

King's Lynn Minster

a place to be at home with God

Parish Profile 2021

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I dream of a church

by Kate Compston

I dream of a church
That joins in with God's laughing
As She rocks in her rapture,
Enjoying her art:
She's glad of her world,
In its risking and growing:
'Tis the child she has borne
And holds close to her heart.

I dream of a church
That joins in with God's weeping
As she crouches, weighed down
By the sorrow she sees:
She cries for the hostile,
The cold and no-hoping,
For she bears in herself
Our despair and dis-ease.

I dream of a church
That joins in with God's dancing
As she moves like the wind
And the wave and the fire
A church that can pick up
Its skirts ,pirouetting,
With the steps that can signal
God's deepest desire.

I dream of a church that
Joins in with God's loving
As she bends to embrace
The unlovely and the lost.
A church that can free,
By its sharing and daring
The imprisoned and poor
And then shoulder the cost.

God, make us a church
That joins in with your living
As you cherish and challenge,
Reign in and release,
A church that is winsome,
Impassioned, inspiring:
Lioness of your justice
And lamb of your peace.





From the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher

The Priory and Parish Church of St Margaret was dedicated in December 2011 as King's Lynn Minster. Its sister Minster is in Great Yarmouth.

The present-day ministry includes civic and special services which reach far beyond the immediate parish and makes the Minster significant for a wider area of West Norfolk. There is also a ministry to tourists, visitors and pilgrims.

The team ministry serves the people of this historic town with its diverse population, areas of multiple deprivation and many challenges and opportunities.

The Minster has great potential to become a centre for worship and mission in the western part of the diocese. I am seeking to appoint a priest who will bring prayerful energy and creativity in discovering new ways to develop the Minster's life and align the mission and ministry of this significant church to the Diocesan Vision of being Transformed by Christ: Prayerfully - Pastorally - Prophetically

This comes with my prayers as you listen for God's call and discern whether King's Lynn is the place to which you are being called in this season.



From the Dean of Norwich Cathedral, the Very Revd Jane Hedges

The Cathedral Chapter very much values the relationship we have with the two Minsters in the diocese and would like to see this develop further. The Team Rectors of both Minsters are also appointed as Honorary Canons and as members of the College of Canons they are able to work with us and share ideas, as together we try to serve the life of the diocese.

Recently, on occasions when major services/events have been organised to reach people in all parts of the diocese, the Cathedral and Minsters have been able to work together in order to enable larger numbers of people to attend. For example, for Bishop Graham's

Enthronement and Welcome, parts of the liturgy used in the Cathedral were repeated at Welcome services in the Minsters. We've been able to share resources in a similar way during "Thy Kingdom Come".

The Cathedral Chapter hopes that the new Team Rector will want to work closely with us to explore new ways of sharing resources and to encourage the people of West Norfolk to view Norwich Cathedral as their Cathedral. We are very much committed to working in partnership with the Minster as you engage with the people of King's Lynn and will support you with our prayers as well as in any practical ways we are able to.

The Minster



King's Lynn Minster is a large parish church in the heart of King's Lynn, serving the population of its own parish and that of wider West Norfolk as a Minster Church.

The title King's Lynn Minster belongs to the building so the parish served by the Minster is still called The Parish of St Margaret with St Nicholas and St Edmund, King's Lynn and is one of 3 town centre Churches and one of the five Benefices within the wider scope of King's Lynn. The Minster is the Civic Church for West Norfolk and frequently hosts services and events for the western part of the Diocese of Norwich as well as the Civic Services for the borough. Previous incumbents have served as Chaplain to the Port, Fisher Fleet & Docks.

The Minster lies within the broad catholic tradition and many church members are keen that the tradition of the church and its pattern of services are maintained. Those who attend services at the Minster value highly the fine music offered by the choir and organ. There is a broad recognition that work needs to be done to attract new people to the church, especially those who are younger than most people who attend at present.

The main Sunday Service at the Minster is the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am. The Minster is a Church committed to a high standard of music,

liturgy and preaching, with vestments, servers, incense and a robed choir (once a month).

The regular congregation consists largely of people of retirement age and older, some of whom live in the Parish, some come from other parts of the town and some from beyond. There are a small number of young people who attend with their families.

The Minster is kept open all day, every day and has many visitors. On Tuesdays and Saturdays during the summer months we run a cafe selling hot drinks and snacks. This is popular with visitors and provides a friendly meeting place for local residents. The Tuesday Cafe runs before organ recitals which are well supported. We also have a small shop that opens two days a week. We would very much like to extend both these facilities and to expand our Ministry of Welcome in general.

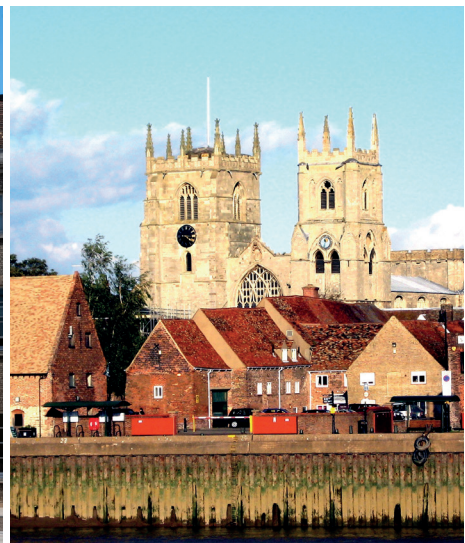
We have recently completed a huge project to carry out essential conservation works to the clerestory and the west and north porches of the Minster as well as to add in much needed modern facilities, including an office (where the parish administrator is based), a meeting room,

toilets, a disabled toilet with baby changing facilities and a lift. As part of this work we were also able to improve the access to the ringing chamber and to the silence chamber above to provide some much needed storage space.

Outreach into the community of King's Lynn and the surrounding area is of growing concern and as a result of the above project we have been able

to employ Monika Saganowska to work with us as an Engagement and Development Officer (this is a fixed term post due to finish in the spring of 2022 subject to funding). Monika's focus is on building the relationship of the Minster with the visiting public and pilgrims, with the main focus of her work being the provision of high-quality resources within the Minster and engaging the public with activities run at the Minster.

The Parish



The Minster serves a parish with a population exceeding 7000 within King's Lynn, a town of some 50,000 people. The Minster lies in the medieval quarter of the town and is surrounded by fine buildings serving as a reminder of its successful and wealthy days when it was a member of the Hanseatic League of port towns.

A very significant part of the parish population live in North Lynn, an estate with a high level of social and economic deprivation. A busy and active port still operates in King's Lynn but in more recent times more people have been employed in the food industry and light engineering.

The population of King's Lynn grew rapidly after the war with development of new industrial and housing estates – many people were attracted to move from London with the promise of secure employment. King's Lynn does embrace some of the poorest wards in Norfolk – particularly in North and South Lynn.

Homelessness is a significant problem which local churches responded to with the establishment of an excellent winter night shelter – this is supported by the Minster congregation. The Minster also actively supports the local Foodbank and the King's Lynn Debt Centre.

The Parish supports the work of the Parish of Yelwoko, Uganda annually via our Outward Giving Fund and in 2020 in addition to this we have been able to send £500 to help the parish cope with the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Minster and Ministry in North Lynn

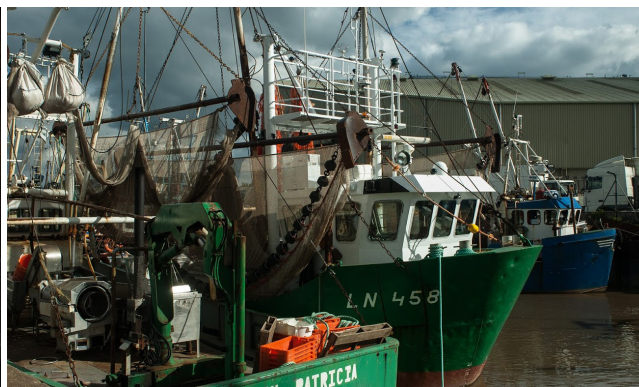
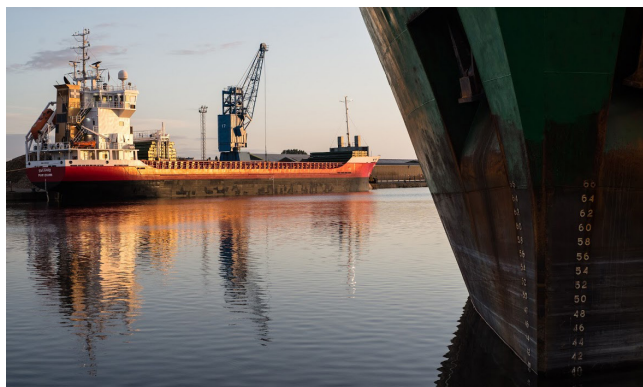
North Lynn Estate sits in the heart of the Minster's Parish. It is a large estate, populated largely with council housing and housing association properties.

It is a friendly, communal place, but there are many issues which are often associated with more deprived areas. North Lynn Methodist Church is in the middle of the estate, and is therefore really well placed to serve the estate, and the people here. For many years, recognising that mission to North Lynn needs to be local to North Lynn, the Minster has worked closely with the Methodist Church, and a very strong relationship has formed.

We share in lent and advent courses, social events, clergy 'cross over' the churches to lead worship and most importantly, friendship is shared. This close relationship was formalised further with the creation of the team vicar role in 2015. The team vicar is part of the Minster team, and engaged there, but is focused primarily on mission in

North Lynn, working as part of the Methodist Church. Indeed, the church itself is becoming a 'Local Ecumenical partnership', reflecting just how closely the 2 denominations are serving together.

We are at a very exciting point with our mission in North Lynn as, due to much support from the Minster and the Methodist Circuit, we are about to embark upon a large building project, which will create a community hub for the people here. The congregation here is relational and missional, and the building will be a huge asset to what already goes on. We look forward to continued support and involvement from the Minster in our venture, and we hope for an incumbent who will feel at home in North Lynn, and able to continue the great work which has begun.



Whitefriars School

The Minster benefits from having a close relationship with this large and very good school. Whitefriars is recognised as a kind and caring school with a friendly staff team and an efficient governing body.

There are many opportunities here for mission and ministry. This Church of England Primary Academy has a long history with the Minster. The school community hopes for an Incumbent who could lead, and value young people as they grow

in faith; that they will serve as a governor (the incumbent is ex officio member of the governing body) as a person with integrity, wisdom, skills and knowledge; and as someone who can contribute to the wellbeing of the school community.

How we see ourselves as a congregation

We value the high quality of the services offered at the Minster - the weekly Eucharist, the fine liturgy, the excellent preaching and the very good music.

We enjoy our fine organ and wonderful choir. We appreciate moments of silence in the services, for many of us, these moments are when we feel very close to God.

We value the depth of prayer during worship at the Minster and the sense of unhurriedness in the liturgy which allows space to pray. Church seasons and the rhythm of the church year are taken seriously at the Minster. We pay particular attention to Christmas, to Holy Week and Easter. Festival Sundays are held in high regard.

We recognise the importance of the links we have with our community - the schools, the Purfleet Trust and King's Lynn Winter Night Shelter for instance. Also, the marvelous architecture and heritage of the Minster is held in very high regard by many of us. We are a happy, committed, faithful and welcoming congregation and we are looking forward to working with our new Rector to discern where God is wanting to lead us in the future.



Our hopes for the future

We appreciate and wish to maintain much of what we have; namely the traditional liturgy enhanced by beautiful organ music and a choir led by a skillful music director, the loyal congregation, and our active civic role. We recognise that we need to build on what we already have here. We would like the message of God's love to be more visible in the community and accessible to a wider diversity of people. We hope that the Minster is increasingly seen to be a place of worship, friendship, care, love and Christ-centered community.

The relationship with North Lynn LEP is very important to us and we hope to be able to build on what we share between the Minster and the church in North Lynn and increase our sense of commonality and collaboratively sharing in mission and ministry.



Our new Team Rector

We hope to appoint a new Rector who is kind and approachable, who has a deep faith and a good sense of humour. We seek an incumbent who can relate to the different members of the congregation. We would like our new Rector to be encouraging and welcoming to those who seek God and to help people to develop in their faith, to lead by example in their own faith and to share that with us through everyday actions and by maintaining a high quality of preaching.

We hope our new Rector will work with us to attract more people to our church - especially the younger generations. We would like to build



on the work we do with children and young families through occasions such as Baptism ministry and the hugely successful and well attended Christingle services. To take the church forward whilst maintaining our traditional style of worship but to also offer alternative, easily accessible worship and to respect and encourage our music tradition too. We need someone who can work well within the parish whilst at the same time be committed to the life of the town and wider community.

We would like our new Rector to form good relationships with people and to work collaboratively with members of the congregation, civic leaders, local organisations and other churches and faiths to accommodate town wide events in the Minster and to further develop our mission in the wider community. They will need to be a person with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and with the gifts needed to encourage the current congregation in faith, fellowship, pastoral care and outreach. We know that all these things will require a person of wisdom, discernment, and mature faith.

We long to grow in our understanding and sense of mission here, and we seek a new Rector who can teach about its theology and practice. In other words what mission is and what it involves. We would like our new leader to walk with us in God's mission in this place; enabling us and encouraging us to take part in living out and sharing the good news of Christ in an attractive and tangible way.

‘Someone who wears their learning lightly but who is able to dig deeply into the riches of the Bible and make it relevant to everyday life’

“Someone to take our hands and lead us. Not leading from the front necessarily but leading us together out into mission”

‘A caring shepherd’

“My hopes for a new rector are that they will help us grow into the likeness of Christ as a congregation”

We are offering the successful applicant:

1. A Good House



The Minster Vicarage is located directly opposite the West Door of the Minster and therefore has one of the most beautiful views in Kings Lynn.

The very spacious Vicarage is adjacent to the Minster and offers good accommodation space, a large study, reception rooms and a good size private garden.



“It makes me feel a sense of calm and is a lovely place to be.”

‘A place of worship, friendship, care, love and community’

“People at the Minster are my church family and I feel very close to them, even those I don’t know very well.”

“A welcoming church with high standards, caring people and nice coffee.”

2. A Home and a parish in North West Norfolk

A view of West Norfolk from the Revd Jon Price a newcomer to these parts...

We are fairly new to the often-overlooked West Norfolk but the times that we have spent here so far have made a positive impression on us that will endure for a long time.

Being based in King's Lynn we are spoilt for choice with several nearby beaches with unrivalled sunsets and bird sanctuaries that border them. The nearby walks along the Norfolk Coastal Path and Sandringham provide great opportunities to clear one's head in the fresh air.

King's Lynn also has an array of bars and

restaurants in the area that suit many different tastes, with lots more options also being available along the Norfolk coast. The town itself has numerous cultural events happening throughout the year but there is also affordable, easy access to Cambridge, London and Norwich should you wish for a change of scenery.

In terms of sport as well, there are a number of options available within a quick drive from or within King's Lynn. From football-golf (yes, you read that correctly) and Kitesurfing at Hunstanton to skateboarding at Lynn Sport there has been a conscientious effort to provide opportunities to the local community.



A view of West Norfolk from Hilary Scase, a long-standing member of the Minster congregation...

West Norfolk is the best place in England to live. It has everything- except mountains. The area is so beautiful. But, first, and most important, are the people: they are welcoming, friendly, kind, thoughtful, helpful, and enthusiastic.

In the historic town of King's Lynn there is the ever-changing river, accessible to all with its ancient ferry; fascinating Fisher Fleet with a thriving fishing community, and fishing boats in and out on every tide. There are also docks for trade.

The pace of life in West Norfolk is relaxed and gentle. There are many out-door activities, including walking in wonderful countryside and woods, enjoying some stunning and safe beaches

and many nature reserves and bird watching opportunities. There are sweet-smelling lavender fields and a windmill that mills its own flour to make bread for sale. There is also plenty of horse-riding and golf.

The villages are charming, each with its own attractive church. The Borough Council has provided an excellent network of cycle paths all over the area from which can be seen unknown, secret and hidden beauties. Considering the size of the area there is a surprisingly rich culture on offer.

There is the internationally known King's Lynn Festival, The Corn Exchange at Lynn (that's what we call it), West Acre Theatre, and the theatre at Hunstanton. Stately homes abound including Holkham, Houghton, and of course Sandringham.

3. An experienced team of colleagues to work with:



Fiona Page – Churchwarden

I have been a Churchwarden since 2019 and I was born in King's Lynn to parents who were very active in the Minster. As a teenager I joined the Youth Group run by the Minster and have maintained friendships from that time. I am a retired Social Worker and have worked in the statutory and voluntary sector in Oxford, Bristol, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire in community and hospital settings. Throughout my working life I frequently returned to King's Lynn to visit my parents and kept my links with the Minster. I have known 7 Vicars, many retired clergy, and have lost count of all the Curates! On my holidays, I love spending time at our family cottage in a very peaceful location in the Scottish Highlands.



Andy Reeve – Churchwarden

I have been a Churchwarden for 6 years. My wife Carole and I have been members of the congregation for some thirty years now. Our two sons are married with four children between them – for us life is very lively and busy. I enjoy sport and am an engineer by trade so really enjoy the practical side of Church duties. With the Minster church family, the support of my fellow Churchwarden Fiona and my wife I feel we have a great team here and hope we can continue to move forward together, working with our new Rector.



Kelly Bowen – Parish Administrator

I have been Parish Administrator here since 2013. I was a member of the congregation here prior to this and also the Treasurer of the PCC. I found the skills I had learned in the previous jobs I had held could be used to support a busy church office. I now consider myself a 'Lynn Girl' although I originate from Scotland. I am married to John and we have 3 children all of whom are very supportive of me and my job. In my spare time I run a weekly crochet club and am a long-term School Governor at Whitefriars Church of England Primary Academy. I am also an avid reader and am rarely without one of my two Kindles.



The Revd Becca Rogers – Team Vicar

I have been in Kings Lynn for 5½ years, after coming from a curacy in Liverpool. I serve part time at the Minster, with responsibility for the North Lynn Estate, and I am also part-time vicar of St John's, Kings Lynn. I am married to Tim, a photographer, and I love being step-Mum to Ethan and Phoebe. We also have a very feisty terrier called George. I love walks, good food and cooking, singing, and this year, for the first time ever I have grown my own vegetables which I am really proud of!

**The Revd Angela Rayner – Assistant Curate**

I am one of the curates at King's Lynn Minster, now in my third year. I was born in London and raised in Kent. My previous career was in training, operations and strategy for a residential property firm in London. At the Minster, I see my role is to assist with the cure of souls and since the beginning of the pandemic, I've been particularly involved with organising the technology behind the scenes. In my spare time I enjoy gin, travel, outdoor pursuits, exploring old towns, unicycling/scootering, running, reading poetry and current affairs.

**The Revd Jon Price – Assistant Curate**

I was ordained Deacon in August having completed my training at Wycliffe Hall. Before that I completed studies in Philosophy and Philosophical Theology. Previously I worked for faith-based homelessness charities. In my spare time, I enjoy swimming, reading and spending time with my wife Vicki and our recently adopted dog.

**The Revd Canon Chris Copsey – Associate Minister**

I was born and grew up in Nottingham. I am married to Graham who is a retired Officer in the RAF hence I have lived in many places. Before being ordained as an SSM in 2007 I was a Reader for 9 years across 7 rural parishes. Pastoral work is a focus of my work as Chaplain to the Norfolk Coroner, and amongst the Minster congregation. Graham and I have lived in Norfolk for nearly 30 years and have 3 grown up children and 5 granddaughters. We are passionate followers of rugby and are season ticket holders with Leicester Tigers.

**Br Gilbert OC (The Revd Peter Rowntree)**

After forty years ministry in Hospital Chaplaincy, I retired to King's Lynn in 2008 and have been assisting in the Minster since that time. In 2015 I joined the Anglican Order of Cistercians, a dispersed Acknowledged contemplative community. In July 2020 I was elected as Prior for a three year term.

**Adrian Richards – Director of Music**

Now in post for over fifteen years, Adrian has a rich background of both cathedral and church music, directing and accompanying. He was an organist at the age of fourteen and a choirmaster from sixteen. When not at the organ or in front of a choir, he works part-time in his wife's advertising agency, otherwise can be found in the garden, forever digging and planting or mowing the grass. Although often in his workshop restoring classic cars.

Music and the Minster

Music in the Minster is ever present. The traditional four-part choir consists of between 12-20 members, depending on the occasion, and sings a full choral Evensong most Sundays and when not singing Evensong they sing for the Eucharist.

The choir is very loyal and is happy to sing Evensong to just God and the Angels if no-one else turns up. The choir also sings for the various Civic and Festival services and a number of carol services and a choral Requiem each year. Recently it has been away to various cathedral and abbeys to sing the services for a weekend, recent visits have included Rochester, Lichfield and Ripon. The Minster also hosts a five-month summer series of weekly Tuesday lunchtime organ recitals which are very successful, performed to an audience averaging 80, but in Festival times as many as 120. The Minster organ is nationally and internationally known and highly regarded and attracts many famous performers.

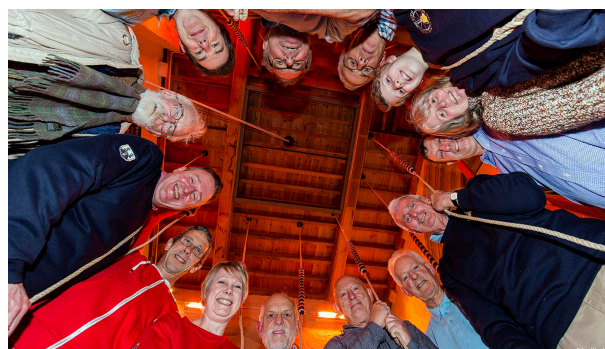


King's Lynn is an unexpected hub for music in North West Norfolk. Most well-known is of course the King's Lynn Festival which is preceded by Festival Too, a festival featuring more popular music. King's Lynn Festival is a two-week festival of classical, jazz and folk music along with many other cultural events. There is also the nationally famous King's Lynn Festival Chorus, a large choral group of around 80-100, audition only, and most capably conducted by professional musicians. There is also a flourishing Music Society. There are a number of smaller singing groups who cater for a variety of voice and ability. The Norfolk Symphony orchestra regularly performs in the town.

King's Lynn Minster Guild of Bell Ringers

The Minster is blessed with a fine ring of ten bells (tenor 28-1-4 in C) mainly recast in the 18th century but refurbished and restored in 2005. Over recent years we have managed to swell our numbers with local engagement and 'returning ringers'. We are often a King's Lynn and Friends band particularly when we want all bells ringing for 'high days and holy days' supported by our colleagues from Gaywood, Dersingham, Fakenham and Terrington St Clement. Our annual St Georges Day ringing tour is well supported by the Diocesan Ringers. We enjoy our ringing and our engagement with local ringers and friends.

As active members of the NDA Western Branch we helped and supported the last ringing



competition held at Gaywood in 2019 winning both the call change and method ringing groups. Ringing is an important part of the weekly service celebration and we are proud and privileged to be able to welcome the congregation and support the Minster and its ministry.

Appendix I

The Minster and Parish Team

Team Rector:

Vacant

Team Vicar:

The Revd Becca Rogers

(WTE split 50/50 with St John the Evangelist Church. The focus of Becca's role within our Parish is North Lynn based at North Lynn Methodist Church).

Assistant Curate:

The Revd Angela Rayner

(WTE 3rd year Curate based at the Minster).

Assistant Curate:

The Revd Jon Price

(WTE split 50/50 with St John the Evangelist Church, with the primary focus being on North Lynn).

Associate Priests:

Canon Chris Copsey

(Also: Chaplain to the Coroners Court: Diocesan Social, Community & Environmental Concerns Coordinator: Ecumenical Criminal Justice Forum Coordinator)

Brother Gilbert Rowntree, OC

(also: Prior of the Anglican Order of Cistercians)

Andrew Ward – Lay Minister

The Revd John Smith

The Revd Peter Day

The Revd Peter Godden

Paid Lay Staff

Director of Music:

Adrian Richards

Parish Administrator:

Kelly Bowen

Verger for occasional offices:

David Moore

Church Cleaner:

David Moore

Engagement and Development Officer:

Monika Saganowska

High Steward:

Since 2018 **Lord Charles Townshend** has been holding the title of **High Steward of King's Lynn Minster** – an honorary ambassadorial role, advancing the welfare of the Minster and being an advocate in the community.

Appendix II

Weekly, Monthly and Festival Service Pattern

Weekly Services

The Minster

Sunday

8.00am

Eucharist

Common Worship, held in the Chancel
(Average attendance 5)

10.00am

Parish Eucharist

Common Worship, held in the Nave
One Sunday each month is choral
(Average attendance 84 plus 2 young people)

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Book of Common Prayer, held in the Chancel
One Sunday each month, when the choir sings at the Parish Eucharist, there is either a Service of Healing or Evening Prayer with Hymns.
(Average number attending including choir 15)

North Lynn Methodist Church

Sunday

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month 10.30am Service of the Word
2nd Sunday no morning Service.
4th Sunday 10.30am Communion

Mid-week services

Weekday Eucharist: Services are held in the Benedict Chapel at the Minster:

Tuesday 7.15pm

Thursday 8.30am

Friday 10.30am

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily across the Parish.

Monthly Services in the wider Parish

A monthly Eucharist is held at Briar House Care Home and at Waterside Sheltered Accommodation.

Mid-week services (North Lynn Methodist Church)

Wednesday: 9.30am Solace (Prayer, Pilates and Discussion)

Thursday: 5pm Filling Station (Café Service)

Coffee on the Couch & Messy Church are also held at North Lynn Methodist Church

Additional Services

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
- Carol Service for East Anglian Children's Hospices (EACH)
- Light up a Life Service for Norfolk Hospice
- World Day of Prayer Service (rotating around local churches)
- Justice Service - March
- Mayor's Service - June
- Festival Service - July
- Remembrance Sunday - November
- Town Carol Service – December

In addition, two Services are held each year at St Nicholas' Chapel, for St Nicholas' Day and on Sea Sunday when the fishing boats are blessed.

Occasional Offices

Baptisms: One Sunday in the month during the Parish Eucharist Service except during Lent and Advent. Average in the year 17.

Weddings: Average in the year 7.

Funerals: Average 40, 20 in Church and 20 in Crematorium.

Groups:

The Minster

The Julian Group: Meets for private prayer in the Benedict Chapel once a month on Wednesday at 11.15am

Bible Study Group: Thursday at 2.15pm - weekly

Coffee Time: Last Wednesday of the month at 10.30am

North Lynn Methodist Church

Wednesday: 9.30am Solace (Prayer, Pilates and Discussion)

Thursday: 5pm Filling Station (Café Service)

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Holy Week at The Minster

Palm Sunday:	10am:	Eucharist with procession and reading of The Passion of Christ
Monday:	7.15pm:	Eucharist
	8pm:	Address & Compline for Holy Week
Tuesday:	12.30pm:	Eucharist followed by Lent Lunch with donations to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.
	7.15pm:	Eucharist
	8pm:	Address & Compline for Holy Week
Wednesday:	7.15pm:	Eucharist
	8pm:	Address & Compline for Holy Week
Maundy Thursday:	11am:	Clergy attend the Cathedral for The Chrism Eucharist
	8.00pm:	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by watch of prayer until midnight.
Good Friday:	10am:	Service of words and music for Good Friday including reading of The Passion of Christ
	11am:	Procession of witness in the town centre with other churches concluding in the Minster, followed by refreshments.
	2pm:	Good Friday Liturgy at All Saints Church (part of the Town Centre Group)
	8pm:	Choral Compline with motets for Good Friday
Holy Saturday:	8pm:	The Easter Liturgy with Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Confirmation
Easter Day:	8am:	The Eucharist
	10am:	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
	6.30pm:	Easter Praise – a celebration in music and readings.

School Services

Whitefriars Church of England Primary Academy Services:

Each half-term services are held for Key Stage 2 Children at All Saints Church with the lead shared between All Saints and Minster Clergy. Whole School Services are held in the Minster at Easter, Christmas, Harvest and for the Leavers Assembly in July. A Key Stage one Christingle Service is held during Advent.

The Minster Clergy are also actively involved in preparing children for Confirmation, including taking them on a trip to Ely Cathedral by train. The staff at the school are very committed to the school's Christian Ethos and meticulously plan services and encourage children to develop their faith.

Appendix III

The Vicarage

The Vicarage is a large Grade II Listed Georgian Mansion House, formerly the home of Charles Burney and his family. It is a very generous property spread over 3 floors, with the top floor having previously served as servants quarters and as a flat within the Vicarage – that can be easily separated from the rest of the house.

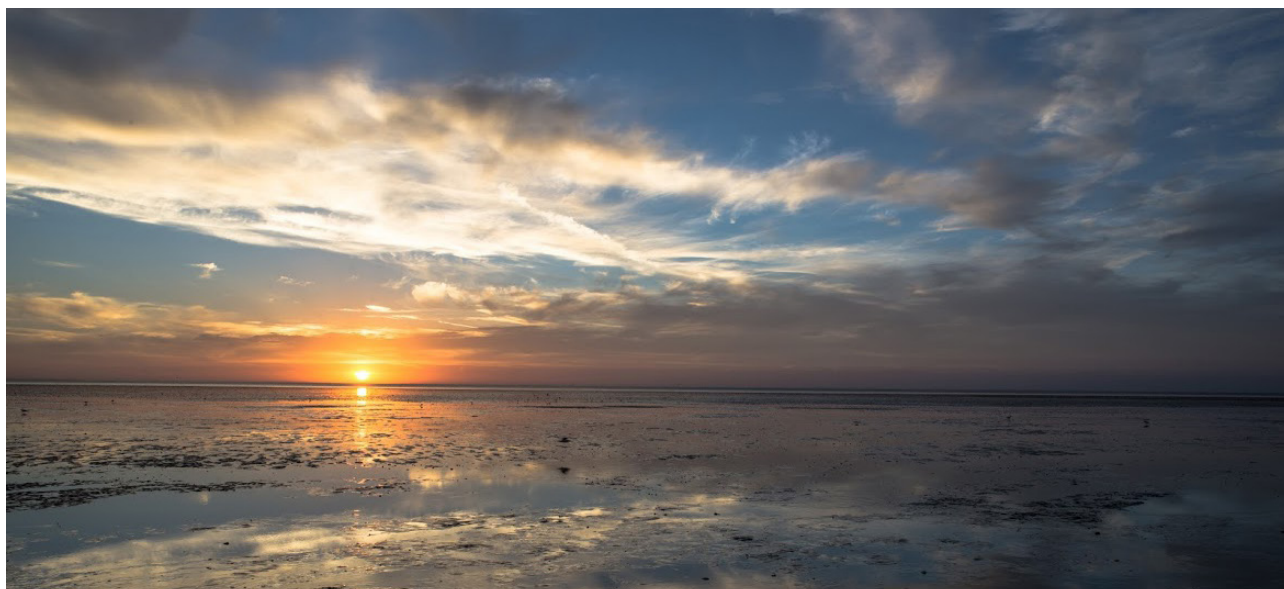
The ground floor has a large welcoming hallway with a curved stairway leading up to a beautiful open landing. There are 3 reception rooms, one of which has been used as the Vicar's office, the other 2 rooms are large family rooms with a Wood Burning Stove in one and an open fire in the other. There is a large family kitchen with an oil-fired Aga and some lovely original features including the old servants bells. Off the kitchen is a utility room and additional storage rooms off that and access to the back yard and gardens. There is also a downstairs cloakroom and a back staircase with under stairs storage.

The second floor has 4 very large bedrooms as well as a separate toilet and bathroom. The open landing has a large window looking out onto the gardens and beautiful mirror that needs to be seen to be believed.

The third floor (which once served as a flat) once again has 4 large bedrooms, although the ceilings in these rooms are slightly lower so they have a more cosy feeling. As with the previous floor there is a bathroom with separate toilet and shower room.

The gardens are mature and well established, with a lovely grassed lawn, mature borders and established pond. The garden is walled all the way around and there is a brick yard area off the kitchen that includes space for a washing line, access to outside store rooms and a greenhouse. There are also 3 substantial brick-built sheds that form part of the building, one of which stores the oil tank and the others form workshops, with lots of work space and electricity.

Whilst the Vicarage (along with the Minster) is right at the heart of the historic quarter of Kings Lynn, the walled gardens allow you to enjoy your gardens and home in a great deal of privacy. Ample parking is provided in the Minster car park. The cost of utilities at the vicarage falls to the Incumbent.



Appendix IV

A Historical Note of the History of the Minster and King's Lynn

Minster and Town

The Priory and Parish church of St Margaret, St Mary Magdalene and The Virgin Saints, now King's Lynn Minster, and the town enter recorded history in 1101, with the response of the Bishop of Norwich, Herbert de Losinga, to a request from "his sons around Linn" for a church. The result led also to the Saturday Market Place right outside and a local cell of monks from the Bishop's Cathedral Priory.

Bishop's Lynn grew in prosperity and trade was brisk with the continent but also far inland and upriver. A town charter was obtained from King John in 1204 and the merchant Guild of Holy Trinity was set up which controlled the town's local governance.

In the 13th century St Margaret's was completely rebuilt and an extra storey was added to the towers. The southern one later acquired a further storey and a spire but the northern tower was completely rebuilt in 1453 due to subsidence problems. The result is a magnificent west front in which all periods of medieval architecture are represented.

Two Great Brasses

Two major memorial brasses of 1349 and 1364 in the church reflect the prosperity of the Lynn merchants: both imported from the continent and the largest in England.

Medieval Misericords

The 14thC stalls in the chancel are in the monks' part of the church but their heraldic arms reflect local aristocratic neighbours with an interest in Lynn, while the Mayor and leading townsmen sat in the chancel for mass at certain major feasts.

St Nicholas Chapel

St Nicholas Chapel is the country's largest Chapel-of-Ease and has strong links with the Parish's fishing community. Now redundant, St Nicholas is managed by the Churches Conservation Trust. The next but one Bishop after Herbert de Losinga extended the town northwards, with its own (Tuesday) market place and St Nicholas' Chapel. Wealthy merchants near St Nicholas' rebuilt it on a grand scale between 1380 and 1410 and tried hard to make it independent of the parish church, but without success: it remained a dependent chapel of ease until handed over to The Churches Conservation Trust in 1989. The Parish are entitled to hold up to six parish services at the Chapel each year, but the regular pattern is to hold 2, one on Sea Sunday, that includes the blessing of the Fisher Fleet and one to mark the Festival Day of St Nicholas in early December.

Hanse Trading Links

The Hanseatic League, a powerful northern European mercantile association, established a base in Lynn in 1474 opposite St Margaret's. In recent years King's Lynn became the first town in England to join today's new Hanse League which seeks to develop commercial and cultural links between the countries where its predecessor had outposts.

Margery Kempe & William Sawtrey

A flavour of medieval life in town and the church appears in the spiritual autobiography of Lynn's famous local mystic, Margery Kempe (1373-c1440), who attracts much more serious interest today than was once the case. Her contemporary, the Lollard martyr William Sawtrey, was a priest at St Margaret's and study of both is a current part of the Minster's recent development project.

Dissolution of the Monasteries

The Dissolution of the monasteries closed the priory and a contemporary exchange of manors also removed Lynn from the Bishop's personal control. A new charter was obtained from Henry VIII and the epithet "King's" was added to the town's name. Both this and the earlier grant from King John are shown in the glass of the Minster's great west window.

Holy Trinity Guildhall opposite the church became the base of a more independent town governing body. After the upheavals of the next century an 18th century wave of new prosperity is reflected by the many fine contemporary house-fronts backing onto the river and an elegant assembly room was added to the Guildhall: better known now as the Town Hall, the complex is still the focus for major civic and other town events.

The Great Storm of 1741

In 1741 a gale brought down St Margaret's spire and destroyed the medieval nave which was then completely rebuilt.

The Organ & Bells

Shortly after the great storm the famous musician Dr Charles Burney became organist at St Margaret's and persuaded the town authorities to replace the old decrepit organ with the impressive Snetzler organ (1754) still in use today. It has been painstakingly restored over recent years, as have the ten bells, based on a ring of eight cast in 1766 with two added in 1888.

Victorian Changes

The 18th century nave was re-modelled to suit Victorian Gothic taste in 1873-4, opening up the church vista from end to end, with only the present pulpit left from the 18th century furnishings, and later introducing the huge Bodley reredos and present stained glass. The town was also changing, as railway freight replaced inland and coastal shipping and rail links made possible new industries. The new Victorian magnates preferred suburban homes outside the town walls to the old riverside houses. The river itself was re-routed to counter silting while the new Docks linked to the railway served overseas trade better.

20th Century Onwards

By the mid-20th century the town was in commercial decline and a town expansion scheme in the 1950s-60s brought in new firms and workers. Much new housing in the northern part of the parish augmented an earlier development to enable clearance of town centre overcrowding. An initial new daughter church there (St Edmunds) has been succeeded by ecumenical worship based at North Lynn Methodist Church. The old King's Lynn Borough was absorbed into West Norfolk in 1974, but the town is still central to it in geographical terms and in the focus of civic formalities in the Town Hall, with which the church still keeps a strong association.

