

# Church Planting and Pioneering Curacy



*Community users and Congregation celebrating the Centre's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Available in the North Wingfield  
Team Ministry,  
Derby Diocese

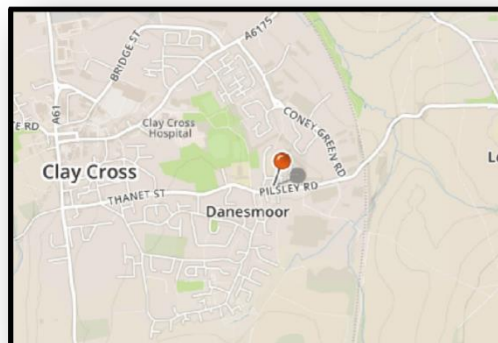
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*Offering a stimulating and demanding curacy experience which will provide, for the right person, the opportunity to use and develop church planting, pioneering and evangelistic gifting and offering sound and thorough training for future ministry in the Church of England.*

## The Context

We are seeking to address the declared intention of the Church of England Estates Task Group of developing 'A healthy Christian community on every significant estate'.

Danesmoor is the largest social housing estate in Derby Diocese. It is served by a popular and well attended primary school. Danesmoor forms part of the ex-mining town of Clay Cross. Although in many ways a pleasant place to live, with a clear sense of community, Danesmoor does have various areas of social need often associated with ex-industrial communities. Danesmoor is within easy travelling distance of the beautiful Peak District.



*Figure 1 Map of Danesmoor*

12 years ago, the North Wingfield Anglican Team of Churches succeeded in building a new concept building, known as St. Barnabas Centre, on the site of the old mission church of St. Barnabas. This relatively new and well-designed building serves as a popular and well-used community centre now. However, the intention that a strong missional church reaching out to the community seeking to extend the Kingdom of God has never been realised.

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It is the intention that a curate with a church planting and pioneering instinct and gifting should work alongside the thriving inherited church of St. Lawrence to develop a missional community within St. Barnabas Centre.

## The Job Description

This is a church planting project which has already begun, as the small congregation that meets in St. Barnabas Centre has caught the vision for developing into a missional community and is excited about reaching out into the local context of Danesmoor Estate.

The task of the curate, after an initial settling in period, will be to lead and develop this group of people who are ready to progress into the next phase of deeply contextual outreach to the largest social housing estate in Derby Diocese.



*Figure 2 Congregation*

## The Trainer

Will be the Team Rector of North Wingfield Team Ministry Colin Cooper. Colin has been ordained for 33 years and has served all his time in 'front line' parish ministry. He is an established Training Incumbent having successfully trained 5 curates. Colin has served in Derby Diocese for 26 years. He was formerly vicar of Whitfield Parish in Glossop where he enjoyed numerical and financial growth and oversaw multiple



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building projects. Colin's main interest is evangelism and discipleship. He has associations with New Wine and the Mathetes Trust.



*Figure 3 Rev. Colin Cooper*

Colin has been a seminar speaker at New Wine summer conferences and has recently engaged in evangelism and discipleship training in Africa with the Mathetes Trust. He is married to Linda and has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Colin has a clear understanding that the training dimension of a curacy is paramount and that the planting and pioneering dimension of this more 'specialised' curacy will not be to the detriment of basic training for public ministry in the Church of England.

## The Team

The North Wingfield Team Ministry consists of 5 churches ministering to an area of around 12 square miles of ex-mining communities. The area has radically changed in recent years with large numbers of new houses and business parks being built. The churches are served by 3 full-time clergy and a semi-retired self-supporting ordained minister. We are an evangelical/charismatic team which has drawn help and inspiration from New Wine Conferences, Mathetes Trust Training and Spring Harvest.

Our ongoing vision as a clergy team is to work together collaboratively with a strongly held vision for mission and evangelism. We support each other and take an interest in each other's lives and ministries.

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Rev Colin Cooper, Team Rector, is responsible for St. Lawrence, North Wingfield and St. Barnabas, Danesmoor

The clergy team offers a wide variety of experience and also consists of:

Rev Richard Law responsible for St. Bartholomew's, Clay Cross



*Figure 4 Rev. Richard Law*

Rev Lynn Hayler responsible for St. Mary's, Pilsley and St. John's, Tupton



*Figure 5 Rev. Lynn Hayler*

The clergy team is also ably assisted by Rev Marcia Bown, semi-retired, providing support ministry at St. John's, Tupton



*Figure 6 Rev. Marcia Bown*

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## St. Barnabas Centre



*Figure 7 St. Barnabas Centre*

Is a purpose-built church/community centre which was built 12 years ago with the declared intention of 'Enabling and promoting the flourishing of the community of Danesmoor'. The Centre has become a popular and well-used facility for the local community and hosts a variety of events in its well-appointed rooms. A popular pre-school operates in the Centre. The Centre is managed by full-time manager Steve Smart and is financed by hire charges. The manager reports to a regular management team consisting of Team clergy and representatives of Centre users. This curacy will bring no responsibility for the management of the Centre. The intention is for the building to be a springboard for ministry to the local community.

## The Curate's House

Is a modern 3 storey town house with 4 bedrooms close to St. Barnabas Centre in Danesmoor.



*Figure 8 Curate's House*

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# Interested?

For an informal conversation to discuss this opportunity further please contact Rev. Colin Cooper on 07794 845205 or email [revccooper@gmail.com](mailto:revccooper@gmail.com)