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APPENDIX A - ASSISTANT MINISTERS

Curates (at present):

The Revd David Lester (self supporting minister)

David works in the benefice, but lives in the Awsworth vicarage on a 'house for duty' basis, and exercises ministry with a special emphasis on Awsworth and Trowell. He has stayed beyond the normal period of a curacy and says that two of the reasons for so doing are that (i) there is a strong sense of Church family, with good inter-dependence, and (ii) that he appreciates the quality of the fellowship. He has already indicated that he will leave the benefice at the end of the inter-regnum.

The Revd Joan Whysall (self supporting minister)

Joan lives in her own home in Trowell, and works chiefly in Trowell and Cossall. She has recently announced her appointment as minister of Christ Church Cinderhill, and expects to leave in the spring to begin her new ministry. Joan has exercised pastoral care in Cossall and worked with the parish in some of the new ventures detailed in their parish description. She has covered much of the previous incumbent's duties in Trowell during his sick leave.

Associate Priests:

The Revd Paul Whitehead

Paul is a part time Chaplain to the Territorial Army, and is therefore only occasionally available to help in the parishes.

Readers:

Three Readers are licensed to Awsworth and Cossall, and all of them are in paid employment.

Canon Dr Christina Baxter CBE

Mrs Brenda Brown

Mr John Hemstock

There are also two trained Readers in Trowell church, who are not currently licensed..

Mrs Margaret Humphries

Mr Paul Humphries

Lay Assistant:

Dr Richard Coldicott works in Trowell and occasionally in the other churches. He is in paid employment and has potential for future development of his ministry.

Part Time Youth Worker:

Trowell's youth worker, Mrs Sarah Miller, is currently on maternity leave.

Retired Clergy who assist Incumbent:

These clergy are willing to help in any of the churches.

The Revd Colin Lee

Colin has 'retired' twice! He is not normally now on the rotas, but will help when it is necessary.

The Revd Billy Nelson

Billy has only just retired into the parish of Trowell and is on the rota from time to time.

APPENDIX B - BAPTISM POLICY

This is the policy the benefice has operated for the last 5 years, as expressed on the application for Baptism form we give to parents:

We are delighted to have received your recent enquiry about baptism into the Christian Church. We will be happy to discuss arrangements for a service of baptism to take place. The purpose of this leaflet however is to help you to understand more about baptism and what it involves.

Christians see Baptism as a visible sign of God's love. At Baptism we are thanking God for the wonder of a new life and claiming the place he has reserved for your child among his people. We look back with gratitude and forward with hope.

Baptism involves you, the godparents and members of the church making promises and commitments on behalf of your child. These promises and commitments involve bringing your child up as a Christian within the family of the Church, ensuring that they receive help and encouragement from the Church family. In addition parents and godparents as well as providing help and encouragement in bringing up their child also commit themselves to praying for their child, teaching their child about Jesus and the Christian faith and providing an example to them by the way they live as to what it means to follow Jesus.

In doing so, parents and godparents make the following declarations:

I turn to Christ; I repent of my sins; I renounce evil;

I believe and trust in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

If you decide you want to go ahead with the service of baptism then please complete the opposite page and return it to the vicarage at NAME will then be in contact to make arrangements to visit you and answer any questions you may have and to explain the promises and commitments you will be asked to make.

If you feel at this point that you are not sure whether you can make these commitments on behalf of your child, then don't worry. We will be happy to discuss with you any concerns you may have, although if you would prefer we would be delighted to arrange a Service of Thanksgiving to thank God for your child and to ask for his blessing. This leaves the way open for baptism at a later date when you feel it is right, or perhaps for your child to make his/her own decision about baptism when they are older.

Thank you once again for enquiring about baptism. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

APPENDIX C - COMMUNICATION

Newsletter

A single weekly notice sheet is published each Sunday covering all three churches and including details of services, meetings and events.

Church Magazine

The three parishes together with Awsworth Methodist Church share a Parish Magazine (Act Together), which has a circulation of 650. It is around 32 pages and is published 10 times a year. The magazine has been edited by the Reverend Joan Whysall and her husband, Don. It includes a variety of articles and has won the "Best Church Magazine in Nottinghamshire" award. A recent copy is enclosed.

Website

The three churches share a website, www.trowellchurch.com. More details, current news and photographs can be seen on this site.

Communications with wide parish

All three churches from time to time send leaflets to everyone in the parish informing them of services and events.