship. The school has also used the church for special assemblies and their Carol Service.

Our last three incumbents have been invited to become School Governors.

OFSTED Report ~ Good (<http://www.ansdellprimary.co.uk/school-information/ofsted>)

### **Lytham St. Annes High Technology and Performing Arts College**

<http://www.lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/our-school>

We have had good relations with the High School in the past, which have included the participation of the incumbent in the assemblies, class work with the students taking religious studies, helping with revision and counselling during times of special difficulties for the school. Other links have been through the use of the church by the school for art classes, drama and musical concerts including performances at some of our services. They have regularly used the hall for examinations and drama rehearsals

OFSTED Report ~ Good (<http://www.lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/school-information/ofsted-report>)

### **ArnoldKEQMS Independent School**

<http://www.arnoldkeqms.com/>

Just over our parish boundary is a newly-amalgamated independent school combining three schools - King Edward VII, Queen Mary and Arnold Schools. We have a good relationship with the school and, as with the schools above, parties of pupils have visited the Church to study aspects of Christian architecture and worship. The students were kind enough to share with us the results of their visit.

## *Further Afield*

### **Lytham Club Day and Rose Queen Festival**

One of the traditions of Lytham town is an annual Club Day. Each year one of the local churches elects a Rose Queen to represent the parish. Our last Rose Queen was elected for 2013-14 and it will be a couple of years before we go through the process again.

Lytham Club Day and Rose Queen Festival involves a procession of churches, schools, and local groups and businesses through the town. It is an event in which most locals take part and St Paul's Church has made this procession of witness for many years, proudly carrying our new banner, and although it is several years since we mustered a float for the children, we have yearly fundraising events to enable our more refined folk to travel by horse-drawn landau.



*St. Paul's Rose Queen and Retinue 2013*



## *Mission and Outreach*

Our aim is to raise the awareness and profile of St. Paul's and its relevance to the community, to increase the number of people who attend all the Church services, making everyone feel welcome and in the long term develop the vision of St. Paul's, which is:

"To work in unity to share the Good News of Christ."

We have three specific goals:

1. Developing and growing a warm and welcoming, caring fellowship
2. To develop and enrich our range of services to encourage Christian discipleship
3. To find ways of encouraging people to explore and embrace the Christian faith

## *Charity*

We support many worthy causes and during the past couple of years we have raised a total of approximately £1,000 for the following charities, or provided them with relevant items:

**Bishop's Harvest Appeal;**

**Children's Society;**

**Christian Aid;**

**Donna's Dream House;**

**Face to Face;**

**Friends of Obambo, Kenya;**

**Fylde Foodbank;**

**Girl Guiding Association;**

**Incourage;**

**International Aid Trust;**

**Leprosy Mission;**

**Mission to Seafarers;**

**Nepal earthquake;**

**North West Air Ambulance;**

**RNLI;**

**Trinity Hospice**



*The Church grounds.*



## *The Context for Ministry*

**We are part of the Diocese of Blackburn and share Bishop Julian's Vision 2026:**

“Healthy Churches Transforming Communities”

We desire to make the Good News about Jesus Christ more widely known and we will work together to achieve this by:

- † Making disciples of Jesus Christ
- † Being witnesses to Jesus Christ
- † Growing leaders for Jesus Christ

**We are part of the Kirkham Deanery, for which our shared vision is:**

“Growing in faith and prayer transforming communities in the power of the Holy Spirit”

## *Being a priest at St. Paul's*

**We would like our new priest to be:**

- an inspirational preacher, a spiritual leader with a tradition of central churchmanship.
- a person whose life is based upon Biblical foundations and rooted in prayer
- committed to providing a wide range of service styles to meet the needs of a congregation that ranges from young children, using “Fresh Expressions” styles of worship to the more senior members of the congregation who require the more traditional service such as the Book of Common Prayer
- eager to be involved in the local community, maintaining and developing links between the community and the church;
- willing to undertake home visits; to train and encourage others to do so, including distribution of communion to the housebound.
- passionate about serving God, able to steer us forward as a holy presence within the whole community and work with us to grow God's kingdom.
- able to lead, inspire, gain trust and to work with others.
- able to observe and manage issues developing within the parish, delegating as appropriate.
- computer literate.
- positive and affirming, able to meet deadlines and targets and to be able to communicate with all ages.
- committed to and active within the local Churches Together Covenant, which comprises representatives from the Ansdell and Fairhaven Roman Catholic, United Reformed, Baptist, Methodist and Anglican churches.