

Revd. Steve Chapman



I am Vicar of Elsecar Holy Trinity and St Andrew's Hoyland with St Mary's Worsbrough, and have been part of Elsecar's Local School Board since 2018. Before becoming a priest, I taught secondary school science for ten years, both here in the UK and in Africa. I live in Elsecar with my wife Cathy, who is also ordained, and we have three children in their twenties. All of them went through church primary and secondary schools, so I know from experience how important those foundations can be.

As the local vicar, I am invited to serve on the board of our church school in an advisory capacity. My role is to help ensure that the school's distinctive Christian ethos is nurtured and that its values are lived out in the life of the school community. I also make myself available to the whole school community should they wish to draw on the support and perspective I can offer, while contributing more broadly to conversations about education and community life. Being part of the board also allows me to strengthen the vital link between church, school, and village, so that together we can provide a supportive, inspiring, and caring environment for every child.