

The Parish of St Hilda of Whitby, Grangetown.

Parish Profile 2015



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Welcome to the Parish of Grangetown

We are part of the Diocese of York, led by the Archbishop, the Most Revd. and Rt. Hon. Dr. John Sentamu. The Diocese is the Church of England from the Humber to the Tees and from the general area of the A1 and the East Coast main railway line to the North Sea. In the Diocese there are about 450 parishes and 600 church buildings. Our diocesan vision is to be **Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples** and our mission is to see **Growth in Christlikeness, commitment, partnership, influence and numbers.**

You can read more about it at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk –click the tab marked Generous Churches.

Thank you for reading the parish profile for St Hilda of Whitby Church, Grangetown.

We pray that God may have chosen you. We look forward to welcoming you as our leader and part of this Family Church and Church Family.

Applications should be sent to the Archdeacon of Cleveland, the Venerable Sam Rushton

By post to: 48 Langbaugh Rd, Hutton Rudby, Yarm, North Yorkshire, TS15 0HL; or

By email to: adcl@yorkdiocese.org

To arrive by midday on Thursday 7 January 2016

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Grangetown:

The humble beginnings of Grangetown began with the discovery of ironstone in the Eston Hills. Messrs Bolckow and Vaughan opened the Iron and Steel works along the riverbanks that is known today as "Tata".

The inhabitants principally were Irish, but a great number of English and Welsh made up the workforce who brought with them their families to settle.

Bolckow and Vaughan built eight streets or sixteen half streets with a main street running through the centre. Seven hundred and sixty eight houses close to the steel works for those within their employment. Two rows of these houses were named after them, Bolckow Road and Vaughan Street.

The population of Grangetown was 5,500 at this time.

Our predecessor Church, St Matthews was one of six places of worship, built on one of these streets on Bolckow Road.

Although St Matthews was demolished in 1979 Bolckow Road is still standing and is one of only a few streets left of the original Grangetown.

The community had built up a strong identity and local pride. Today many still have kept the identity.

In June 2015 the total of dwellings stands at 2,127 with a population of 5,128 made up as follows:

0-15 years	1,447
16-64 years	3,252
65 +	429
Male	2,430
Female	2,698

Modern times brought more suitable housing. St Hilda of Whitby Church is in the heart of this town.

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**We are very blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the country, surrounded by
Eston Hills and only a couple of miles from the coast.**



Some of our church family doing a charity walk along the coast of Redcar

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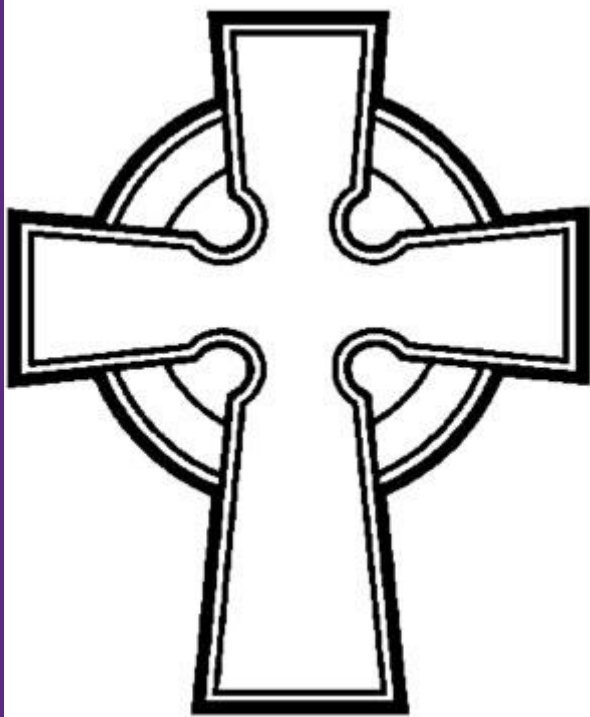
Within the TS6 area we have more than 10 primary schools and within 3.8 miles there are five Secondary Schools.

A large 24 hour Supermarket is on our doorstep.

There are good bus routes to both Middlesbrough centre and Redcar coast and beyond.

The vicarage is a spacious four bedroom detached home located down a driveway off Clynes Road, the property has a large lounge area with a connecting dining room, kitchen, utility room, office/study and a downstairs wc with an attached single garage. This property is newly renovated, in a large secure garden area and is situated behind the church hall.

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Opportunities and Potential

Within the last 10 years we have seen two new housing developments within Grangetown.

In the last couple of years a new supermarket has been built on the edge of Grangetown and presently being built is a new public house/ eatery which is to be called "Sandstone Nab"

We have three primary schools within our parish.

Bungalows for the elderly are adjacent to our church hall.

We have a large church hall with a stage. It is in need of some updating. We realise the potential of this building and the different uses it could become within our community.

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All of the above will be a challenge but the incumbent will have a clean sheet to develop the pastoral care desperately needed within Grangetown and have the full support of the Parish Church Council.

We as parishioners take our worship seriously and have supported and are getting support from the Archdeacon and many other Anglo-Catholic Clergy and parishes in our area.

St Hilda's is a key part of the Anglo Catholic life of the diocese and hosted the Chrism Mass this year with over 150 people attending.



Pictures above are a carpet of flowers created by us to help celebrate Corpus Christi

About us

We, like most churches have dwindling parishioners due to elderly death but we have a good variety of age groups.

We have some very young children that are part of our congregation and although can get a little noisy at times we welcome them and see them as the future of St Hilda's.

We have a Sunday school and can see the potential for growth through primary school visits.

At the moment Baptisms are conducted every two weeks and we are always booked up well in advance.

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We have two fully supporting dedicated Church Wardens.

We can see the potential of our church hall. We hire it out once per week that brings in a small amount of church funds.

We hold small fundraising events such as pie and pea suppers, bingo, church fares etc

Funerals take place regularly in St Hilda's but we do not have a great amount of weddings per year.

We see the potential to grow St Hilda's within the community by:

- enhancement of Baptism preparation
- modernisation of the church hall
- school visits
- pastoral care within our community
- a face in the community
- working with the Mission to Seafarers in Teesport and supporting chaplaincy to the industries in the area.

We are big hearted people who want to keep our traditions of worship but look forward to the enhancement you'll bring for us to grow deeper in faith with your leadership.

Our area is classed as an area of deprivation but the majority are the "salt of the earth" and are caring, loving people that would always help those less fortunate.

For us to achieve growth.....We Need You!

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Priest (qualities and attributes)

We are looking for an incumbent who is a member of Saint Wilfred and Saint Hilda.

Who takes our worship seriously and wants to take it further. Understanding what is important to us.

A leader who has some knowledge of deprivation and who will care for this unique community.

We need a priest who is visible to our community, who is easy to talk to, approachable, who will go into schools, care homes, home visiting the sick, and take interest in community projects.

Someone who can see the potential of our buildings, who has focus and will support and help us grow our social and fundraising events, who has a sense of humour and of fun.

We need a leader who will help us grow in faith and worship and who will become part of our church family and family church.

Updated News Alert

With the very sad news of steel making here in Teesside ending with likely job losses for 2000 people and a bigger knock on effect for many more, Grangetown really needs a vicar more than ever. Please come and meet us to see if this is the calling that God has in mind for you. Thank you for reading.

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