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The Parish Secretary is normally in the Parish Office on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. mornings.

(Please note that postcode WA14 4TT, applies to two properties at opposite ends of Church Walk, with no through road for motor vehicles.)

**The Church:** can be accessed from Church Street, Altrincham (the A56), and from Church Walk.

To locate the Church Street entrance to the churchyard use postcode **WA14 4DB**.

**For Reservations in the Parish Centre and Old School Building:**

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# WELCOME To ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ALTRINCHAM



St. George's is a Church of England church in the Diocese of Chester, but in the County of Greater Manchester.

This leaflet is intended for visitors as an introduction to St. George's, whether you have just come to look around the church, or are coming to a service. Please take a copy of this leaflet with you.

For further information, please visit our website:  
[www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org](http://www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org)

## Services:

Our principal service is the Parish Eucharist, at 9:30am every Sunday. This lasts about an hour. It is at this service that the nave altar comes into its own, as the members of the congregation gather round the altar to receive communion or a blessing. Communicant members of other churches are invited to receive Holy Communion here at St. George's.

We welcome children of all ages. Junior Church takes place in the nearby Parish Centre during the first part of the service, for children aged 3 - 11. There is also a crèche for younger children.

There are many other services in the week, and on special days in the Christian year, following the Church of England Liturgy. (The times of services are given on the parish website, on the noticeboard in the porch, and in the Sunday service sheet.)

Services for Baptism, Marriage, or Funeral can be arranged with Father Edmund.



## Mission Statement

St. George's is a community built around the Eucharist. We seek to be welcoming, relaxed, accessible and dignified. Our aim is to offer opportunities for children, young people and adults to grow in faith, and to serve the wider community through the sharing of our resources.

## **Brief History of St. George's:**

St George's was founded in 1799, as a chapel-at-ease in the parish of St. Mary's Bowdon, and was the first Church of England church within Altrincham, which was then a small market town. Since then, Altrincham has grown, and the building of the railway provided links to Manchester and elsewhere. St. George's became a Parish in its own right in 1868.

Over its first hundred years, the church was extended and rebuilt, piecemeal, until it reached the outward form it has today in 1897. None of the original building remains.

- The Steeple (Tower & Spire) reached its present form in 1873;
- The Chancel dates from 1886,
- Finally, the nave was rebuilt (between the steeple and the chancel) in 1896-7, to a design by the Lancaster-based architects Paley & Austin.

The church is now a Grade II listed building, and one of the most significant buildings in Altrincham.

The interior of the church has continued to evolve, and in 2012 the nave was re-ordered to accommodate a nave altar, to bring the clergy and people together (see photo).

## **Churchyard**

The churchyard is in the Altrincham Old Marketplace Conservation Area, and is a green space near to the town centre. While the churchyard is full (for burials), the Garden of Remembrance, in the south-east corner, allows the interment of ashes.

## **Parish Centre**

This was built in 1999 to celebrate the Bicentenary of the founding of the Church. It provides a modern venue for a wide variety of activities. The Parish Centre is used for the church's own activities, including Sunday morning coffee and other social events. It also houses the Parish Office.

The Parish Centre is extensively used by the wider community, and is a popular venue for children's parties.

We have a second building, known as the **Old School Building**, which is also available for hire; in particular, it is used by a Dance School, amongst others.

On weekday mornings (during school term) the Parish Centre is used by the **St. George's Playgroup**. This is an independent playgroup, which we are proud to assist with the use of the Parish Centre. Of course, many of those involved with the playgroup have connections to the Church and the C. of E. School.

## **Altrincham Church of England Aided Primary School**

The school is located near to St. George's, and is sponsored jointly by three local parishes: St. George's, St. John's (Altrincham), and St. Margaret's (Dunham Massey). The clergy take collective worship for the school.

The school has an excellent reputation, and aims to nurture children in the Christian faith, and provide the best possible educational opportunities. The Governors are committed to endeavouring, wherever possible, to give places to the children of Anglican Church Families who worship regularly at one of the three churches.

## **Groups**

St. George's members are involved in a number of different groups to carry out the work of the church - serving God - within the parish and beyond. These groups include:

- The Parochial Church Council (PCC), the governing body, and its officers & subcommittees to manage the finances, fabric, etc;
- The Vicar and Churchwardens;
- Those involved with the preparation of, and participation in, the church services;
- The Choir and Organist;
- The Flower Guild;
- Those organising social events, to help build the community, and draw others in;
- Those serving coffee (& tea): (Sunday) Coffee after the Parish Eucharist, and (Wednesday) Coffee Club;
- Those concerned with Children and Young people, such as Crèche, Junior Church, Tea & Tales, St. George's Toddlers;
- The Scouting Association (Scouts, Cubs, Beavers);
- The Girl Guide Association (Guides, Brownies, Rainbows);
- The Mothers' Union;
- Churchyard Working Parties, to assist in maintaining the churchyard;

There are plenty of opportunities for anyone willing to do so, to become involved.

## **Parish website:**

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