

The Parish of Marston MOOR



The Parish of Marston Moor encompasses St. Mary, Askham Richard; St. James, Bilbrough; All Saints, Long Marston; All Saints, Rufforth and The Epiphany, Tockwith.

There are schools in four of the five villages, three of them Church of England and one community, and the Ministry team and parishioners across the Parish are delighted that we have such a great relationship with all of these. We are pleased that you have decided to apply for the post of Head Teacher at St. Mary's and hope that you find the school as welcoming and loving as we do. We realise that a new Head Teacher will bring new ideas but we are hoping as a church that we can continue to have a fruitful relationship with the school in the years to come.

Due to the large catchment that the school covers my colleague Richard Battersby, from the churches of 'Rural Ainsty', shares the weekly worship we provide in school. There are also regular Open the Book and Godly Play worship which is led by our Reader, Ann Watson, and Sue Elgie, an RPA and Churchwarden, also helps out with the worship and is the main contact between school and church. We have held 'Experience Church'

days in the church and the school use the church for worship termly, the offer is always there for the school to use the church as often as they wish.

Due to the fact that there are 4 primary schools I have taken the decision that I would be unable to be a Governor at all of them so I have passed my role onto very competent members of our congregations, who can focus much more time and energy to the tremendous work that the governing body do. I am though always available if the school need me in person.

The school and village are a wonderful example of how rural England exists and can provide for the future of the country, I hope you feel the warmth and opportunities which arise from this setting and if appointed are very happy in your new surroundings.

Martin

Rev'd. Martin Otter.