



Alive Church Gateshead Parish Profile

INTRODUCTION

We are a church gathered from across Gateshead, Newcastle, and the North East. Our vision is to see individuals, the Church, and our communities come alive in Jesus' name.

As part of the wider HTB Network, we're playing our part in the evangelisation of the nation, the revitalisation of the Church, and the transformation of society.

St George's has been a place of worship for over 100 years. In 2016, a group of people moved to Gateshead to replant the church — and Alive Church was born. Since then, many more have joined us on the journey.

At Alive Church, we celebrate our diversity and are passionate about every person finding a place to belong and a part to play in the life of our church.





VISION & CULTURE

Alive Church (St George's) is a growing, diverse, intergenerational church planted in 2016, with a usual Sunday attendance of around 300 adults and children.

Alive Church's leadership is committed to generous orthodoxy in its approach to theology, and sits within the evangelical charismatic tradition.

We prioritise mission to the young and those in crisis, investing heavily in children, youth, and our social transformation ministry, Love Your Neighbour.

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VEHICLES & THREADS

In addition to our Vision and Culture, we also have threads and vehicles. Our **threads** are the things that run through everything we do at Alive Church, and these are:

Prayer

Worship

Evangelism

Discipleship

Pastoral Care

Vehicles are the way we talk about how we plan to see our vision become a reality. These are:

Sunday Gatherings

Communities

Kids and Youth

Alpha

Love Your Neighbour

CLERGY & MINISTRY LEADERS



Rich Grant
Church Leader



Sarah Millican Jones
Curate (finishing 2026)



Joseph Raj
Youth Pastor



Libby Williams
Worship Pastor



Eve Taylor
Kids Pastor

CLERGY BIO

Rich was ordained in Sheffield in 2013 and served his curacy at St Thomas Crookes, which is also where he became a Christian as a teenager and had previously worked as the youth leader.

Before his curacy, Rich was an ordinand at St Mellitus College and on placement with Ric Thorpe at St Paul's, Shadwell in East London. St Paul's is a church plant from HTB that has planted across East London.

In 2016, he led a team of 20 into St George's Church, Gateshead. At the time, St George's had a Sunday Gathering of around 6 people. Over the last 10 years, together with the church congregation and staff team, they have renovated the church building and Hope House, established ministries, and seen the church grow.

Rich is a leader who aims to see people released into their calling. The staff team have a collaborative working environment that supports one another as we offer our best.

RELATIONSHIPS

We're a HTB church plant. As a HTB Network Church, we are playing our part in the evangelisation of the nation, the revitalisation of the Church, and the transformation of society.

All our team are expected to share the vision and values of HTB and join in with the wider network. Each year we attend Summit, a conference for HTB Network church teams, and Focus, our church weekend away together with other churches from the HTB family of churches.

Alongside partnering with HTB, we work closely with the Diocese of Durham and churches across the North East as we seek to see the gospel made known in our generation.

Alongside external partners, a key relationship at Alive Church is the one between Clergy, staff, and our church teams, including our PCC. We're partnering together to see our vision become reality.



WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- We're looking for someone who loves God and people.
- We're looking for someone who shares our vision and values, and who sees themselves as part of a team as we work together. Our next curate will embody our team values of **serve first, offering our best, being in it together**, and **building beyond ourselves**.
- Our Alive Church staff team have a high value on fun together. We're looking for someone who loves being part of a team.
- Sundays are an essential part of church life, and we're looking for someone who has a heart for being involved in making our Sunday Gatherings happen, and helping people encounter Jesus.
- Our ideal curate will have a passion for serving every generation and welcoming people from diverse backgrounds. They'll get involved in Alpha, and support ministry with the young and those in crisis.
- We often have great testimonies of God moving but we also see that leadership can be hard work. Our next curate will be up for the challenge as they play their part in a team that has high expectations of one another, and of what God wants to do in our community through our church.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

As a parish and ministry team, we are committed to creating a supportive, encouraging environment where your formation and wellbeing genuinely matter. We want your curacy to be a season of growth, joy, and deepening vocation, and we will invest in you with intention and care.

Spiritual and Personal Support

- Regular pastoral support from the Training Incumbent
- Space for honest conversation, reflection, and prayer
- Retreat days to rest, reset, and deepen your spiritual life

Ongoing Learning and Development

- Access to conferences and training opportunities (where budget allows)
- Encouragement to explore your gifts, interests, and ministry passions
- Opportunities to lead, experiment, and grow with appropriate support

A Healthy Team Culture

- A collaborative staff team who value communication, kindness, and humour
- A parish that welcomes curates as part of the family
- Clear expectations, regular supervision, and a commitment to your wellbeing

Broad Ministry Experience

- Opportunities across worship, pastoral care, schools, community engagement, and mission
- Space to develop your own voice and leadership style
- Support in navigating IME2 requirements and diocesan formation goals