



St Mary's Church, Redbourn

Parish Profile



Welcome to our parish

Thank you for considering St Mary's, Redbourn as a place where God may be calling you to serve in the next stage of your ministry.

We hope that in the pages of this Parish Profile you will discover what underpins the life of our church and our village, and how God provides so generously in all we do.



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PARISH PROFILE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, REDBOURN



Identity & Vision



About St Mary's

THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

- An energetic place where church and community work well together to provide for the social and spiritual needs of everyone
- Strong lay-leadership (and the benefit of experienced retired clergy) who look forward to sharing and growing under the leadership of the vicar
- A faithful, loyal body of hard-working people who want to see the church and its mission flourish





The Church Building

12TH-15TH CENTURY GRADE 1 LISTED

A medium-sized building that is kept open every day. It has a seating capacity of 200-220.

GOOD CONDITION

Considering its age, the building is in good condition. Quinquennial Inspections generally recommend between £20k and £60k of work to be carried out.

TRANSEPT HALL

Opened in 1989, this consists of a medium-sized hall seating up to 50 people, kitchen and toilets, choir vestry, and an upper room seating up to 20 people.



A Building for All

Our vision for the church building is that we share a partnership with it – both contribute to the mission of the Church in Redbourn.

As we seek to offer friendship, hospitality and refuge to all, so the building joins in that mission: we are keen that the building realise its potential for welcoming flexibility and openness, without losing its precious heritage.

ECO CHURCH

A recent area of concern has been how we can join with the national Church's stated aim of carbon neutrality by 2030, and reflect our custodianship and appreciation of God's world in all we do.

We need you!
There is a strong appetite within the PCC to make the building serve current needs whilst being aware of its valuable heritage.
Can you help us to audit and implement ways it can be better used for worship and mission?



Friends of St Mary's

The main source of funding for the building and churchyard is the Friends of St Mary's, a charity operating independently of the PCC.

Since 1976 they have raised over £600,000 to fund conservation and repairs to our ancient building and maintenance of the churchyard.

In the last decade alone, FOSM have funded projects totalling over **£100,000**. These include:

- Stonemasonry and roof repairs
- Tree maintenance
- New keyboard and improved sound system
- Central heating repairs
- New sewing machines for textile group
- Repairs to the bell clappers
- New mower for churchyard team
- Organ repairs
- Garden machinery repairs



£10,300 in 2020

Organ repairs



£82,600 in 2013 & 2018

Stonemasonry



£33,950 in 2010

Upgrade of the churchyard paths
in association with the Redbourn
Care Group



£22,120 in 2009

Structural repairs to the
church, churchyard walls and
tombs



£49,700 in 2004

Re-surfacing of drive



£80,000 in 2001-2

Major repairs to the Tower and
Porch Roofs



Our Mission Action Plan

MISSION IS OUR MISSION

In the past we have set out our MAP every five years, with the next renewal due in 2023.

After Covid we drew up a Mini MAP which focussed on four main areas: youth, small groups, welcome ministry, care of others.

We need you!
Our Mission Action Plan needs refreshing.
Can you help us to bring direction for the next five years, or more?



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ST ALBANS

Mission Action Plan

Summer 2018 – Summer 2023



| | Area | Aims | Actions | Who | Priority | When | Comments |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------|----------|--|---|
| Going deeper into God | Worship at St Mary's | Our church will be excited by their faith and fully engaged in worshipping God | An extra or alternative service will be offered to create further capacity and wider breadth in our styles of worship | K & P Vernon and the LLWs | M | 3-5 | Continue evening variety or more regular? |
| | | | An audit of our building will be conducted to find out how it could be enhanced for our current and future worshipping needs, and plan for future works | Working Group | H | 1-2 | Needs to be done before any church redecoration |
| | | Our church will be saturated and confident in prayer | Regular quiet days, weekends away and pilgrimages will be offered | Curate & others | H | 1-5 | Durham Aug 2018 Where next? |
| | Families and young people will be more fully involved | Regular teaching and prayer ministry will be offered to grow personal confidence | Ministry Team | M | 1-5 | Spiritual support, Lent, etc. | |
| | | There will be an active recruitment of new servers, sidespeople, readers and intercessors from this age group | A Hulme & clergy | M | 1-2 | Three young servers Sept 18. More to be done | |
| | | We will expand, develop and enhance our work with children and youth through training and support the leaders | A Hulme & clergy | M | 2-4 | Occasional training. Involve 2.67 project | |
| | | Teaching and preaching will be offered on acceptance and a welcome for all | Clergy & Churchwardens | M | 2-3 | Make sure we are inclusive of all | |
| | | A Junior Church Council will meet occasionally to hear views and ideas to shape our future | A Ford & P McAdam | H | 2-5 | Aim to start in spring 2019 | |
| | | Our music group and our use of contemporary music will be improved and expanded | Organist & clergy | M | 2-5 | New hymnbooks, extra musicians? | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Building personal faith | Aspire towards whole church involvement in small groups | We will expand our existing Spotlight groups | P McAdam | M | 1-3 | Add new members | |
| | | We will grow or plant new small groups to encourage wider membership and leadership | P McAdam & others | M | 3-5 | Grow number of groups on offer | |
| | | Spotlight groups will regularly lead and contribute to parts of our Sunday worship | K Vernon & others | L | 3-5 | Invite groups occasionally | |
| | The faith of new and existing members of the church will be informed, confident and deepened | We will run regular discipleship and nurture courses on aspects of the Christian faith | R Snow & clergy | M | 2-5 | Long time since last Searchlight | |
| | | Debates, guest speakers, book reviews and articles will stimulate and inform our faith | K McAdam and Ministers | M | 2-5 | Searchlight, Common Round, Digital etc. | |
| | | | | | | | |



Looking Wider

LINKS WITH AFRICA

Further afield, we have a strong bond with the Mpwapwa diocese in Tanzania, with whom we have an ongoing project to build water pumps using solar energy. We also have links with the Beacon School in Ghana.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME

Every week people from this scheme help us to maintain the churchyard.

REDBOURN COMMUNITY GROUP

This volunteer-led registered charity was founded in 1980 to provide transport and relieve isolation for the elderly and housebound. It was recently renamed to reflect its expanded focus on serving the whole community of all ages and life stages.

There are many areas of crossover between RCG and St Mary's - many people serve in both, and previous vicars have provided valuable pastoral support as members of the trustee board. The two organisations have complementary roles.



Mpwapwa, Tanzania



Redbourn Community Group

A CHURCH FOR ALL

We are committed to the value of all people, regardless of boundaries.

All are to be welcomed to both membership and leadership roles.

Many of us participated in the national Church's Living in Love and Faith programme.

RE-MARRIAGE

Re-marriage has been at the discretion of the vicar, and is usually not seen to be a contentious issue.

COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN

We admit children to communion before confirmation, at the discretion of the PCC.

Equality Diversity Inclusion

PROVISION FOR DISABILITIES

Step-free access is available via the Transept Hall. There is a stair lift to the upper floor.

A hearing aid induction loop is installed.

We provide large-print orders of service and hymn books (though we could improve in this area).

There is an accessible toilet.

We need you!
To feel you can always be yourself and feel welcome at St Mary's, whilst helping us to ensure all who visit and belong to our church feel the same.



Members Old & New

“Worshipping at St. Mary’s is like being part of a large family. There are so many people involved in the many tasks needed to keep a vibrant parish running”

JOHN

“I have been made very welcome at St. Mary’s since I moved to the village. The opportunity to share and give of my time is invaluable, and helps me in my walk with God”

SALLY

“I was made to feel so comfortable following my first attendance. Thank you for making me so welcome”

TED

“I really enjoy coming to St Mary’s Church because the atmosphere is so welcoming. I sing in the choir and I have made lots of friends through it”

ROSE, AGED 12

"St Mary’s is a place for connection and peace; for service to others. It has offered me a consistent safe and calm refuge for nearly a decade. It’s all the richer for diversity of thought and generous sharing of many gifts and talents"

NATASHA



Wider Church

Redbourn is actively involved in the life of the deanery of Wheathampstead



CHURCHES TOGETHER

Redbourn has three other churches: Redbourn Methodist Church, St John Fisher RC, and Christ Church (independent).

There are strong and friendly links, although Churches Together in Redbourn (CTR) has not yet fully resumed after Covid.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

St Mary's hosts the Orthodox Community of St Simeon and St Anna, who are in communion with the Patriarchy of Constantinople, and with whom we have a very friendly relationship.

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

Being only a few miles from the Cathedral church means that we can benefit from all it has to offer in the way of special services and cultural events, including the annual St Albans pilgrimage.





Church Life

St Mary's Holiday Club, July 2022





Our Church

WHAT KEEPS US BUSY

A lively village needs an energetic church.

From regular groups that keep the wheels turning, to pop-up teams that carry out specific tasks, there are many people involved in church-led activities. Some of these activities are done in partnership with other village organisations.

We need you!
In the midst of our busy-ness, we don't want to lose sight of our impact on the planet. We want to be challenged as individuals and as a community to tread more lightly.

Our Young People

We need you!
Pre-Covid we had many more vibrant youth activities. We need your help to help us **re-connect** with families and young people.



SUNDAY GROUPS

Junior Church (age 3-9) currently numbers 4-8, but older groups (age 9+) have not resumed since Covid.



HOLIDAY CLUB

The annual Holiday Club re-started in July 2022 and ran for a whole week, attracting nearly 50 children aged 5-11, and teen and adult helpers.



TEDDY TOTS

Our Friday morning baby and toddler group went outside during the pandemic and flourished and grew. It regularly attracts 30-40 adults and children.



Our Activities



BELLRINGERS



CHOIR



TEXTILE GROUP



**SPOTLIGHT
HOME GROUPS**



FLOWER TEAM



WORSHIP BAND



**CHURCHYARD
TEAM**



LIFTS TO CHURCH



READERS ROTA



CLEANERS



INTERCESSORS



COFFEE ROTA



SACRISTY



STEWARDSHIP



Our Service in the Community



COFFEE ON THE COMMON

Four times a week, usually in the Cricket Pavilion on the Common. For people of all ages to relax with a cuppa. Daily numbers c.12 - 25.



WEDNESDAY CLUB

Weekly in the Transept, providing a full day of fun and friendship for the elderly who live alone, with a meal and some entertainment.



COMMON ROUND

Monthly publication by all the village churches. Distribution of 800, with plans to go online in 2023 whilst retaining a print edition for those who need it.



We need you!

We are open minded as to what may be needed to encourage dynamic growth and community engagement within the context of Redbourn and what St Mary's needs for a successful future.



MOTHERS UNION

Our branch has 18 members and meets monthly for worship and a talk. Provide baptism families with ongoing support and information.



PASTORAL VISITING & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

are carried out by small trained teams.



CARING COOKS

We hope to re-start this initiative, which provides meals for respite and short-term cover.



Local schools

We enjoy a good relationship with Redbourn Primary School. Most terms we take a school assembly, and every year we welcome them to St Mary's at Christmas.

St Luke's SEN school sends pupils every week to help at Coffee on the Common and they hold their carol service in St Mary's.



Music at St Mary's

A thriving choral tradition over the years has been the mainstay of musical worship, and is much appreciated for its quality and timelessness.

Of late we have increasingly explored other more contemporary forms of music, often accompanied by a small but dedicated band of instrumentalists.

For the last few months music has been creatively managed by a group including organists and other musicians drawn from the choir and congregation.



Watch Adam lay y bounden sung by St Mary's choir - a video made under lockdown



We need you!
to help us find the best
balance between old and
new, inclusivity and
excellence.



Charity Fundraising

The Charitable Finance Committee lays on fun and cultural events, with the aim of raising funds for our designated charity of the year, whilst also providing enjoyment into the bargain. The charities are drawn from global, national and local organisations, in a three year cycle:

2015

PTSD RESOLUTION

National charity:
£7.8k raised

2016

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED: GADDESSEN PLACE

Local charity:
£16.2k raised

2017

OPEN DOORS UK

International charity:
£10.5k raised

2018

DEMENTIA UK

National charity:
£12.9k raised

2019

YOUTH TALK

Local charity:
£16.3k raised

2020 - 2021

PUMPS FOR MPWAPWA

International charity:
£40k raised

2022

EMMAUS HERTFORDSHIRE

Fundraising activities this year:

- Saxophone Quartet Concert
- Hymns and Pimms at the Cricketers Pub
- Cake Sale run by Junior Choir
- String Quartet Concert
- Silent Film with organ accompaniment
- 'If These Stones Could Speak' dramatic production
- Beer & Carols at the Cricketers Pub





Our Worship

St Mary's congregation, 2018





SUNDAY 8.00AM
BCP COMMUNION
Average attendance **22**



SUNDAY 9.30AM
PARISH EUCHARIST
CW ORDER ONE
Average attendance **92**



SUNDAY 6.30PM
**VARIED: TAIZÉ,
CELTIC, CHORAL BCP**
Have largely not resumed
since Covid



FRIDAY 10.00AM
TEDDY TOTS
FRESH EXPRESSION
Average attendance **32**



Regular Pattern of Services

We need you!
We know there is an
opportunity for growth of
these services, and to
ensure everyone's needs
and worship styles are
catered for.



WEEKDAYS
MORNING PRAYER 9.30AM
EVENING PRAYER 5.00PM
Average attendance **2-10**



WEDNESDAY 7.30PM
EUCHARIST
Average attendance **13**



FIRST TUESDAY 10.00AM
MOTHERS UNION
Average attendance **36**

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sung Eucharist, lunch and entertainment. 2021 attendance **120**

ALL SOULS

Sung Eucharist **77**

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Readings and carols **130**

ADVENT COMPLINE

Weekday evenings **20**

CHRISTINGLE

4.00pm Post-Covid was outdoors **106**

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES

Normally three sittings, none since Covid **220 x 3**

LIGHTS OF LOVE

Outdoors, remembering recently departed **93**

BEER AND CAROLS

Free-form singing in the pub! **200-ish**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Nine lessons and carols **210**

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB

Afternoon children's service in two sittings **321 + 208**

WALKTHROUGH NATIVITY

Covid replacement for Crib service **250-280**

Special Services including...

MIDNIGHT MASS

First Eucharist of Christmas **145**

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am All-age Eucharist **149**

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Has not resumed since Covid **50**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Evening service with ashing **19**

LENT PROGRAMME

Various services and events, most days of the week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lord's Supper, footwashing and vigil **26**

GOOD FRIDAY

All-age Service **50**

Solemn Liturgy with Communion **24**

EASTER SUNDAY

6.00am Vigil with Breakfast **25**

8.00am BCP Communion **30**

10.00am All-age Eucharist **119**

HYMNS AND PIMMS

More free-form singing in the pub **100-ish**



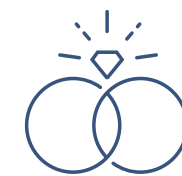


Occasional Offices



BAPTISMS

2021 **25**



WEDDINGS

2021 **8**



CONFIRMATIONS

2021 **1**
2020: 14



FUNERALS

2021 **40**



CREMATIONS

2021 **24**



INTERMENTS

2021 **20**



Worship Out and About

Monthly communions are held in these Redbourn homes. Where possible, anyone is welcome to join these times of worship and fellowship



ST MATTHEW'S CARE HOME

offers long term residential care and short stay respite breaks for older people.



NEW FORGE PLACE

is a retirement housing complex in the High Street.



WOOLLAMS ALMSHOUSES

Administered by the Redbourn Charities, the body which oversees various historic funds given to the church.



Coping with Covid

At the height of Covid lockdowns, we made full use of the large churchyard:

- Teddy Tots temporarily morphed into Forest Tots
- Stations (of the Cross, and Easter) were hung from the lime tree avenue
- A labyrinth was mown into the grass
- Outdoor sculptures were made
- The 2021 walk-through Nativity (in place of the usual indoor Crib service), comprising various multi-media presentations and games, was a storming success, attracting over 250 people despite atrocious weather on the day

Our approach to online services was hybrid, but most weekly services were entirely pre-packaged, using local music, video and pictures.

As restrictions eased, we began holding services outdoors.

Some people joined in the outdoor services as they passed through the churchyard and have since become members. Although Covid restrictions are gone, we still embrace the “outdoors life” at 9:30am during the summer, weather permitting. We wait to see whether that pattern will become permanent, or maybe just a monthly event.





Opportunities for Growth

Teddy Tots Vegetable Garden in the churchyard





Where we are now

We have an electoral roll of 211, of which 25 are non-resident in the parish.

The demographic of the congregation is not the same as that of the village – Sunday attendance is demonstrably not as young or as socially diverse as the village as a whole.

In recent years, and particularly during Covid, St Mary's has attempted with some success to broaden its base, working with pre-school children and with many who frequent the churchyard.

The tradition of the church could be described as Eucharistic, and within the congregation several traditions can be found. We have become more aware that we need to cater for a wide range of styles and approaches to both worship and understanding of God. Our medium-sized building enables us to offer a range of services.

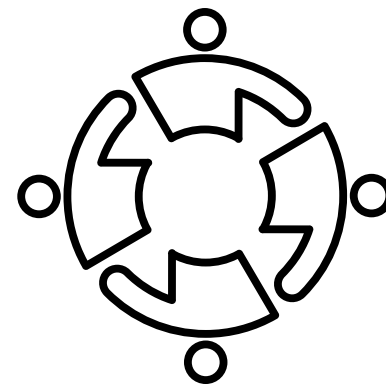
Although our core strength remains quite traditional and choral, of late we have enjoyed other traditions and styles of music.



This video made early in lockdown had a profound impact as we tried to cope with isolation (keep watching till the end)

Responding to Change

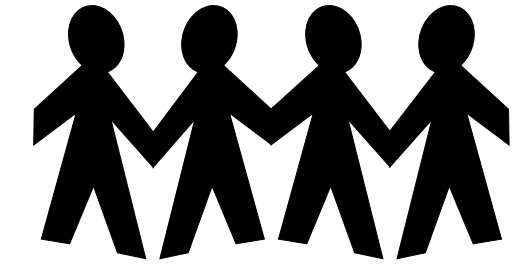
CHALLENGES FOR OUR NEXT VICAR



Reach parts of the community that are not reflected in our membership or worship



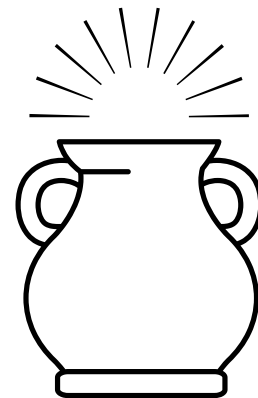
Discover how the rich heritage of the building can continue to serve us into the future



Re-connect with families and young people post-Covid



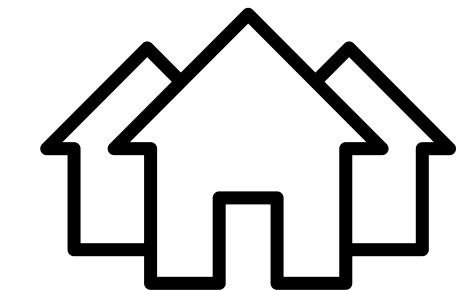
Reinvigorate church finances to ensure we can meet day-to-day running costs



Strike the best balance between growing a culture of learning and inclusivity, whilst striving to show excellence in all we do



Ensure our worship reflects who we are and gives inspiration to all



Be prepared for significant population increase through new housing developments

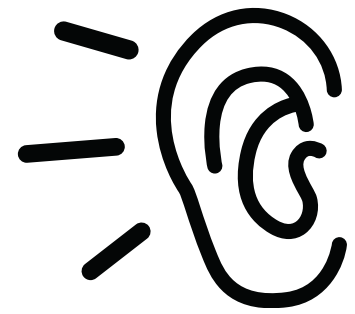




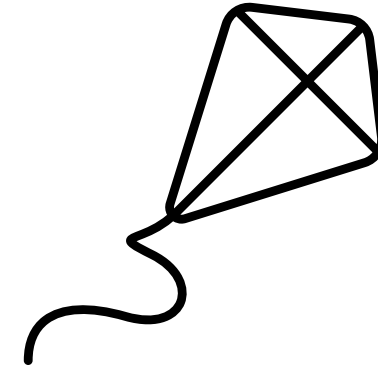
Who we're looking for



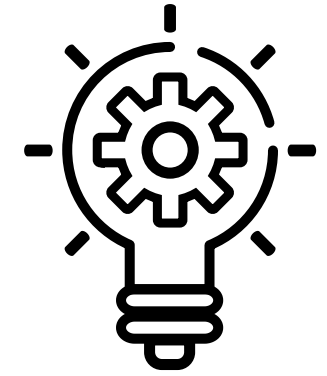
We're looking for a vicar who will...



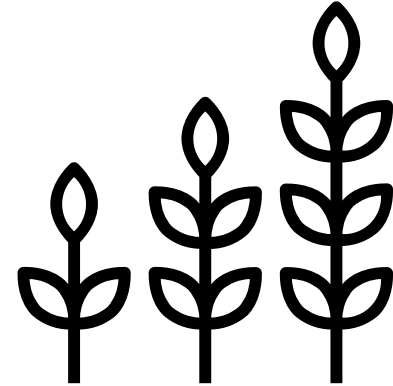
...listen, be understanding,
approachable, and responsive
to the needs of both church
and community



...relate easily to children,
young people and families



...be a team person, willing
to share and develop ideas
with others



...provide confident leadership
to a church that wishes to grow
deeper and wider



...be open to development
and new directions,
enabling us to be
courageous



...be bold and imaginative in
developing liturgy as a channel
for multi-generational
worship





Our People

Since Covid, in summer months our Parish Eucharist is held outdoors



Our Team



KAY VERNON

Reader



AILSA HULME

Reader



DAVID FORBES

Lay Leader of
Worship



SUE MAY

Lay Leader of
Worship



+ROBIN SMITH

Ministry Team



PAUL VERNON

Churchwarden



**MICHELLE
PARRY-SLATER**

Churchwarden



**WENDY
CRUICKSHANK**

Church Secretary



The PCC

25 members including:

- 1** vicar
- 2** lay readers
- 2** church wardens
- 2** deputy church wardens
- 4** deanery synod representatives
- 2** diocesan synod representatives

6 meetings per year

9 members of the Standing Committee

6 Standing Committee meetings per year





Finance



PARISH SHARE

St Mary's has always been able to pay the annual Parish Share in full.

PROPERTY ASSETS

The PCC owns and rents out two properties adjacent to the churchyard: Church Cottage and Old Church Hall. Despite the challenge to balancing the PCC accounts, the PCC endeavours to view rental income as missional rather than for maintenance.

We also own a well-equipped office adjacent to Church Cottage, which is used by the vicar's secretary and rented out as office space to a single private business on other days.

Following major work carried out on Vicarage Cottage, the property is now occupied with a new tenant and a significant increase in the rent.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Installing an electronic terminal has helped maintain giving levels for occasional offices, but also at some cost to the regular stewardship scheme, which as a result needs more focus as we emerge from pandemic.

2019

The last year before the Covid pandemic showed a healthy surplus on both the day-to-day running costs and the income from our properties.

2020

The congregation rallied in response to an appeal early on during Covid, which enabled the year to close with a surplus in line with 2019.

2021

Covid hit deeper, resulting in a deficit on day-to-day costs. The accounts reported a surplus on the year overall only after accounting for the property income.

Our Finances

We need you!

To help us reinvigorate our regular stewardship scheme to ensure we can meet day-to-day running costs.





Vicarage & Local Area

Redbourn Common



The Vicarage

The purpose-built vicarage (2006), has only ever had one occupancy.

Situated next door to the church and churchyard:

- 4 bedrooms
- sitting room
- dining room
- kitchen
- double garage
- study
- large garden
- OpenReach can supply fibre to the premises



Watch a walk-through video tour of the vicarage here



We need you!
to love this house
(we're sure you will!)

Floorplan & EPC



| Energy Efficiency Rating | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current | Potential |
| Very energy efficient - lower running costs | | |
| (92-100) A | | |
| (81-91) B | | |
| (69-80) C | 75 | 80 |
| (55-68) D | | |
| (39-54) E | | |
| (21-38) F | | |
| (1-20) G | | |
| Not energy efficient - higher running costs | | |
| England & Wales | EU Directive 2002/91/EC | |

Total area: approx. 251.7 sq. metres (2709.6 sq. feet)

Floorplan is not to scale and to be used for layout guidance only, any measurements shown should NOT be relied upon. Floor Area (Sq/m) includes all areas shown on plan except Balconies, Patios, Eaves, Garden and Parking Areas unless otherwise indicated.

Plan produced using PlanUp.



Schools

PRIMARY

Redbourn Primary School is very active and enjoys a strong relationship with the wider community.

SECONDARY

Redbourn is in the catchment area of secondary schools in Harpenden, St Albans and Hemel Hempstead.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

St Luke's school is for children between 7 and 16 years old with Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Speech and Language Communication Needs and Moderate Learning Disabilities.



A Taste of our Vibrant High Street



Co-op Supermarket
Recently relocated to larger premises



Sean's Bakery
Fresh bread, cakes & coffee



Redbourn Eyecare
Opticians



The Hub
Coffee shop and cyclists' refuge



The Wine Sisters
independent wine shop



Atelier
Hair and Beauty Salon



Crown Pharmacy
Chemist



Weymans
Nisa Local and Post Office





Redbourn Cricket Club
Pavilion on the Common



Redbourn Leisure Centre
Gym, sports hall and outdoor pitches



Redbourn Village Hall
Large and well-used hall



Redbourn Tennis Club
LTA affiliated with 4 courts



Redbourn Players
Amateur Dramatic Society



Fête du Vélo
Annual cycle races around the common



Redbourn Golf Club
18 hole golf course



Run Redbourn
Running club for all abilities





History, Setting & Demographics

Scything the Churchyard, 1943



History

Redbourn is a large lively village that grew out of coaching inns on the old Watling Street. Over the centuries the village has spread way beyond those origins, reaching past the Common to the church at the western end.

ST. AMPHIBALUS

Redbourn is proud of its local saint. Close to Watling Street a priory was founded in 1178 after the discovery of the bones of St Amphibalus, who - legend has it - was instrumental in the conversion of St Alban; see the recently restored shrine to him in St Albans Cathedral.

Today nothing remains of the priory other than a quantity of stones in Redbourn Village Museum, but the Norman church of St Mary, built in about 1110, may have been served by monks from the priory in those early days.





Our first vicar is recorded as having been murdered in post, (these days we aim to resolve disputes more amicably...!). Another vicar (self-styled as Lord Frederick Beauclerk) earned notoriety for devoting more energies to cricket than to his parish.

REDBOURN 900

We are very conscious of our 900 years of history and the positive impact a Christian presence has had in the area.

This was celebrated in the Redbourn 900 festivities in 2010 – six months of events involving the whole community with many pursuits taking place around the village.

About Redbourn

CONNECTIONS

Rail links to London St Pancras (21 minutes from St Albans), and Euston (30 minutes from Hemel Hempstead)

Luton Airport is a 14 minute drive from Redbourn

Easy access to **M1** and **M25**

Despite the proximity of the M1, traffic noise is not intrusive

POPULATION

Population **6,369**

2,694 households
(2011 census)

Average age **42 yrs**
(2011 census)

Dogs **532** (est)

DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the Church Urban Fund, Redbourn is a relatively wealthy parish, ranking **9,423** out of **12,382**

Two traveller sites are located within the neighbourhood

5% of households claim Universal or Pension Credit - below both the national and local average

Housing is:

75% owner occupied

15% social rental

8.5% private rental

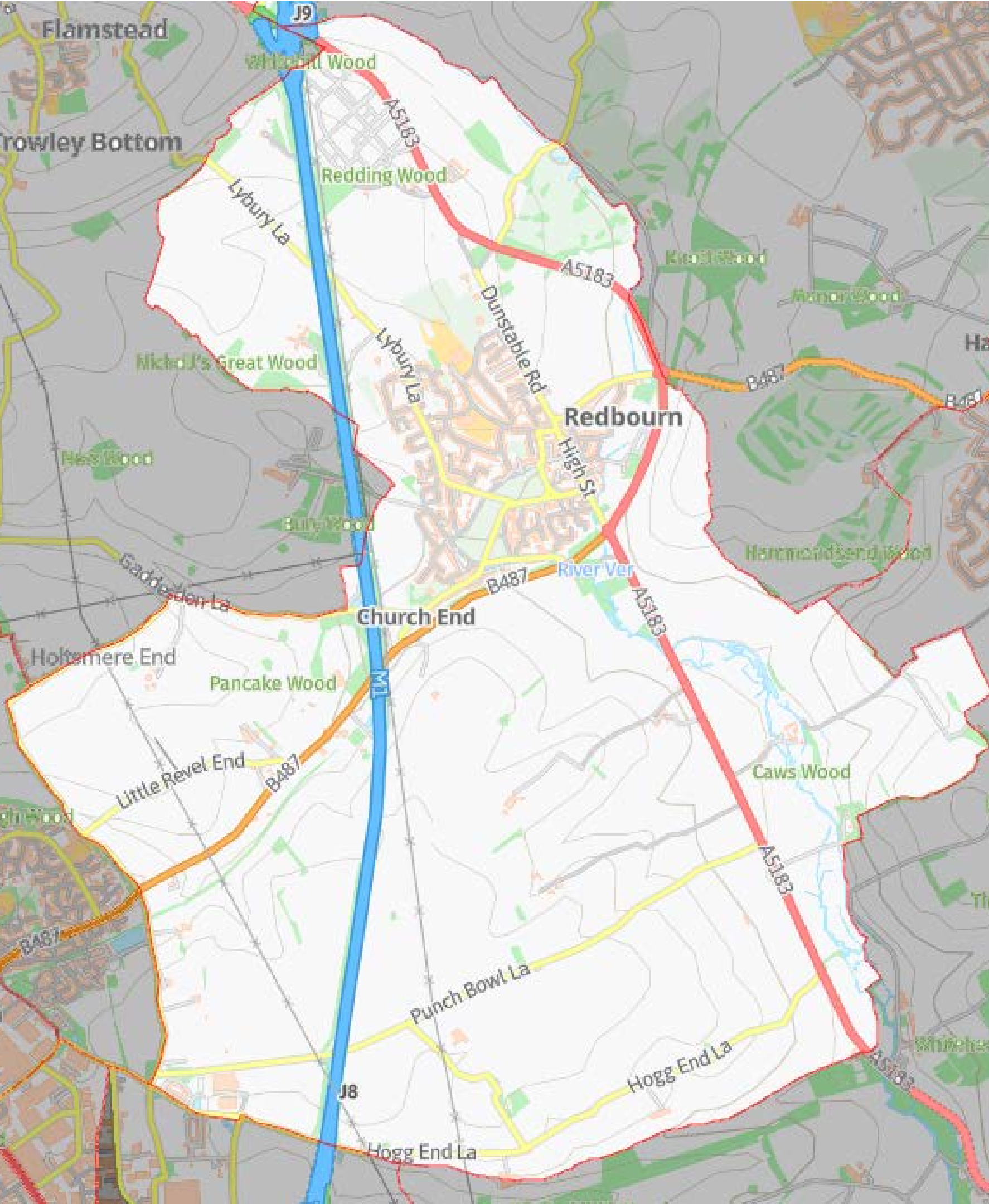
CHURCH LINKS

St Mary's is the only Anglican church within the village, and the benefice is a single parish

Over the years this has enabled strong links to be fostered between church and community, giving the vicar a key role in both



Data from ONS 2020 estimates



Character

The large 26 acre Common is a magnificent shared space in the heart of Redbourn, much used for recreation of all kinds - family picnics, dog walking, daily exercise, cricket, annual events; it truly is a focal point for village life and community.

The completion of a by-pass in 1984 has meant that the village is no longer on the main A5 (Watling Street), with the result that the High Street is comparatively calm, whilst still providing a home for many key shops and businesses. However, the impact of modern shopping patterns and Covid have meant that there is a growing need to promote the High Street and retain its character.

FUTURE GROWTH

Redbourn has been identified as an area that should be developed to provide further housing. Its position on the border of two district councils has led to some delay in putting this into action. This is certain to become more pressing within the next ten years, and juggling the demands of all sides could be challenging.

We need you!
to help us prepare for
significant population
increase through new
housing developments.



Appendix:

Further Information

ORGANISATIONS

[Redbourn Parish Council](#)
[Redbourn Community Group](#)
[Redbourn Charities](#)
[Active in Redbourn](#)
[Redbourn Allotment Association](#)
[Redbourn Cricket Club](#)
[Redbourn Folk Club](#)
[Redbourn Golf Club](#)
[Redbourn in Bloom](#)
[Redbourn Village Museum](#)
[Redbourn Players](#)
[Redbourn Tennis Club](#)
[Redbourn U3A](#)
[Redbourn WI](#)
[Run Redbourn](#)
[Ver Valley Society](#)

CHURCHES

[Redbourn Methodist Church](#)
[St John Fisher Catholic Church](#)
[ChristChurch Redbourn](#)

AMENITIES

[Crown Pharmacy](#)
[Medivet Nine Lives Vets](#)
[Redbourn Community Library](#)
[Redbourn Dental Practice](#)
[Redbourn Eyecare](#)
[Redbourn Health Centre](#)
[Redbourn Leisure Centre](#)
[Redbourn Physiotherapy](#)
[Redbourn Village Hall](#)
[St Matthews Care Home](#)

YOUTH

[Redbourn Pre-School](#)
[Nursery on the Green](#)
[Redbourn Primary School](#)
[St Luke's School Redbourn](#)
[Choice Cricket School](#)
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts

ANNUAL EVENTS

[Fete du Velo - Redbourn Festival](#)
[Redbourn Christmas Market](#)
[Redbourn Classics](#)
[Redbourn Fireworks](#)

EAT & DRINK OUT

[Aubrey Park Hotel](#)
[Old Cottage Fish & Chips](#)
[Redbournbury Watermill & Bakery](#)
[Sean's Bakery](#)
[The Hub](#)
[The Chequers Inn](#)
[The Cricketers of Redbourn](#)
[The George](#)
[The Hollybush](#)

FOOD BANKS & CLUBS

[Redbourn Hampers & Food Club](#)
[St Albans and District Foodbank](#)



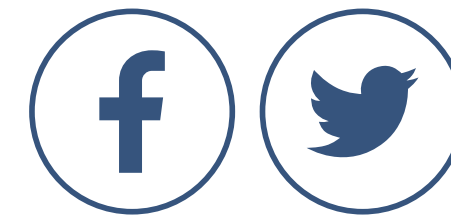
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