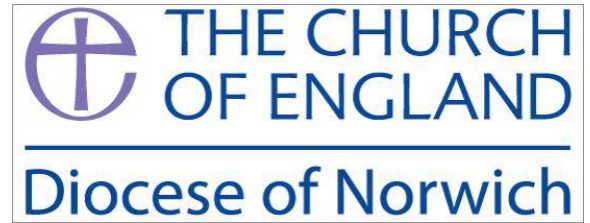


# *Flegg Group Ormesby*

## *Benefice Profile*

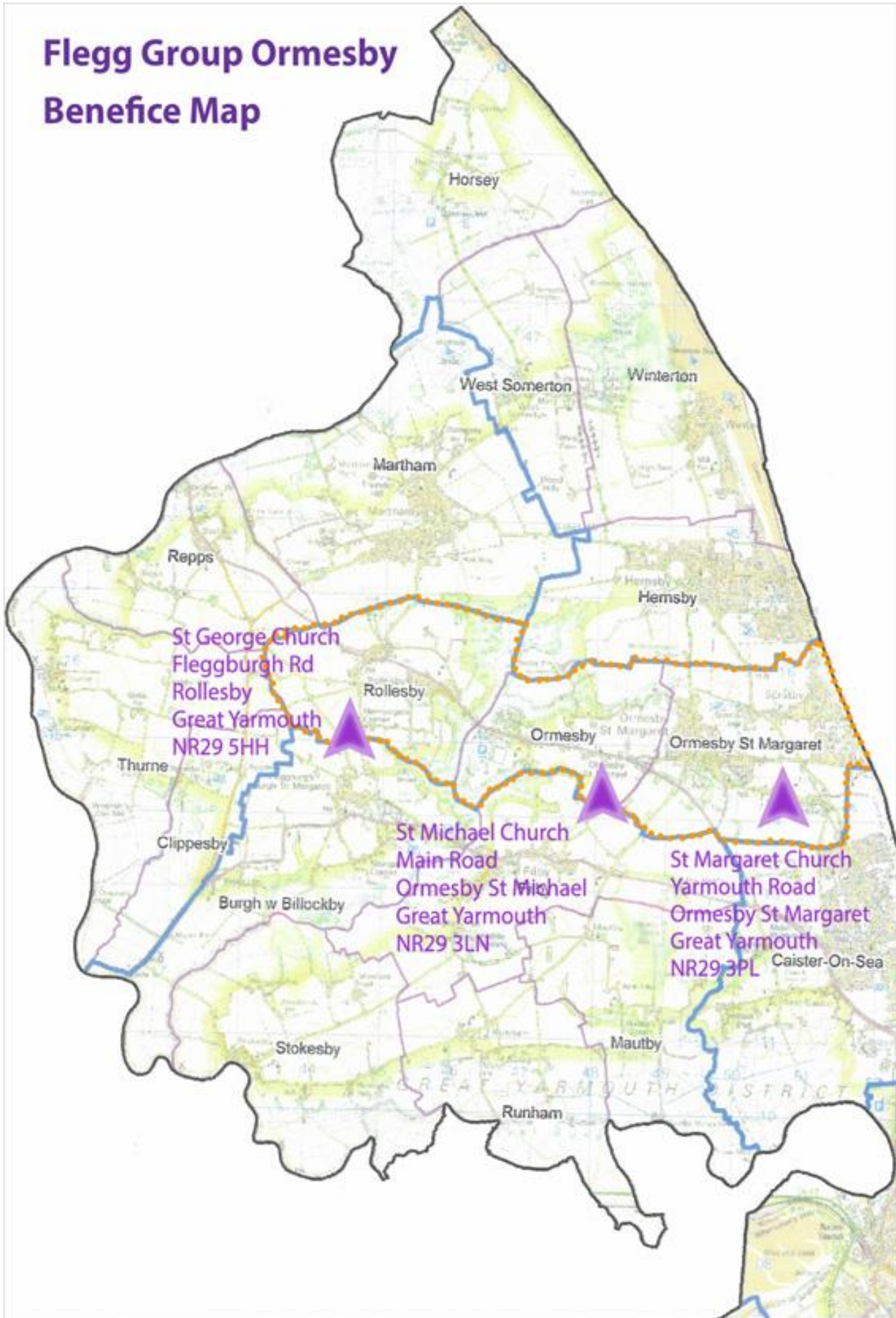


## **Introduction to the Benefice**

The Flegg Group Ormesby Benefice is located between the Broads and the coast, approximately 6 miles north of Great Yarmouth and 18 miles east of Norwich. The benefice consists of three neighbouring parishes: Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby and California, Ormesby St Michael and Rollesby.

The wide sandy beaches of the holiday resorts of Scratby and California form the eastern boundary of the benefice. A mile inland is the largest community of Ormesby St Margaret and then Ormesby St Michael lies a further half mile away, before crossing the lovely Rollesby and Ormesby Broads to Rollesby.

# Flegg Group Ormesby Benefice Map





This part of East Norfolk is an area of outstanding natural beauty. There are numerous field walks within and beyond the benefice. The beaches are beautiful and increasingly wild and lovely to the north of the benefice, and they are home to one of the biggest grey seal colonies in the world.

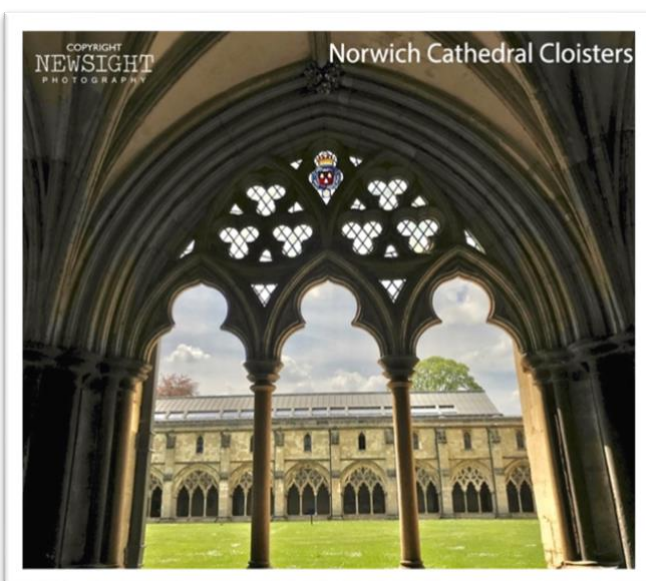
The area contains an abundance of nature reserves run by the RSPB and Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The Broads National Park and the Norfolk Coastal Path offer wonderful opportunities for walking,

sailing and boat hire. Nearby, Great Yarmouth offers all the attractions of a popular seaside resort: fairground, cinema, shopping, and Sea Life Centre, together with a rich maritime history.

Our villages are on bus routes to Great Yarmouth and Cromer. Norwich



is 45 minutes away by car and can be reached by both train and express bus from Great Yarmouth and Acle. Norwich has all the charms of an historic cathedral city: theatres, concerts, museums, castle, wonderful shopping, restaurants and especially the vibrant life of the Cathedral itself. London is 90 minutes away by train from Norwich, and the continent is easily accessible from Norwich Airport.



The towers of our three churches, dedicated to St Margaret, St Michael and

St George, are landmarks in the flat Norfolk landscape. They are each in good structural order and lovingly maintained.

## **We Aim to Be...**

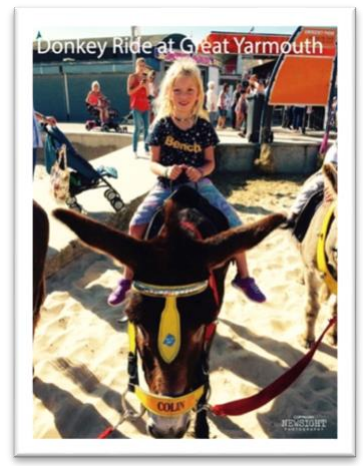
- Rooted in prayer and scripture
- People who share the love of God with the community
- Inspired in our experience of worship
- Growing as disciples and being resourced to grow
- Providing for the needs of all ages, including young families

## **We Are Seeking...**

A person of joyful, Spirit filled faith who is:

- Ready to build on the strong foundations of faith, worship and outreach in our benefice.
- An enthusiastic teacher with a sound knowledge of the Bible and a keen interest in contemporary spiritual perspectives.
- Led by the Holy Spirit to lead us in worship and prayer and in developing new ideas and initiatives to encourage growth.
- Equipped with modern organisational skills.
- Keen to engage with each church with sensitivity to their individual needs and styles of worship.
- A sensitive pastoral care minister, ready to visit and walk alongside any with special concerns; the sick, distressed, vulnerable and the bereaved.
- Committed to developing links between the church and community, especially with young families and building on established links with schools and local organisations.
- A skilled enabler, leading by example, delegating and empowering us with love and energy, to develop our own gifts and talents in the life and work of the church.
- Accessible, friendly and approachable. A good listener with a sense of humour!

**We invite you to read on as we tell you more about our benefice...**



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## Ministry Team and Benefice Structure

During the interregnum PCCs and Wardens and the leadership team continue to meet regularly to maintain the established unity of the benefice. Since January 2019 there have been weekly Sunday services at each church and this pattern continues, with the assistance of our lay ministers and visiting clergy.

The team authorised to share the ministry of the benefice comprise of:

- A Reader who serves the benefice as a whole, in leading Sunday services, funerals and other occasional services. She also facilitates Lent Groups, other outreach courses and is the named person for Safeguarding for the benefice.
- An Authorised Worship Assistant (AWA) who ministers primarily at St George's.



- We are also currently supported by retired clergy during the interregnum. The Churchwardens and three additional church members in the benefice lead Morning Prayer.
- Each church has a PCC which meets four times a year. There is one Churchwarden at St Margaret's and two at St Michael's. There is a Benefice Worship and Mission Group with representation from each church who meet four times a year to review and plan worship and outreach.

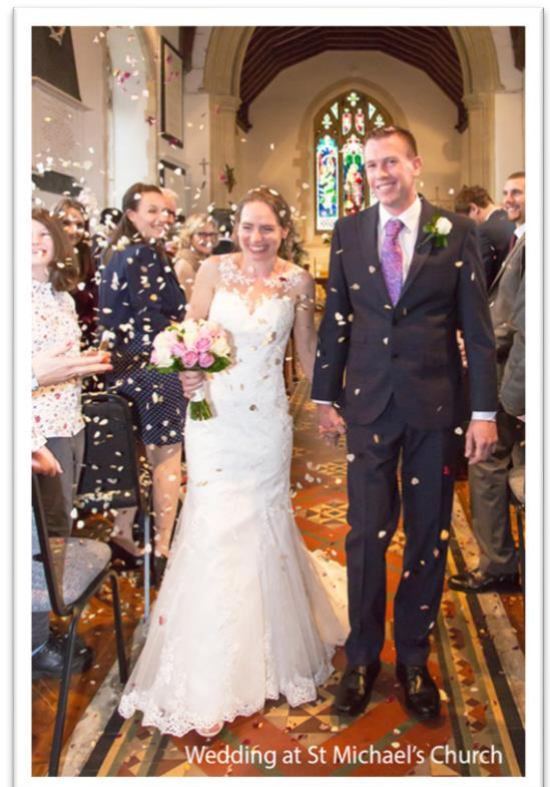
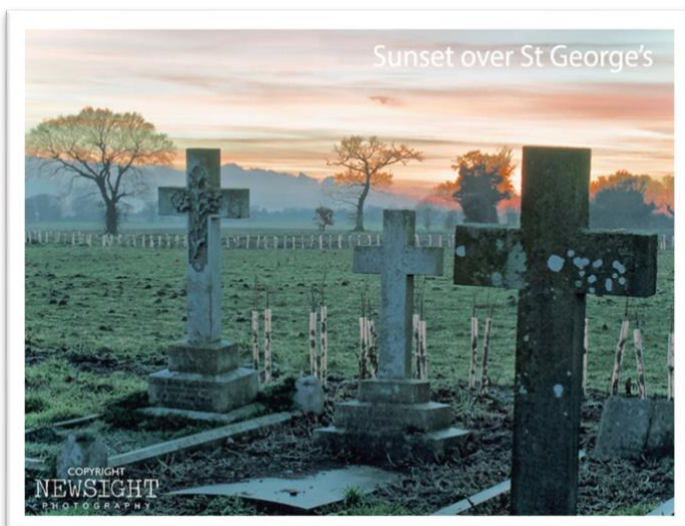
Matters relating to fabric, maintenance, fundraising and social activities are organised within each church – see the following individual parish profiles for more details.

- There are no employed staff.

## Service Statistics from the Registers

2019	St Margaret's	St Michael's	St George's
Electoral Roll	54	29	29
Baptisms	9	1	1
Weddings	3	1	1
Funerals	11	2	9
Weekly Attendances:	45-50	24	20

There have been 7 confirmations in recent years.



## Sunday Worship

We are 'middle of the road' in churchmanship; more traditional at St Margaret's and less formal at St Michael's, with St George's in between! St Margaret's has a robed choir. St George's and St Michael's both hold services at 9:15 am, alternating between Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. St Margaret's holds two services on a Sunday, at 8:00 am and 10:45 am, and at least one of these services each week is Holy Communion and the remaining services are Morning Prayer.



All services are Common Worship except for the BCP 8 am at St Margaret's.

## Weekday Worship

Morning Prayer is said at St Margaret's at 9 am on Tuesdays and at 11 am at St George's on Wednesdays. There are additional Benefice Morning and Evening Prayer services during Holy Week at St George's.

## Deanery Profile

The Flegg Group Ormesby Benefice falls within the Great Yarmouth Deanery, which is contiguous with the civil borough of Great Yarmouth. The deanery has ten benefices and 29 churches covering an area that has high density population in Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, (the second largest urban conurbation in Norfolk) while most of the parishes are in rural agricultural areas and beautiful countryside. The deanery attracts a large number of holiday visitors to the beaches, seaside attractions and the Norfolk Broads. The deanery has a welcoming, supportive and united clergy chapter that welcomes retired clergy to its meetings. Attendance is usually between 10 – 15 clergy. The Deanery Synod meets three times a year and is well supported. A deanery social event also takes place annually.

## Music

We use Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New throughout the benefice. St Margaret's Church has a pipe organ and a traditional robed choir led by the choirmaster / organist. St George's also has a pipe organ and organist. St Michael's has a

modern keyboard organ but does not currently have an organist, so worship is supported by an iPod and a modern sound / PA system. St Michael's hosts a worship singing group, The Autumn Singers, comprising people from all three churches which meets weekly to rehearse hymns and contemporary worship songs as well as for fun and fellowship.



### Study and Fellowship

Although there has been a tradition in previous years for House Study groups, there are currently none in the benefice. This is a situation which we would seek to remedy, with guidance from our new incumbent. We continue to run a Study Course during Lent each year, to which we invite church members from the neighbouring Flegg Group Coastal benefice.

### Committed to Growth

This is the Mission Strategy developed by the Diocese of Norwich. We seek to be guided by the four precepts of Listen, Celebrate, Imagine and Empower to direct our outreach and would wish to build on this with our new incumbent.

### Young Families

St Margaret's Church runs a popular weekly 'Tigger Time' group for parents and carers with children from birth to four years old. Some of them come to church on Mothering Sunday and for the Crib Service and the group is a way of keeping in contact with baptism families.

However, we are generally challenged across the benefice as to how to make our worship relevant to young families and, alternatively, how to take the church to them.



### Pastoral Care

A small team of people visit the housebound and villagers with pastoral concerns and the Reader and one Churchwarden are licensed to take Home Communion. However,

with guidance and training this ministry could become more efficient and developed.

Due to the increasing isolation of rural society, needs within the community are not always obvious.

## **Finance**

Historically the benefice has met all its financial obligations. We hold payment of Parish Share to be a priority, according to our ability, achieving 90% of the allocated amount in recent years. In 2019 our payment was £35,360 (68.66%) and we hope to increase this percentage in 2020. The benefice met its other expenses, including payment of all clergy expenses. The annual accounts for the benefice are available on request.

## **Website and Social Media**

Please take a look at our website and Facebook pages:

**Benefice Website:** [www.fleggormesbybenefice.org](http://www.fleggormesbybenefice.org)

**St Margaret Church:** [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7410/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7410/)

**St Michael Church:** [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7409/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7409/)

**St George Church:** [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7411/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7411/)

**Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/groups/1108585485901975/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1108585485901975/)

## **Facilities Within the Villages**

Medical services – The villages are served by the Coastal Partnership, with Health Centres in Ormesby and the adjacent villages of Martham and Hemsby, with pharmacies in Ormesby, Martham and Hemsby. There is an additional doctor's surgery in Fleggburgh. There is also a Dental practice in Ormesby.

The nearest hospital is the James Paget in Gorleston. We have established links with the chaplaincy team there. Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital is on the outskirts of Norwich.

There is a privately run care Home in Rollesby and a home for vulnerable adults in Ormesby.

## Schools

There are three schools in the benefice. All have a 'Good' Ofsted rating:

**Rollesby Primary and Nursery School:** <https://www.rollesby.norfolk.sch.uk/home>

**Ormesby Village Infant School:** <https://ormesbyvillageinfantschool.org/>

**Ormesby Village Junior School:** <https://ormesbyvillagejuniorschool.org>

We work comfortably with each school and they come to church for Harvest and

Christingle and the children learn Christian songs to contribute to these services. The Ecumenical 'Open the Book' service visits each school most weeks and their enactment of Bible stories is popular with the children. One of our church members currently participates in this outreach.

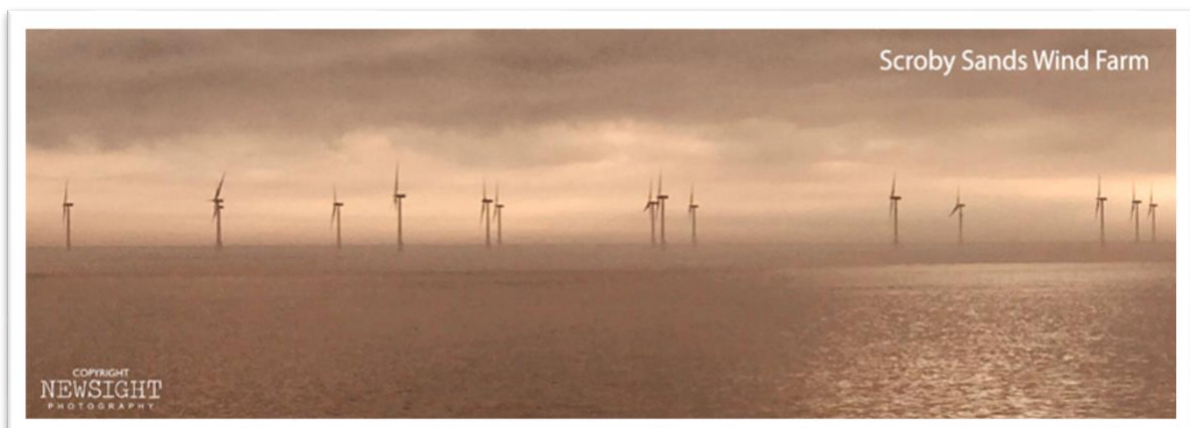


High School education is offered at Flegg High Academy in Martham and at

Caister High School. There are Further Education Colleges in Gorleston, Great Yarmouth and Norwich. Norwich is home to the University of East Anglia (UEA) and Norwich University of the Arts (NUA).

## Employment Opportunities

- Largely agricultural with many seasonally changing jobs.
- Scratby and California caravan and holiday chalet camps offer seasonal work.
- Wind farms locally, both on and off shore, require essential maintenance and engineering work.
- Work opportunities in gas and oil exploration, supply and maintenance. The two thriving harbours (inner and outer) in Great Yarmouth provide increasing



employment, mostly but not exclusively serving the offshore industries.

- Professional work is on offer in NHS, education and the white collar sector.
- Self employed local tradesmen including plumbers, decorators, electricians, builders etc. trade successfully within the locality.

## The Rectory

Built in the late 1980s the Rectory is set at the end of a small close in the centre of Ormesby St Margaret village, within easy walking distance of the church.

Comprising: Entrance hall and lobby with a study which is separate from the remainder of the house. Off the hall is a downstairs toilet and shower room. A modern fully fitted kitchen leads into a utility room with rear access into the gardens. The hall leads to a good sized

dining room and a large double aspect lounge with sliding doors opening onto an enclosed patio and the main garden. Upstairs there are four bedrooms (three double), a large family bathroom and separate toilet. The house is in excellent decorative order. The ground floor has laminate flooring and upstairs is carpeted. Outside there is a large double garage, garden shed and greenhouse in good sized and lovingly maintained grounds.



## The Parish of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby & California

Ormesby St Margaret, together with the adjacent seaside resorts of Scratby and California, is a civil parish and has the largest population of the Benefice at 4,093 with 60% in the 16-64 years age group.

([www.dioceseofnorwich.org/churches/mission/spotlight](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/churches/mission/spotlight))

Properties are mainly privately owned and will include a new property development south of Ormesby, underway at the moment, for 180 houses several of which are already occupied.

There are no known immediate plans for any further large developments.

Scratby and California have holiday homes, caravans and chalet sites, some with their own leisure facilities, and the population increases in the summer months.

### What the Villages Offer

- Takeaways - Chinese, Indian and Traditional Fish and Chips
- Convenience stores including post office services and ATM cash machine
- Playing field, bowls green, children's play areas and allotments
- Filling station
- A fishmonger
- Two public houses
- Four restaurants
- Several seasonal cafes
- A seasonal swimming pool
- Many clubs and organisations
- Unisex hairdressers
- Three Village Halls
- Scratby Garden Centre

### Local Activities

The villages of St Margaret and Scratby are kept lively and active with many organisations and groups regularly meeting. There is much on offer including exercise and sport, craft, art classes, meetings, exhibitions, organisations such as WI, Royal British Legion, Brownies, dog training, clubs and groups. There are two sport and fitness centres, each with a swimming pool, within 5 miles of Ormesby.



The Garden Club holds an annual Village Show well supported by the villagers, and those who have allotments, and attracts light hearted competition between entrants.

The three village halls are all well equipped, of good size and in sound state of repair.

The two in the centre of the village have adequate parking, one has a stage, and they are available to hire for any occasion with thriving diaries. The third is at Scratby and built in 2011. Parking is plentiful, space inside is well proportioned and changeable

to suit the occasion and requirements. A Pop up café in the centre of Ormesby is organised and overseen by members of the Baptist Church using their old chapel as the venue. They continue acts of worship in the All Saints Parish Hall at Scratby.

## St Margaret's Church

The Church dates back to the 14th century. It is a grade 2 listed building, has seating for 200, is flint and stone built and has a slate roof.



In 1988 an extension was completed on the north-west side providing two toilets, two meeting rooms and a kitchen which is well equipped and can cater for varied numbers depending on requirements and occasion. It is used after Church services for light refreshments, finger buffets accommodating larger numbers and for a served, seated meal for up to 40 people.

Disabled access is to the North side of the church where the entrance to the building is by double doors and a moveable ramp.

The Quinquennial inspection report Oct 2019 is positive, with some pleasing comments, as well as recommendations for works needing to be done of which the PCC is already aware. The tower will need attention within the next few years and the congregation is prepared for all that will be required to be done in this project. A designated bank account being used.

There is a good selection of vestments, brasses and silver ware. The Church is well supplied with altar linen and cloths maintained by the congregation who repair, launder and give consideration to provision of new supplies. There are pews in the central nave of Church with free standing upholstered chairs in the Lady Chapel on the North side and at the West end, which are easy to move around to accommodate Church activities.



The tower has one bell and an electronic bell system (installed 2002 and regularly maintained). There is an external and internal CCTV and floodlight system. There is also a sound system and loop system for those hard of hearing.



The church is open daily with a rota of those willing to be responsible for holding a set of keys and completing this task.

St Margaret's is in a good state of repair and lovingly cared for, being maintained on a regular basis by the congregation with teams working on a rota to do general cleaning with twice yearly dates for a thorough clean through. Other rotas consist of those willing to act as side persons, readers, intercessors and licensed chalice administrators, along with general and brass cleaning, serving refreshments after services and flower arranging.

## Fund Raising and Charitable Giving

An integral part of Church life and several events are arranged. We are always open to new ideas.

- Annual Gift Day
- Coffee mornings
- Flower Festivals
- 50/50 Auction
- Summer Fete/Garden Party
- Selling of homemade items
- Individuals raising much needed funds.



We are well supported by the Friends of St Margaret; a registered charity set up in the early 1960's by a group of local people to help maintain the fabric of the Church. They hold fund raising events and have assisted generously over the years.

We offer support to local as well as national charities including:

- The Bishop's Lent appeal
- Salvation Army and local food banks with a 'blue basket' that is filled and collected monthly and an increase in donated products at Harvest and Advent

- Royal British Legion
- Christian Aid
- Children's Society
- Local care homes, hospitals and individuals known in our villages

## The Parish of Ormesby St Michael

### Geography

Ormesby St Michael is the smallest of the three villages, spread along either side of the A149 and situated next to the Broads between Rollesby and Ormesby St Margaret.

### Age groups

- Population of about 300 in 140 households.
- Per the 2011 census, 13% are below the age of 15, 24% above 65; 63% between 16-64, and 15 dependent children live in the parish.
- The Church has no children or young families regularly attending, and only one young family with 2 youngsters occasionally attending. This tells us we are not reaching the children in the village and have more to do to make church attractive and relevant to young families with children.
- The Ormesby Brownie pack attend services in the benefice.

### Development & Community

Housing is mostly privately owned, mainly older type houses and 20th century bungalows, but with a small number of council properties. There has been a small amount of newly built houses recently.

There is no school in the village.

There are a small number of private businesses (electricians, joiners, plumbers) and a farm shop and garden centre (with cafeteria); otherwise there are no shops in the village.

There is a popular, modern pub and restaurant alongside one of the Broads.



A good and well used Village Hall is used for weekly quiz nights, bingo and beetle drive evenings, dances and other activities. A number of church members attend social events

there. The hall also welcomes church events.

There appears potential for the church to play an even bigger social role in the village.

## Parish Organisations

St Michael's has been the mission / outreach hub of the benefice during the past 6 years, hosting 2 Alpha courses, 2 Emmaus courses, and annual Lent groups in that time.

A good and well used village hall hosts weekly quiz nights. St Michael's hosts and welcomes all from the benefice:

- a monthly 'Friendship Club' which started out as a dementia care & support group but has expanded to embrace everyone looking for companionship, fun, fellowship or support.
- a bi-weekly 'Village Crafters' group for all kinds of crafting and for fellowship, fun and raising funds for charity,
- the weekly 'Autumn Singers' worship group



Other events include craft fair, flower and art exhibitions, musical evenings, suppers, bazaars etc, with funds going to the Church and several other local charities.



The parish and church are supported by the Townlands Trust which helps raise funds towards church operations and the welfare of the villagers.

As part of its planned giving, the Church donates to several national charities, including Christian Aid, The Disasters & Emergency Committee, Royal British Legion and Salvation Army.



## St Michael's Church

The Church is a beautiful, Grade 2\* listed building, part thatched, with pew seating for 40 and space for about another 30 chairs, plus a small children's area which could be improved. The building is in particularly good structural order, is lovingly maintained and provides an intimate worship space, but also has room for medium sized study groups,

meetings, and local contact groups. No areas of concern were identified by the most recent quinquennial inspection.

Though built in the 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries the church was cleverly renovated in the 1970s and feels very comfortable and modern inside. It has a modern (2012) kitchen extension and disabled-inclusive toilet facilities, CCTV and large floodlit car park with capacity for 40+cars which has proven very beneficial when hosting mission events.

Access is also very flat and relatively wheelchair friendly. There is a loop system for the hard of hearing. However, our relatively small seating capacity has caused us to transfer several weddings to the larger churches.

## The Parish of Rollesby

A small village situated on the A149 at the western end of the Benefice. Housing is made up of 436 properties a small number social and mostly privately owned houses / bungalows. The demographic includes a mix of ages with a weighting towards retired people. 772 residents are on the current Civic electoral roll. There is some growth with infilling by private houses and further planning applications for housing pending.

### Facilities Within the Parish

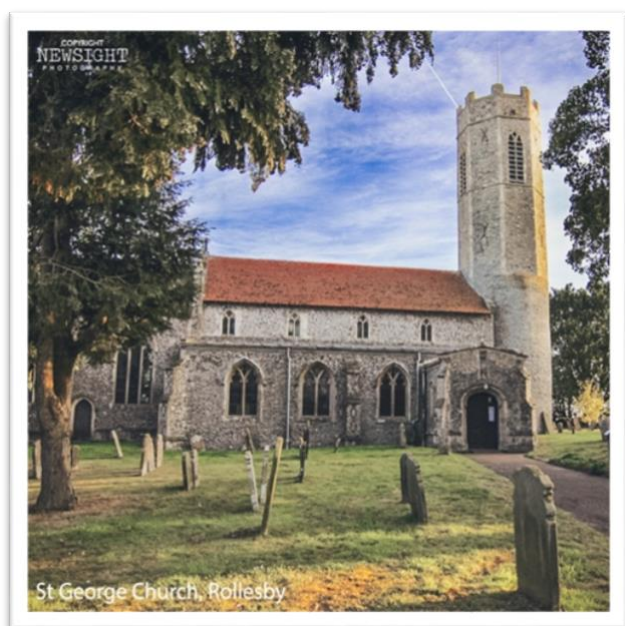
A small Business park is located in the village including a print shop; a small café; a beauty salon in which an outlying Post Office is held twice a week; a unit specialising in home accessories; a party planner and various other businesses allied to the building trade.

A farm shop is located near the church where locally grown soft fruit and vegetables,

bread, home-made cakes and pies, and locally produced dairy and meat products can be purchased. The farm also does PYO soft fruit, onions and pumpkins.

There is a garage selling motor homes, and a licensed restaurant situated at the side of Rollesby Broad. There is a popular all year round Sailing Club located here, also permit permitted angling.

There are football, cricket and bowls teams in the village and an excellent playing field and pavilion, a cricket pitch and pavilion and a bowling green. Both the Village Hall and Playing field Pavilion are well appointed and busy spaces used for group activities and events.



### St George's Church

A round tower church, originally built in 12<sup>th</sup> Century with additions throughout successive centuries and a major restoration in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

It is a well loved and well maintained church in good order. Electrical system has been rewired in recent years with efficient Halogen heaters. There is a loop system with microphones at Pulpit & Lectern and an independent wireless microphone. A

kitchen has been installed at the west end with sink worktops and storage. A safe has been installed in the vestry.

A pleasant seating area has been created to encourage fellowship and socialising with refreshments after services. Our latest on going project, for which permission has been granted, is to install a glazed door to enable



sunlight to enter the church from the South, this has been funded by Friends of Rollesby Church.

The Norman & Beard pipe organ is regularly maintained and was completely overhauled in 2006. There are disabled toilet facilities and easy flat disabled access into the Church.

An automatic opening and locking system has recently been installed so our church is open daily.

Although we have no wardens at present, within our congregation we have a licensed chalice administrator, an enthusiastic team of lay people who look after the altar linen, welcome worshippers at the door, read and lead the intercessions, clean the brasses, clean the church, and prepare and serve refreshments and ensure the churchyard, car park and path are tidy.



### **Fundraising and Charitable Giving**

A small group plans the fundraising each year: These vary from Bangers & Mash Quiz to Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard, Dragon Trail in church, Craft & Christmas Fair, Strawberryganza Garden Party, Fun Runs and Upcycling Sale, all well supported, with funds going to St George's and other local charities. We also donate to Christian Aid, Children's Society, Norfolk Churches Trust, Norfolk Round Tower Churches Trust and the Royal British Legion.

### **Parish Organisations**

The Village Hall hosts an extremely popular social Club for older people, the Happy Rollers, with a varied programme of talks, meals, outings and activities. Rollesby & District WI meet there monthly, as does the Parish Council, there are also weekly Line Dance classes, Art classes and Keep Fit. An important initiative was begun in 2018 to tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation in our rural community... a free Coffee & Chat morning is held on the first Wednesday of every month and continues to grow in popularity.

## Our Prayer

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*God our Father,  
You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus Christ  
And called us to be his body in this place.  
Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change,  
To fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer,  
That we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.  
Guide with your heavenly wisdom,  
Those who are to choose a new priest for this benefice,  
That the one whom we receive,  
May be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:  
Ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith,  
And to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son,  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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