

## **The Parish of St. Nicholas, South Ferriby**

Villagers have worshipped continuously in this church for almost a thousand years.

Indeed, there is mention of it in the Domesday Book. A tradition that an earlier Saxon place of worship stood on this site is not supported by hard evidence.

The church was considered sufficiently archaeologically interesting for Nicholas Pevsner to comment on it in one of his tours in 1964.

In recent times, decline in rural church attendance and the financial restraints of the Church Commissioners has meant parishes have had to be grouped together under one incumbent.

Since 1995, the Reverend Gordon Plumb has been Rector of South Ferriby, together with the other four Low Villages, but we do have our own Parochial Church Council. This means there are services of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays only, each month. Though in addition to the above, we do have Harvest, Remembrance and some of the Easter and Christmas services.

It is very much a village church where Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals mark the rites of passage of parishioners. We aim to have at least one money-raising event involving the village each year.

When Gordon Plumb retires at the end of June 2007, the parish of South Ferriby (together with Horkstow and Saxby) will be grouped with Barton-upon-Humber. The details of the new regime have yet to be negotiated, but it is inevitable we will have fewer services. Clearly some re-thinking will be necessary.

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