

Parish Profile

This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy for the appointment of a new parish priest. It will be accepted as the "statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish" required by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986. Additional information may be given by way of printed documents or written submissions.

Please write in black ink

I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish to which this information relates:	Newsome & Armitage Bridge Website: www.theemmanuelteam.org.uk
(b)	Name of parish church	St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	Berry Brow Methodist Church Hall Bower Sunday School Lockwood Baptist
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	Our two parishes (two churches) which have constituted the Emmanuel Benefice are not part of a wider cluster of Parishes However our church in the Parish of Newsome and Armitage Bridge is in a Local Ecumenical Partnership with Berry Brow Methodist Church Informally both of our two churches have joined with Netherton Methodist and Berry Brow Methodist to form South Huddersfield Churches together
4.	Deanery:	Almondbury & Kirkburton

5.	Population: <i>The 2019 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	15,317 Deprivation: 751 (Scale 1 - 12239)
6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	77
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	24/4/2023

7. Attendance at worship in each church

Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services

Church/Service	Time	No. of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16
St Pauls Armitage Bridge	Ordinary Time-Sunday	39	40	2
	Easter Sunday	71	78	3
	Christmas	38	40	4

8. Occasional offices: *Number for last 12 months in each church*

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy not in church
St Paul	6	0	5	8	7

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
St Paul Armitage Bridge 01484 666252	<p><u>Retired clergy living within our parishes who assist our three churches:</u></p> <p>Rev David Kent (SSM) 2 Hillside Crescent Newsome 01484 324049</p> <p>Canon Debby Plummer 7 Chapel Terrace Berry Brow 01484 667661</p> <p>Reverend Angela Dick</p>		<p>Bruce Greenwood (Admin) 01484 308857</p> <p>Children’s work: Melody Hirst Samantha McGregor</p>	<p>Pamela Thomas Antony Crawshaw 01484 359270</p>

II. Parish/Community Information

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of this parish in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	See appendix I. Demographics
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	<i>Newsome and Armitage Bridge</i> There are areas of deprivation in Primrose Hill and Lockwood & Rashcliffe. Also in the high rise flats adjacent to Woodhead Road (A616) in Berry Brow where there is a mix of asylum seekers, young people with drug problems and ex-offenders, many of whom may be unemployed
2.	Please list for each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools: 	Berry Brow Infant School Newsome Junior School Hillside Primary School Mount Pleasant Primary School Newsome High School Castle Hill School for disabled students

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth centres: <p>Hospitals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing/elderly persons' homes: • Local Businesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood initiatives • Associations eg tourist group: • Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>Newsome Scout Hall for Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts</p> <p>None</p> <p>Moorlands Grange Care Home Newsome Nursing Home Aden View Aden Mount Castle Grange specialising in Dementia care</p> <p>Newsome has a grocer, 2 fish and chip shops, dentist, doctor, chemist, 2 hairdressers, Indian takeaway, 1 charity shop, café, chiropodist, off licence, 2 public houses, bakery, a tattoo parlour and a post office</p> <p>Armitage Bridge: In Brooke's Mill there are film studios; a hairdresser's; a musical instrument dealer; North Light Art Gallery; a Dance & Drama studio, and Restaurant</p> <p>Also a public house, an acclaimed company of architects, newsagent and grocery shop, food outlets and an Indian restaurant</p> <p>Lockwood has a shopping centre and many manufacturing businesses nearby</p> <p>The LEP assists in the organisation of the annual Berry Brow Carnival in June where our churches are represented. (Berry Brow is located between Armitage Bridge and Newsome)</p> <p>Local walking group</p> <p>None</p>
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III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	About 57%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Mostly white British. About half are retired and over 70. A small number of working families with children
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Churchmanship at the church is “middle of the road”. Our clergy have typically worn a cassock alb with stole or a cassock and surplice with stole for Eucharist services and they sometimes wear only a clerical shirt and collar for Non-Eucharistic ones What clergy wear is less important to us than perhaps elsewhere
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£432 of which 67% is gift aided
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	1983 regular bi-annual presentations
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	The church is hired by choirs for rehearsals/concerts and by ABRSM for music examination, plus many other local music and arts societies. Donation received from our annual Art & Craft Exhibition for the fabric fund and donations from the Together Charity Shop

4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£45
(b)	Were these met in full?	Yes
(c)	Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	Yes at the agreement of the Budget for the next year
5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: 2023	a) £15,213 b) £15,213
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Replacing some lights with LED lighting
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met	£6,000 of which £4,550 is allocated from the Fabric Fund and £1450 from Legacies
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Please see attached
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church - <i>please list</i>	Sound structural condition, however new lighting is to be installed

(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	The last Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in 2021. A programme of prioritised work has been recommended. No major projects are required or planned in the short term as we have worked through the programme as suggested
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IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<p>We support Sokorabolo in Rorya Diocese, Mara with overseas donations. A water harvesting system costing £1850 was paid for by us and we continue to provide funds regularly. We recently hosted the Bishop for a day when he toured the Diocese</p> <p>We collect shoe boxes with gifts for Teams4U</p> <p>We support the Welcome Centre Food Bank and Advice Centre</p> <p>We join with the Methodist Church to provide Warm Welcome (with hot food) once a week</p> <p>We supervise the distributon of food from The Bread and Butter Thing.</p> <p>We make blankets from squares knitted in the Benefice and donate them to C.A.F.</p>
(b)	How much is given annually?	Between £1500 and £2500. In addition we host the Christian Aid Big Breakfast which raised £600+ in 2023.

2(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	<p>The Children's Society, Christians against Poverty, National Churches Trust, Welcome Centre and the British Legion, Church Army</p> <p>We support the local food bank by collecting food at Harvest and taking it to the Welcome centre. Direct monetary donations are also made by members of the congregation</p>
2(b)	How much is given annually?	St Pauls: £1500-£2500 plus food
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	Mara in Tanzania
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	Village of Sokorabolo in Rorya Diocese
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	The church welcomes families through school links and organised events. Local schools hold Christmas events in the Church
(b)	If so, please describe:	<p>Clergy have visited all of the schools and the nurseries.</p> <p>Families are invited to local activities such as the Christmas and Easter craft mornings. The Berry Brow carnival is an important means of outreach</p>
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	<p>Informal network of pastoral care to the sick and lonely. We assist Community Cards in producing recycled cards which all our churches sell for the benefit of the Welcome Centre. The Local Ecumenical Project charity shop is a valuable asset to the community as is the LEP community worker.</p> <p>Café Church runs once a month to encourage fringe members to attend a less formal worship</p>

6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	No
(b)	If so, who are they?	
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	None. Our youth work is church based

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	None
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	A covenant with with Berry Brow Methodist Church is currently being prepared <i>Please see Appendix II</i>
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Netherton Methodist Church Hall Bower Sunday School On occasions St Paul's, Berry Brow Methodist and Netherton Methodist have all served as a venue for the monthly Café church At least once per quarter we hold a United Service attended by Benefice Churches and the Methodist Churches

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	South Crosland Church of England voluntary aided Junior School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Aided
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	PAN of 60 = 240 places in school Y3-6
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	Not financially

VII. Lay Education and Participation

1.	<p>What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Young People • Adults 	<p>Godly Play is an integral part of Junior worship. In addition to monthly Junior Church, activity material is provided at all other services including the Team Service. Numbers vary 0-8</p> <p>House groups (5 groups up to 10 people in each)</p> <p>We take advantage of lay training sessions organised by the Deanery on reading, Intercessions, Pastoral visiting (up to 15 people)</p> <p>Healing Ministry: in February 2017, 12 people (10 lay, 2 clergy) were commissioned by the Bishop of Huddersfield as ministers of healing to our churches. They were trained via the Acorn Foundation course</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Lent Groups Advent Groups Christian Meditation Group
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Both

3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Enthusiastic worship team has been in place for many years. The team leads the worship once a month - often involving participation - and this has been well received by the congregation
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	The experienced and capable worship team of 3 meets to plan future services, with roles rotating All three attended the Deanery Lay Training Course 'Working at Worship' in September 2011. They are trained in leading worship/intercessions and also reading lessons
4.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development:	Focus needed on initiatives to attract children into Church along with their parents. Follow up and maintain contact with those children (through their parents) - who have been baptised Recruit and support younger (Children's) leaders

VIII. Additional Information

Appendix 1: Demographics

Please see separate attachment

Appendix 2: LEP Background

The aims of the LEP are to *demonstrate a sense of unity and community between local Christians, and to provide a practical and united ministry to the local community*

Newsome LEP was created almost 35 years ago and comprises two separate churches:

St Paul, Armitage Bridge (Anglican) *
Berry Brow Methodist Church **

There are strong links with other churches in the area which are not formally part of the LEP:

Holy Trinity, South Crosland (Anglican) * (NB: Holy Trinity closed 9 September 2024)
Netherton Methodist Church**
Hall Bower Sunday School

The links are so beneficial that we have joined together and unofficially call ourselves the South Huddersfield Churches Together (SHCT)

Churches marked * constituted the Emmanuel Benefice within the Leeds Diocese

We are fortunate to have the support of three retired members of the clergy who live within our parishes. They are Rev David Kent (SSM) who has Recognised and Regarded status within the Methodist Church, Canon Debby Plummer and Rev Angela Dick

The population of our parish is around 15,317

Churches marked ** are part of the Huddersfield (Pennine) Methodist Circuit within the West Yorkshire Methodist District. The Probationary Minister is Rev Tim Francis

One of our successes as an LEP has been the opening of the 'Together' Charity shop where the funds are distributed to the LEP, the two churches and to the community through grants and other schemes. It also pays the salary of the Community Worker

Our Community Worker, is employed for 8 hours per week and works closely for the churches and the community

The activities of the LEP are overseen by an LEP Council that meets bi-monthly and is made up of three elected representatives from each church and the clergy

There have been many joint activities with all the churches above:

<i>United Service</i>	<i>Quiet Days</i>	<i>Weekends Away</i>
<i>Day Trips</i>	<i>Joint Bible Studies</i>	
<i>Children's Craft Day</i>	<i>Café Church</i>	

There have also been activities working with the community:

<i>Celebrating Newsome</i>	<i>Neighbourhood Day Social Dance</i>	<i>Knit and Natter</i>
<i>Berry Brow Carnival</i>		

Attending Tenants and Residents Association meetings
Supporting Community Cards in recycling greeting cards (proceeds to The Welcome Centre)

Newsome Anglicans and Berry Brow Methodists worship together at Berry Brow. Otherwise we worship in our own churches and come together several times during the year in United services. We also work together in the community to promote the Gospel

IX. The New Priest

List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the Priest who will next have care of your Parish:

PRIEST IN CHARGE OF THE PARISH OF NEWSOME, ARMITAGE BRIDGE & NETHERTON

IN THE HUDDERSFIELD EPISCOPAL AREA

STATEMENT OF NEEDS

Our parish (three churches) are looking for an ordained man or woman who will:

- Lead us through the LYCiG process and help us to bring about generational change
- Teach us how to express our spirituality and understand our calling to faith
- Engage confidently with families, children and young people; and also develop an active presence within our local schools and community organisations
- Work constructively with our ecumenical partners and establish an obvious presence in our villages
- Encourage and appreciate the contribution of all members of our varied congregations
- Serve effectively as a Foundation Governor at South Crosland Church of England voluntary aided Junior School and also make links with our other schools as appropriate

He/she will be able to:

- provide spiritual guidance to people of all ages in an empathetic manner
- communicate effectively in all situations with warmth and understanding
- combine energy and drive with a sense of humour and reality
- make good use of the experience and capability of our retired clergy
- develop the resources within our congregations by sensitive delegation and support
- identify and develop opportunities for growing our congregations
- maintain and develop strong ecumenical relationships
- use IT effectively

In return we offer you:

- A warm and friendly Yorkshire welcome in each of our three churches
- Support from within the churches which have good experience of working together
- Enthusiastic help from an experienced SSM, retired clergy and capable lay leaders
- A readiness to meet the challenges associated with a rapidly changing world
- A modern family home in the parish close to beautiful Pennine countryside

Agreed by the PCC's of

South Crosland, Newsome and Armitage Bridge

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On 25 August 2024

Signed:P. Kent.....

Print Name: Pamela Kent.....

Office Held:PCC Secretary of Newsome & Armitage Bridge

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

***The Administrator for the Designated Officer
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She will circulate copies to the Patron, Bishop and members of the Bishop's Staff, the Area Dean and Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod

***Please keep copies of this form
and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.***