

Elvington Holy Trinity Church - Parish Profile

The parish of Elvington is a wonderful place to live, work and serve. We invite you to join us in our vision of serving *God, our village and the wider world.*

Worship and Activities

We welcome all to worship at Elvington. Our mixed services vary from formal communion services, through to family services and informal worship groups. Different types of service appeal to different ages and aspects of our community, and there is respect and support for the mix of worship styles that use the building in flexible ways such as using media/IT, sound system, pipe organ and piano.

The church is widely regarded within the village as a central and necessary part of their village, even though many are not regular attendees at church. *Community links* are an important aspect of our

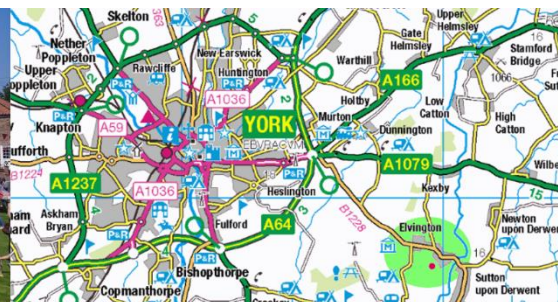
Mission Statement

Elvington church shares God's love in our community by being central in the life of the village, serving the community at all times, good & bad, caring & praying & being a family where everyone can come together. In our worship & personal discipleship we feed on God's love so we can show his love in our neighbourhood & in the wider world. Nurturing our relationship with him, we encourage others to enter that relationship.

vision and church members maintain good connections with local organisations including the school, Scouts, Sports Club, Village Hall, Senior Citizens group and sewing group.

Other events are held within the church, village & wider afield. For example, a monthly "Drop In" coffee morning brings local residents in for a catch up & chat. It's often attended by half a dozen children from the primary school who come along to help, natter with the 'grown ups' & enjoy some delicious homemade cake! It is a good bond between young and slightly older!

The annual Church Fête, regular village auction, remembrance parade and operating St Crux (a pavement cafe in York) all draw locals and a wider circle of people into the church community.



While some of these events help to raise funds for the work of the church, they are primarily enjoyable village community events that bring the village together, they are precious times and part of our discipleship.

The PCC is currently 5 dedicated members, meeting about 6 times a year and is well supported by other church members. For more information about current activities see <http://www.elvington-church.org.uk>.

Holy Trinity Church Building

The present church building has been in situ since 1877, although there is evidence in the Domesday Book of an original church. It's in a reasonably sound condition (quinquennial inspection May 2017), although some work on the porch area is needed.

There is an area at the back of church, which is used for tea, coffee & chat after services & small meeting, etc. This is where the regular Drop In coffee morning takes place, too.

A great addition to the facilities was an Eco-toilet in 2018, situated in a small building outside of the church building itself. A wonderful asset at larger services & for busy clergy!

There are links with the local Air Museum, especially the 77th Squadron, who flew out of Elvington during the Second World War. A stained-glass window is dedicated to the 77th Squadron & special service is held in church biennially.

Get to know our Church

We are a friendly, welcoming and faithful congregation, joyfully serving our village. Sometimes we can be small in number, sometimes the building overflows! We are young and old, we are traditional and modern, we are all individual people on our journeys of faith.

The Church has four bells, which although originally hung for full-circle ringing can only practically be rung by the Ellacombe chime due to the size and state of the tower.

The churchyard is well maintained, with a small area kept as meadowland with a "bug house". It benefits from regular mowing, visits from the Community Payback Scheme, work by teenagers on the

Duke of Edinburgh scheme & "churchyard tidy" days.



School and Youth

Elvington Church of England Primary School has 140 pupils, mainly from the village. The school maintained its 'Good' status at the latest Ofsted report in 2018 and 'Outstanding' for its last SIAMs inspection.

The clergy regularly take assembly within school and the whole school attends church 4 times a year - Harvest, Christmas, Easter & a leavers service. The PCC are kept informed of school activities by its representation on the board of governors.

There have been many children's activities over the years including "Tots-praise" and "Vision-on", which was an active Sunday school that took a generation of children through to their teens. Sadly, these have recently stopped, but the process of reinstating a new church led club in school is underway, linking this with family services with the aim of encouraging more young families to church and attracting children and young people to become actively involved.



Finances

The Church is in a sound financial situation with regular income and moderate expenses. The Church building is in generally good condition, with no major expenses planned except a repair to the floor of the porch (funds are available to cover this). The PCC is also trustee of funds for the maintenance of one of our Graves in the Churchyard.

Elvington village

Elvington has a population of about 1300 inhabitants, it is a medium-sized village 6 miles south-east of York, ideally located between York and the Yorkshire Wolds. With convenient countryside walks, nearby and along the river Derwent, good local schools and a short drive to York, it's a popular base for commuting to York and Leeds.

At the historic centre of the village is a popular village green (with a "Wesley" pulpit), the church, village hall, many older houses, a pub, shop and other small businesses. Newer small estates have been built from the 1960's onwards giving a mix of mainly owner-occupied properties with a varied population of young families through to the retired.

Further from the centre are the Church of England Primary school, Under 5's building, Scout HQ, a well-equipped medical centre with pharmacy, sports club and grounds and a significant range of light industries are situated on small industrial estates, one being part of the famous Elvington airfield on the edge of the village, which held the 77 Squadron during WWII and is the focus of the annual remembrance parade. Nearby, the 'York Maze' and microbrewery are popular tourist attractions.



Good road networks provide easy access and make it a popular village to settle in. The village hosts a variety of clubs and societies reflecting the needs of the parish well.

The Yorkshire Air Museum, housed at the airfield and the base of 77 Squadron during WWII offers a fascinating living history experience. The Sports and Social Club, Book Club, Needlework Group, W.I., Keep Fit, Senior Citizens group, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Brownies offer something for most age groups. Fundraising social events run by all organizations add to the colourful life of the village.

The Parish Council meets monthly and strives to maintain the life of the village. Good links are maintained by the Church with all local organizations. There is a village website www.elvington-york.co.uk

