

St John with St Philip, Nelson FAMILIES MINISTER Application Pack





St John's Church Centre, Nelson with St Philip's Centre



We are a small church and a centre serving the poor, situated in an ex-mill town in one of the most deprived areas in the country, surrounded by stunning scenery.

The Parish

The parish (population of 17822) is ranked 377 out of 12239 in deprivation, where 1 is the most deprived. The age demographic is younger than average. There is a mixture of housing from urban terraced to a huge council estate to semi-detached, modern estates and some rural housing. 46% of the population are non-white British. Nelson is home to possibly the highest concentration of South Asian Christians in the country. We have two church primary schools, three other community primary schools, a secondary school, a special needs secondary and a college.

St John's Church Centre

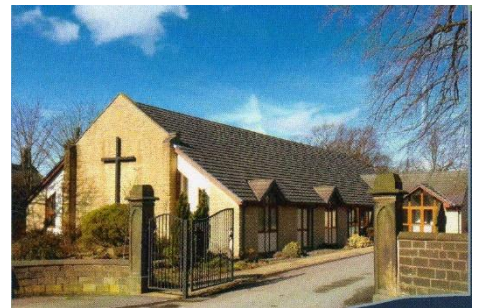
St John's was built in 2000. It's a great space with a large kitchen and a small garden. We are small with a big heart. We have recently started an experimental pattern of varying our worship:

First Sunday: Worship for Everyone (all age)

Second Sunday: International service – celebrating the many nations represented in our congregation; afternoon Messy Church.

Third Sunday: More traditional Common Worship plus Kids Church.

Fourth Sunday: Contemporary Worship; afternoon Asian Service



We have had children and youth work going on for many years. We suffered a significant loss of our families during Covid and are still recovering. We struggle with having enough leaders. We want to expand kids church to three times a month. One of our LLM's runs a carers and toddlers group. We started the current youth group in 2022. We have taken them to DTI (Dreaming the Impossible) summer camp for the last two years.

Our Vision

We have recently done a lot of work on our vision. We feel that our aims are summed up by:

following Jesus together as family

A **welcoming** church where all feel loved, valued and nurtured.

A **worshipping** and praying church which loves Jesus and seeks to honour him.

A **witnessing** church unafraid to speak of Jesus which serves one another and our community in his name.

St Philip's Centre

In 2019 we gained St Philip's Centre and have been developing it ever since as a centre for those on the margins – the addicted, homeless, mentally ill and poor. We run a weekly evening meal followed by a service, a foodbank, clothes bank, café with homelessness and debt help and a recovery course. There are currently some exciting plans for development.

The team

Currently the team consists of:



The Vicar – Rev Lorelli

Lorelli has been Vicar since 2010. She has a passion for reaching the lost, discipleship and nurturing children and young people. She currently runs the youth group which she feels isn't her forte but she does her best and the group is growing. When not working she loves spending time with friends, walking, cycling and travelling.

LLM - Lesley

Lesley shares in the preaching and leading services ministry, is part of the Messy Church team and also heads up Sticky Fingers carers and toddlers group. She has a passion for small people and seeing people come to faith.

LLM (Church Army Evangelist) – Andrea

Andrea has a passion for being 'feet on the streets' reaching those on the margins. She volunteers mostly at St Philip's but currently heads up Kids Church until we expand our team. She also co-leads the youth group.

Homelessness Advisor – Dave

Dave works one day a week at St Philip's, leads a Light Group and helps us to laugh at ourselves.

Church Warden – Julie

Julie loves organising. We are praying we can find another warden. Lack of skills and confidence is one of the problems of our area. Julie also sorts out the Messy Church crafts alongside her daughter.

Church Administrator (12 hours a week) – Yvonne

Yvonne keeps us in order. She also is a talented actor and director.

Families Minister

Our PCC has been committed to ministry amongst children and young people for many years. We want to build this up again and raise up new leaders, starting with the parents. We don't want the post holder to do everything. We want them primarily to gather more families into our church family, help them grow in faith and raise up more leaders. We are open to new initiatives. We are praying and excited for what God will do next.

Closing date: midnight 1st Dec

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