

Thank you for looking at the profile for the parish of Nunthorpe, and for taking the time and trouble to consider whether you may be called to explore whether this is the next post where you will serve God and his people.

Nunthorpe is an established residential community to the south of Middlesbrough. The parish lies partly within the borough of Middlesbrough and partly within Redcar & Cleveland.

It is unfortunate, and in no way attributable to the parish or its people, that the last few years have not seen a stable period of incumbency. We hope that the future holds better prospects. There are certainly opportunities for growth and new ventures in mission.

The parish of Nunthorpe has a stimulating combination of styles. Going with the grain of the parish church building means devising and leading worship within a disciplined structure — it is expected that authorized forms of service will be used, and that the priest will wear alb and chasuble at the Eucharist — though the presentation of worship in this intimate setting has to be friendly and accessible. Worship in the Hall can be freer in its pattern and manner. Please read the notes written by the Revd Paul Peverell at the end of the profile carefully: Paul is vicar of the adjacent parish and has been interim Priest-in-Charge of Nunthorpe during 2017. I would emphasise his remark that occasional offices are an important part of the mission of the parish, and it is essential that the appointee should embrace this element positively and openly.

New residential building is a feature of Nunthorpe and its surrounding area, and there may be future consideration whether the historic boundaries of the parish should be adjusted in order to incorporate the new housing that identifies with Nunthorpe as a community.

The people of Nunthorpe are willing, good-hearted and capable. They need a priest who will love and guide them, restore confidence, and help them plan for the future. This comes with prayers as you discern whether to be considered for this post.

✂Paul Whitby

Note

Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS.

In order to enable the creation of an Interim Priest-in-Charge post, the presentation to the living has been Suspended. It is intended that the suspension will be lifted, and the Archbishop's patronage restored, as soon as possible. This will be discussed with the prospective appointee.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Mandy Robinson, the Bishop of Whitby's PA, mandy.robinson@yorkdiocese.org, using the Church of England's standard application form. In case of query telephone 01642 593273. Closing date for applications: 1200 on Monday 20th November 2017. Interview date: Wednesday 6th December 2017