



**Parish of
Malborough,
Salcombe and
South Huish**

The Seaside Parish

Profile 2026



FOREWORD

From the Archdeacon of Totnes, The Ven. Douglas Dettmer



Thank you for your interest in the appointment to the Seaside Parish in the delightful South Hams of Devon. A single-parish, single-PCC benefice with a clear vision, able ministry team and strong administrative support, the parish and its churches are keen to explore the next stage of their mission and ministry with a new parish priest. There is a tradition of well-ordered worship and a clear ethos of self-giving service to the wider community and the area's many visitors. Of the qualities the local churches are seeking their new parish priest, what stands out for me is their hope that he or she will be 'full of prayerfulness, spiritual depth and a sense of mission'.

The **Right Revd Dr Mike Harrison** became **Bishop of Exeter** in November 2024 and since his arrival has continued to develop our diocesan vision for mission and ministry. Bishop Mike says: "The Diocese of Exeter's vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy has evolved over the last five years, with a widespread post-pandemic listening consultation leading to the development of the '[Next Steps](#)' strategy to support mission communities to flourish and be sustainable for generations to come. It's a vision that fits with Jesus' commission in Matthew 28.16-20, which is authoritative for me and I'm sure for many.



"Putting flesh on the bones of the vision, I would like to articulate five particular priorities for this next season of our life together. First, **Missional Leadership**: equipping and resourcing the ordained and lay leaders of our Christian communities as best as we can to develop disciples and make new disciples. Second, developing a "**Missional DNA**" across our Christian communities, encouraging outward-looking, invitational churches, hospitable to outsiders and engaged with their wider communities. Third, cultivating an intentional **Vocational Culture** so that we are not asking *whether* God is calling me / us, but '*To what* is God calling me / us now?' Fourth, **Children & Young People** being placed at the heart of our life, mission and ministry. And fifth, a **Mixed Ecology**: understanding that we need different ways of doing and being Church. Alongside time-honoured Church we need all sorts of Christian communities which can engage with the 95% of our population who are as yet unengaged. I hope that these five priorities will become embedded at every level of our ministry going forward."



Further information about our Diocesan Vision can be found at:
<https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/vision-strategy/>



Deanery & Diocese

The parish forms part of a largely rural deanery centred on the flourishing market town of Kingsbridge, on the outstandingly beautiful South Devon coast and the Salcombe-Kingsbridge Estuary. The A38 dual carriageway and the mainline railway station at Totnes offer good links to the rest of Devon and beyond. Socioeconomically, there is a particularly wide range among local residents from considerable wealth to often hidden deprivation.

The Priest in Charge will serve on a 0.5 FTE basis with the strong and warm support of the Rural Dean, the Revd Jax Tilbury, and friendly colleagues in the deanery chapter.

In the diocese of Exeter we aim to be a diverse and truly representative diocesan community and particularly welcome applications from women and from people of global majority heritage. This diocese is a good place to be in ministry, and it is a particularly exciting time of growth and development in our diocesan life. May God bless you as you continue to discern whether you might be called to a ministry in this parish; do be in touch with me directly if you would value a conversation about the post.

With my best wishes,

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Parish Profile

**The Seaside Parish of Malborough, Salcombe, and South Huish
*St Peter's and All Saints, Malborough • Holy Trinity, Salcombe •
Holy Trinity, Galmpton • St Clement's, Hope Cove***



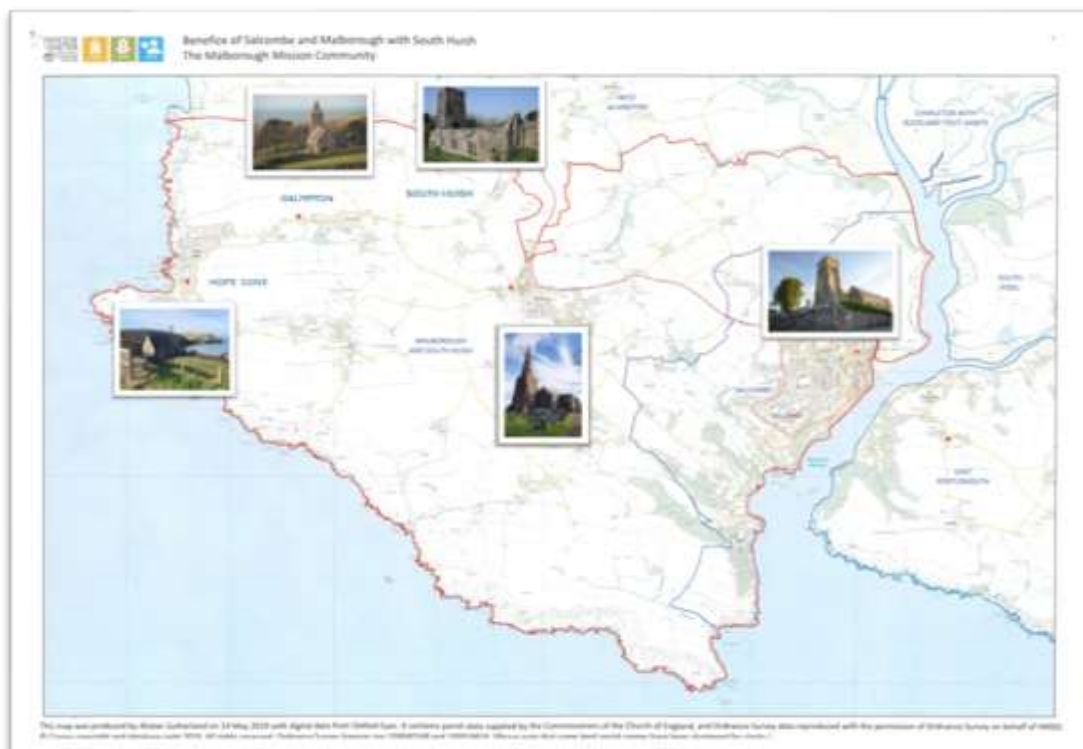
1. Welcome

Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity to lead a group of active churches in South Devon, set within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and surrounded by a stunning coastline and glorious countryside. Our parish lies at the most southerly point of the South Hams in Devon. Sea, estuary, coastline and countryside shape daily life and ministry here, drawing residents and visitors alike and offering a powerful setting for our mission.

The parish is served by four distinctive churches, each with its own character, pattern of worship and community connections: St Peter's and All Saints, Malborough; Holy Trinity, Salcombe; Holy Trinity, Galmpton; and St Clement's, Hope Cove.

Additionally, St Peter's Foundation is based in a community house in Malborough, for young people to explore their vocations for ministry under the CofE Ministry Experience Scheme.

Together the churches provide a rich variety of settings for worship, prayer, pastoral care and hospitality and a visible Christian presence across the area, from village life to harbour and coastline.



2. Our Vision

The 'One Ark' initiative came to fruition in 2021 when our four churches were united into a single parish. This brought together our resources, ministries and shared purpose to strengthen mission and service to the wider community. Governance has been simplified through the creation of a single Parochial Church Council, combining the former PCCs and the South Huish District Church Council. Administrative processes continue to be reviewed and streamlined so that energy and resources can be directed towards pastoral care and growing mission.

Our mission is to share God's love and grace across the benefice, making that love visible through worship, fellowship and service. We seek to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, deepen community life and create a church where people of every age can encounter Christ, belong and be equipped to serve with compassion and hope. Our aim is to support and nurture discipleship, enabling people to grow in faith.

We value a breadth of worship and church activity that connects with different ages, backgrounds and traditions, sustained by an active and prayerful spiritual life. Within the parish we seek to release gifts, encourage participation and welcome new ideas while maintaining faithful stewardship and strong safeguarding practice. We aspire to remain firmly rooted at the heart of our communities, building partnerships, responding to local needs and helping people encounter God in everyday life.

Communication is central to maintaining unity across our rural parish. Parish life is supported through regular church office emails, church newsletters, our monthly parish magazine *The Three in One*, an active website and a Facebook presence.

3. Our Priest in Charge – who are we looking for?

Parish Voice

We invited members of the congregations across the Seaside Parish to reflect prayerfully on what top three qualities they would most hope to see in our new priest. The responses we received were thoughtful, honest, at times surprising, and together they give a clear sense of the heart of our community.

We are looking for a priest who:

- Is full of prayerfulness, spiritual depth and a sense of mission
- Can teach a Christian faith that connects with everyday life
- Is approachable, compassionate and one who can offer and support pastoral care across all ages
- Builds relationships with the community, including local groups and businesses and is visible and involved in daily life
- Understands both the rural nature of the parish and the seasonal rhythm of visitors
- Can engage with children, families and young people
- Can lead and encourage volunteers

Alongside this, there is an awareness of the **practical realities of parish life**, the need for adaptability, collaboration, and a willingness to engage with new ways of communicating, including the use of IT and social media.

4. Mission Action Plan 2025

When our churches unified as the single Seaside Parish in 2021, the importance of mission was highlighted in the Terms of Reference of the new PCC. Our community survey in 2025 identified our priorities for mission. We hope for leadership and guidance from our new priest in these areas:

- Growth in prayer
- Deepening of our discipleship
- Engagement with children, young people and families
- Pastoral care
- Service and outreach to our four communities
- Creation of partnerships
- Oversight of St Peter's Foundation
- Creation care and use of buildings
- Social justice/charitable giving

Please follow the link for more detailed information: <https://www.theseasideparish.co.uk>

5. Ministry, Leadership and Governance

The parish benefits from a strong and collaborative ministry team, including three retired clergy and a licensed lay minister who will be ordained Deacon in June 2026. Many committed volunteers serve as readers, intercessors, sides people, sacristans, musicians, flower arrangers, cleaners, choir members and bell ringers, and the editor and distributors of the parish magazine. Together they bring extensive experience of rural ministry and sustain worship across the churches, including major festivals and parish events.

The PCC employs a part-time Parish Administrator/Personal Assistant to the Priest (22 hours pw) and a part-time Finance Administrator (up to 18 hours pw). The Office in Holy Trinity Church Salcombe is open Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 2/3pm, (core hours 10am -2pm).

We maintain a regular pattern of services and an active programme of shared activities e.g. Christmas Tree Festival, summer fete, musical events, and joint bellringing and choir practices. The parish is well organised, supported by the church office, an active PCC and dedicated churchwardens.



We are committed to responsible stewardship and financial transparency. The PCC regularly reviews budgets and works to meet the parish share while sustaining ministry and mission. Parish income is drawn from planned giving, collections, fees, fundraising, church activities and grants. Alongside parish finances, the Holy Trinity Church Salcombe Conservation Trust raises funds to support Holy Trinity Church Salcombe and its churchyard, while in Malborough the Feoffee funds invested through the Church Lands Charity support the care of St Peter's and All Saints and its graveyard. At Galmpton the Kathleen Adams Trust supports the maintenance of the fabric of Holy Trinity Church Galmpton. The Friends of St Clement's supports the maintenance of the building. Salcombe, Malborough and Galmpton churches hold annual Parish Giving days.

Safeguarding is central to parish life. We follow the House of Bishops' policy *Making a Safer Church* and comply fully with Church of England, diocesan and statutory guidance. Safeguarding practice is supported by clear procedures, regular training, appropriate DBS checks and committed leadership from our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

6. Worship and Prayer

Weekly Sunday worship takes place across all four churches, combining traditional robed ministry with more contemporary expressions of worship. Services normally start at 10 am and centre on Holy Communion with hymns, readings, preaching and prayer. Services of the Word and All Parish Services also form part of the regular pattern. Our aim is to draw together the richness of traditional liturgy and the accessibility of modern worship.



Bible study groups meet regularly, providing welcoming opportunities for people of all ages and stages of faith to explore Scripture together, including *Christianity Explained*, in an atmosphere of openness and mutual encouragement. Prayer underpins all we do, and an active prayer group meets weekly, rotating between churches and remaining connected through a shared WhatsApp group for intercessions and pastoral support.

Lent courses and group teaching provide further opportunities for reflection during the church year.

7. Our Community

The parish serves a coastal and rural community shaped by seasonal rhythms. Holiday periods bring energy and activity, while quieter months reveal more clearly the pastoral needs of permanent residents. Housing includes long-established family homes, social housing, new developments and a significant number of holiday properties, especially in Salcombe, Hope Cove and South Huish. Employment reflects the coastal setting, with farming, fishing, tourism, hospitality, small businesses, commuting and maritime work all playing important roles.



Hospitality and welcome lie at the heart of parish life. Dedicated welcome teams, clear visitor information and refreshments after services help residents, newcomers and visitors feel at home. The parish enjoys positive relationships with town councils and civic organisations, and the church plays an active role in remembrance services, civic occasions, celebrations, commemorations and in times of local need, for example, church members were very active in ensuring help got to the most vulnerable when the gas supply was cut off for 3 days in a very cold spell.

Seasonal outreach forms an important part of ministry, including an Easter Sunday Dawn service on the beach, summer services for visitors, carol services and the Christmas Tree Festival. Baptisms, weddings and funerals remain central expressions of pastoral care, offering moments of connection with families and opportunities to share God's love with the wider community.



We seek to encourage lay ministry and to identify, train and encourage volunteers in pastoral care and worship leadership. Music and creativity enrich parish life through the Salcombe Community Gospel Choir, handbell ringing in Malborough, active bell-ringing teams across the churches and collaborative parish choirs. Practical community support is also offered when needed.

8. Strengths and Challenges

Although rural and relatively small in population, the parish offers significant opportunities for growth and renewal. We hope to grow new expressions of church alongside our valued traditional worship, particularly engaging families, younger generations, newcomers and seasonal visitors. We want children and families to experience church as a place of genuine belonging, strengthening links with local schools and creating welcoming pathways into faith.

Since 2022 the parish has benefited from partnership with Youth for Christ Kingsbridge, supporting young people as they explore faith and community. We are keen to deepen this relationship and expand work with both Church of England primary schools through regular clergy presence, family-friendly worship and pastoral support.

A key priority is developing shared ministry by recruiting, training and supporting lay leaders and creating clear discipleship pathways from first contact through to deeper involvement. We seek strong partnerships with local organisations to address loneliness, isolation and hidden hardship while improving communication across the parish so that our story is shared more effectively.

Our context offers both opportunity and challenge. A steady flow of visitors creates possibilities for seasonal mission, while sustaining volunteer energy year-round and caring responsibly for historic buildings require thoughtful leadership.

Strengths:

- A warm and welcoming culture
- Strong supporting ministry team, comprising 3 retired priests and a licensed lay minister in training for Ordained Local Ministry
- A Parish Office with a part time (22 hours pw) Parish Administrator/PA to the Priest and a part time Finance Administrator (up to 18 hours pw)
- A single PCC with representatives from all 3 church communities
- St Peter's Foundation
- Strong civic, community and Service connections with Town and Parish Councils, RNLI, Armed Services
- Flexible facilities supporting varied ministry
- Faithful volunteer support
- Significant seasonal opportunities for outreach
- Supporting relationships with primary schools and Youth for Christ
- Strong relationships with the Kingsbridge area churches, both Anglican and other denominations, including "Churches Gathering".
- Support for and involvement in local Christian events, ecumenical services and fellowship
- Volunteer and financial support for the Kingsbridge Food Bank, and Food Share in Salcombe and Malborough.

Challenges:

- Engaging younger generations
- Growing teams to support pastoral care for resident population
- Supporting senior members of congregations
- Supporting and growing our volunteers
- Navigating seasonal population fluctuations
- Maintaining historic buildings sustainably
- Improving communication across the parish

We seek a priest able to lead sensitively in worship, who relates easily across generations and traditions, and encourages confidence and outward-looking faith within our congregations.

9. Internships: St Peter's Foundation

The parish has hosted a ministry and theology internship through the St Peter's Foundation, inspired by a contemporary interpretation of the Rule of St Benedict, emphasising community living, shared learning and spiritual growth. Up to now it has been the only such scheme in the Diocese of Exeter.

The Foundation owns a property in Malborough which has enabled up to three young adults (aged 18-30) to explore their vocation for a year and to deepen theological understanding and gain practical experience of parish ministry under the national CofE Ministry Experience Scheme (MES). Founded by the previous incumbent in 2016, it has offered an experience from which 2 young people have been ordained as priests, 1 ordained as deacon, 1 as a missionary and worship leader, 2 are in the discernment process for the priesthood, and 1 in lay reader training.



There has been a close working relationship between the parish and the Foundation, both falling under the oversight of the parish priest. The last incumbent was chaplain to St Peter's and in that capacity was integral to the scheme in selecting suitable candidates and in supervising, guiding, and introducing the interns to the parish churches and local communities. However, this ministry could be covered by someone in a supporting role rather than by the Priest in Charge.

The interns, who up to now have attended St Mellitus College, Plymouth for the audit course (Foundational Theological Practice and Biblical Studies) one day a week, have acted as a bridge for the mission of our churches, especially in our outreach to children, young people, the lonely or housebound. The chaplain is closely supported by the Foundation Trustees, the PCC and the ministry team.

As one intern said, *“Going from St Peter’s to theological college gave me a great start. In some ways, because I had preached, led services and provided pastoral care, I felt more prepared for training than my peers who had not had this experience. As an intern, I tried myself as a verger, server, bell ringer, choir singer, a volunteer at the Food Bank, and all of it was invaluable on my journey to ordination. It helped me to understand the needs of my local community, build connections with the parishioners and learn attentively from my supervisors. I would not have had the same level of confidence if I went to theological college straight away”*.

The Foundation has not been able to run the scheme for a few years, but the Trustees are now in a financial position to advertise for interns again.

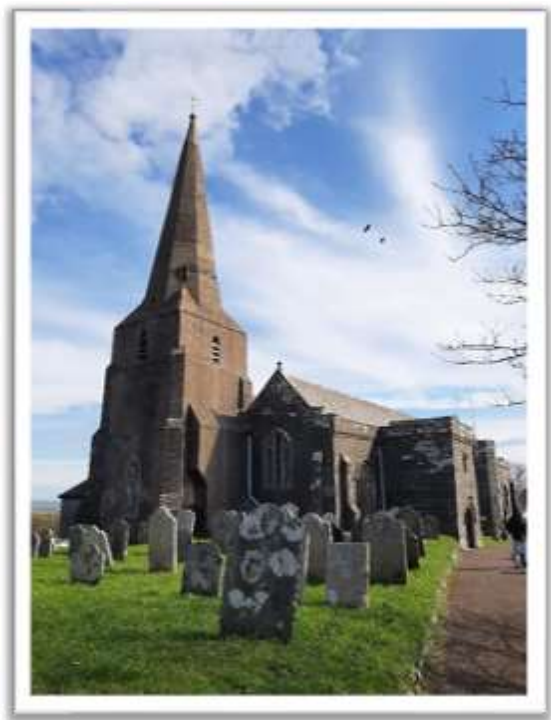
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10. Our Churches

ST PETER & ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MALBOROUGH

The village of Malborough is situated between the market town of Kingsbridge and the harbour town of Salcombe and is on the road to Galmpton and Hope Cove, with easy access to the beautiful Southwest Coast Path and surrounding countryside. With a population of just over one thousand, there is a lively, friendly year-round community, with relatively few holiday and second homes. The village school is close to the church and there is also a Baptist Church in the village. The church has close links with many of the community groups, and we enjoy joint ventures, and activities, for example, the “Scarecrow Trail” in aid of the Malborough Bell Fund.

The church is a large, imposing, Grade 1 listed building on a hilltop, which dominates the area and is known as the ‘Cathedral of the South Hams.’ It is surrounded by a well-tended, but closed, graveyard, and has a public footpath which follows the main church path east to west. The church is close to the village school and at the centre of the village – right at the heart of the community.



The earliest parts of the building date from the 10th century, with considerable rebuilding in the 15th century, then a restoration in 1870. The interior is a fine, light-filled space.



Recent improvements have included the provision of a large open-plan kitchen and serving counter, a gallery with choir vestry beneath it, which provides a space for small groups to meet, and toilets (including accessible). Disabled access is facilitated through the North Door. Some pews were removed to create a large space for catering and socialising.

A service of Holy Communion is held on most Sundays. The average attendance is around 30-35, with an average age above 60. Our regular Wednesday morning services, which can be either Holy Communion or lay-led, are more reflective. The church is open daily, providing a quiet space for prayer and reflection. Prayers can be left in our Prayer Box. The children's area is popular with local children and visitors.

Whilst maintaining some of our historic traditions, such as our Advent Service of Light, and Remembrance Sunday (when we are joined by the Baptist Church,) we have also introduced annual events such as a Mother's Day Breakfast, and a 'Follow the Star' community carol singing at Christmas, when we are welcomed in to the local pubs and guest house.

Village and Community

We have strong links with the Malborough & South Huish Primary School. The whole school attends a monthly service in the church and celebrate key events such as Harvest. The church community provides valued support to the school. Pupils enjoy visiting the church and the opportunity to give back to the community through activities such as helping with the church clean, the Lent Soup Lunches and reading to parishioners. We have set up a prayer corner for the children, who know that this is a place in which they can spend some quiet time.

Our church family is very supportive, contributing greatly to the life of the church. Volunteers assist with services and events both within the church and the community, and with pastoral care for any members of our church who are housebound.

Our ethos is 'Bring the church to the people and the people to the church.'

To this end we have an Art Group and a team of handbell ringers (the largest in the South Hams) who meet weekly in the church, as well as a 'Green Team' who regularly help with churchyard maintenance, volunteer cleaners and flower arrangers. All these involve both members of the church and of the wider community.



Visitors and villagers alike benefit from the information boards on the history of the village and from the heritage area in the church, the latter of which particularly recognizes the contribution of the village towards the war effort in both World Wars.

As an environmentally aware congregation, our 'Green Team' has been involved in regular working parties to manage the churchyard to achieve a balance between biodiversity and access.

As one community member recently volunteered: *"I am not religious at all, but I love coming to this church, it has a lovely community feel and I like to support the events."*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SALCOMBE

Holy Trinity Church stands at the heart of Salcombe, a lively harbour town in South Devon. Built in the Victorian era, it is a welcoming church known for its warm fellowship and generous, inclusive tradition. The church is open daily from 9am, with the Lady Chapel providing a quiet space for private prayer. Visitors are welcomed throughout the year.



Sunday worship centres largely on Holy Communion, with a blend of modern and traditional forms of worship. The ministry team consciously embraces a generous Anglican identity that is both catholic and evangelical in spirit.

The church was designed in a restrained Early English Gothic style. It contains many interesting artefacts, including a slate plaque commemorating the 13 lifeboat men who lost their lives in the Salcombe lifeboat disaster in 1916, and a memorial honouring American servicemen from the US navy base who were stationed in Salcombe during the second world war, sailed from Salcombe for the D Day landings in Normandy, but did not return.

The building was reordered in 2009 to create a flexible and beautiful contemporary interior while preserving its historic character. Today it continues to surprise and inspire visitors. The church is widely used for community events, concerts, fairs and civic services.

Reflections from the church congregation: *“What struck me most when I walked through the door of the church was the warmth, friendliness and genuine welcome that greeted me.”*

“This is a church community that really cares about each other. We love it here and feel like we belong to the church family.”

And from the visitors’ book: *“Thank you for the peace and prayerfulness of such a well-kept church”*

The Church office is known as a welcoming place and local people often come to share their worries and concerns. Sometimes a listening ear is all that is needed but if more difficult problems are raised, people can be signposted to appropriate local agencies.

Town and Community

Salcombe has a permanent population of approximately 1,800 residents. The town experiences significant seasonal change, with visitor numbers increasing substantially during holiday months due to tourism and second-home ownership.

The resident population is older than the national average, with a high proportion of retired people and fewer young families living year-round. High property prices mean many local workers commute from surrounding villages.

The local economy centres on tourism, hospitality, marine activity and small independent businesses. Summer brings energy and large visitor numbers; winter is quieter and more community focused. This rhythm creates both opportunities and challenges for ministry, pastoral care and outreach.



Regular Sunday attendance is around 50, with an average age above 60, though there are notable exceptions, especially during school holidays at Easter and Christmas, when numbers increase significantly. Several hundred attend services when many visitors and second-home owners are in Salcombe. Many join worship during their stay, including visiting bell ringers and musicians. The culture of the town is welcoming and outward-facing, and this is reflected in the church's atmosphere.



Holy Trinity is also popular for weddings and baptisms. Particularly distinctive are adult and older child baptisms held on North Sands beach during the Easter Sunday Dawn service.

The church maintains strong civic relationships. Civic services are well attended by town representatives, including the annual Remembrance Service held at the war memorial. The annual Sea Sunday Service reflects our strong links with the RNLI and the local maritime community. Regatta week is a highlight and concludes with an outdoor service by the water.

Good working relationships are being developed with the Town's Green Team and the Town Ranger, with the aim of supporting the care of the church's graveyard and encouraging wildflower planting.

Facilities and Maintenance

The 2009 reordering created flexible worship space along with improved facilities, including:

- A small office for the use of the Vicar
- An upper meeting room with sofas, kitchenette and television. This space is well used for Bible study groups, prayer groups, PCC meetings, the Standing Committee and bell ringers' gatherings. It can be used for small gatherings and is also a community asset with a dedicated toddlers' area
- A downstairs kitchen
- Two accessible lavatories, one with baby changing facilities

There is a small car park and disabled access to the building.

Following the 2023 quinquennial inspection, works are planned to include repointing stonework and coping stones, rebuilding parts of the chancel and chapel gable, and removing spalling render. We are working with the Holy Trinity Church Salcombe Conservation Trust to fund these works.

Community Outreach

The church places high priority on strengthening its relationship with the local school. Good links exist through regular visits and church-led lessons. Our ordinand in training will resume weekly assemblies after her ordination. The school holds Harvest and end of term Christmas and Easter services in Holy Trinity Church, and the pupils have participated in services held to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-day landings and VE 80 Day, important days in the town's history.



For the wider community, a much-loved Christingle Service is held each Christmas Eve, when the church is traditionally packed with local families. The same joyful atmosphere returns on Easter Sunday, when children take part in an Easter egg hunt inside the church.

In support of Youth for Christ two members of the parish regularly assist in delivering the weekly Ethos programme at Salcombe Primary School during the lunch break where Bible stories are shared through art and drama activities.

The church is also home to the Salcombe Community Gospel Choir, which rehearses weekly during term time and brings together around 50 members, including many from the wider community who are not regular churchgoers. The choir enriches special services, including weddings and civic occasions. The Larks are a small singing group, who have performed in the churches at weddings and for fundraising concerts.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GALMPTON, ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, HOPE COVE AND ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SOUTH HUISH

Holy Trinity Church, in the village of Galmpton, was consecrated in 1869. St Clement's Church, perched on the cliff at Hope Cove overlooking Bigbury Bay, is a 'Chapel of Ease' licensed in 1861. Both Victorian buildings were built in the Early English Gothic style.

The ruined, medieval St Andrew's Church, South Huish dates from the thirteenth century when South Huish was the largest hamlet in the parish. The building fell into disrepair in the nineteenth century and Friends of Friendless Churches have looked after the site since 1976.



The Parish of South Huish comprises Inner and Outer Hope, Galmpton and South Huish as a coastal community, and lies at the centre of the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is part of the South Devon Coastal Preservation Area and Heritage Coast. This community has been forged through farming and links with the sea stretching back to prehistoric times. Over time the parish economy has diversified and is now dominated by tourism, holiday and second homes.

Villages and Community

Residents live predominantly in three distinct areas: Hope Cove, Galmpton, and South Huish valley. A significant proportion of homes are second homes or holiday lets. The demographic favours the retired - 40% of the permanent residents of the parish are over 65 – one of the highest recorded levels in England. Access to facilities and transport are limited as surgeries, shops and schools are all outside the villages.

There are some families with children who attend Malborough with South Huish Church of England Primary School and Kingsbridge Community College.

Church Buildings and Maintenance

Holy Trinity Church, Galmpton was reordered in 2010 when a kitchen was added in the vestry. There is disabled access via a ramp, and an outside toilet and a dedicated parking area in the churchyard. Some repairs are ongoing, for example to the west door.

At Hope Cove, St Clement's Church is built on a steep hill, so disabled access via the steps to the entrance is not possible. There are no facilities or dedicated parking, so cars are parked nearby. A connection to a water supply is being planned.



Church Services

On the first Sunday of the month an informal Family Service is held in St Clement's with a congregation of about 30 (there are seats for 40). However, the enduring attraction of Hope Cove as a holiday destination can produce an overflowing congregation for Midnight Mass at Christmas, Easter and in the summer. During the very popular Hope Cove Bank Holiday Weekend in August there is an outdoor service held jointly with the Methodist Chapel (situated in Inner Hope). St Clement's is a popular choice for small weddings.

At Holy Trinity, Glampton, there are Communion services two or three times a month. Typical attendance is about 20-25. The musical style is a mixture of hymns and contemporary worship songs. The congregations of both these churches are growing with some members attending Lent Courses and Bible Studies.

On the first Sunday in August an annual Communion service is held in the ruins of St Andrew's South Huish, as this is still consecrated ground. The service is followed by refreshments and advertised by the Friends of Friendless Churches.



Community Activities

"I choose to drive all this way because of the people. It feels like home," commented a member of the congregation.



Mainly retired, the congregation has many helpful volunteers preparing for services or catering (for example, bring and share meals when friends are invited). These volunteers help in the community with the independent Hope Cove Lifeboat, the Friends of Hope Cove Harbour or the former Fishermen's Reading Room.



11. Transport

A local bus service links Malborough, Galmpton and Hope Cove to Kingsbridge 3 times a day. There is an hourly service that links Salcombe, Malborough and Kingsbridge seven days a week to Totnes and its mainline (GWR) station.

12. Accommodation

The Vicarage in Malborough is:

- A purpose built detached, single-storey home, situated just a very short walk from St Peter's and All Saints Church, with views over the surrounding fields and countryside
- Comfortable and accessible
- Four bedrooms
- A garage, and ample parking
- Level access throughout
- A separate study and WC is located apart from the main family living space which provides a practical area for work and ministry
- A good sized, pleasant south facing garden with a patio area, backing onto farmland





The property offers a welcoming and manageable setting for both family life and parish responsibilities.

We look forward to welcoming and supporting our new Priest in charge in working towards bringing the light of Christ into our communities.