

DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) MEASURE 1986

Statement prepared by the P.C.C. describing the Church's ministry and mission within the parish

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.

I. Parish Information

1. Name of Parish: **Bothal with Pegswood**
2. Name of Parish church(es) **St Andrews Bothal St Margaret's Pegswood**
3. Name of other C of E churches/centres for public worship in the parish **None**
4. Group of parishes in which you work (formally or informally): **Longhirst**
5. Deanery: **Morpeth**
6. Population: **3302 (national census 2021)**
- 7.(a) Number on Electoral Roll **St Andrews Bothal 48**
St Margaret's do not have an electoral roll
- (b) Date of APCM at which this number was declared: **St Andrew's 23 April 2023**
St Margaret's February 2023
7. Attendance at worship at each church:

	St. Andrew's Bothal	St Margaret's
Average Sunday Communicants	27	25 (service only 4 x per year)
Average Sunday attendance	28	25
Average weekday Communicants	11	11
Average weekday attendance	11	11

8. Occasional Offices:

	St Andrew's Bothal	St Margaret's
Number of baptisms in the last 12 months:	9	2
Number of persons confirmed in the last 12 months:	0	0
Number of weddings in the last 12 months:	3	0
Number of funerals in church in the last 12 months:	4	20
Number of funerals taken by clergy not in church in the last 12 month ?		?

II. The Local Community

- 1.(a) Briefly describe the population in terms of any predominant age and/or social groups, the ethnic mix etc:

Historically Pegswood is a mining village that has over the years been expanded with new housing estates. This has resulted in quite a diverse population of differing age and social/economic groups although still predominantly white

(b) Are there any special social problems, e.g. high unemployment?

We are unaware of any specific issues

2. Please list:

Local schools: **Pegswood Primary School**

Youth centres: **None**

Hospitals: **None**

Nursing/residential homes, sheltered housing: **None**

Places of worship of other faiths: **None**

Local businesses: **Small industrial estate which includes garages, pet grooming centres, carpet retailers etc**

Village also has a variety of small businesses such as Cooperative store, General dealers, bakers, hairdressers, take away shops etc

Neighbourhood initiatives:

The is a "community litter picking group"

Community garden in the centre of the village

Group which help to maintain and develop paths within the local woods. (old pit heap was converted into green belt surrounded by woods)

Local associations:

Allotments association

Beavers cubs scouts

Pegswood community Hub - where community groups meet and a variety of events are held

Pegswood activities centre (previously named miners Welfare Hall) - where community groups meet and a variety of events are held

Pegswood with Bothal WI

Pegswood club - previously "working men's club"

Any civic responsibilities of local clergy:

Previous incumbent was on separate occasions, a member of the Parish Council and a local school governor

III. The Church Community (please give details for each church)

1.(a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? **St Andrew's approx 50% , St Margaret's approx 25%**

(b) Describe the congregation in terms of age, employment, culture, ethnicity and gender: **Predominantly white, female, retired**

2. *Please describe the tradition of your church and give details of robes/vestments worn by officiants:*
St Andrews and St. Margaret's can be described as "low church" with previous incumbent adopting plain robes/vestments
3. *Give details of Sunday services with times and form of service used:*
St Andrew's
9.30am 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month (alternating with St John's Longhirst)
If there is a 5th Sunday in the month we have a joint benefice service 10.15am at St Margaret's Pegswood
4. *Give details of weekday services:*
St Andrew's - no regular week day services although we do worship within recognised church calendar such as Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday etc
St Margaret's Wednesdays at 9.30am Officiated by Methodist minister and Church of England vicar on alternate weeks
5. *List any authorised ministers (e.g. Reader, Church Army Officer, Ordained Local Minister, Non-stipendiary Minister, Curate in training, retired Clergy):* **Anthony Oakley Methodist minister**
- 6.(a) *What is the average weekly giving of those aged 16 years and older, and what proportion of the giving is gift aided:* **St Andrews £16.99 per head; 75% Gift Aided and 25% via GASDS**
St Margaret's £3 per head 100% gift aided.
- (b) *When did the parish last have a stewardship campaign:* **2017**
7. *How does each church supplement direct giving in order to meet financial needs (eg fundraising events, hall lettings, occasional offices, investments):* **Both churches have a variety of fundraising events which include coffee mornings, fetes and concerts. St Margaret's also rent out the church hall to local community groups**
- 8.(a) *Give details of expenses paid to the incumbent, and state whether this covers them in full.*
St Andrews - £691 (2022); £572 (2023). PCC also paid 40% of Rectory Council Tax and Water Charges.
St Margaret's pay 20% of rectory council tax and water charges
The three churches in benefice pay a third each of the incumbent's expenses.
- (b) *Is there an annual discussion about the level of expenses as part of the budgeting process:* **No**
9. *What amount of Share has been (a) requested and (b) paid:*
Last year: **St Andrews (a) £13,486 (b) £13,486**
Current year: **(a) £13,486 (b) £13,486**
Next year: **Not yet determined.**
St Margaret's £3000 to church of England

£3000 to Methodist assessment

10.(a) *Is there any capital project in hand at the moment:* **No**

10.(b) *If so, please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met:*

11. Please attach a copy of the latest statement of accounts. Accounts for Year ended 31.12.2022 attached. 2023 Account in preparation.

IV. Church Buildings (please give details for each church)

1.(a) *What is the general state of repair of the churches:*

St Andrew's Church is a Grade 1 listed building which requires regular maintenance and upkeep. We are fortunate that we have no major issues / repairs pending.

St Margaret's Chapel , unfortunately is in a poor state of repair and regular weekly services are conducted in the church hall

(b) *Please give details of any major maintenance needed following the last Quinquennial Inspection:*

St Andrew's - see attached report

St. Margaret's - see attached report

2. *Please give details of church halls and any other ancillary buildings (and an indication of the level of their use).*

St Andrew's Bothal - No ancillary buildings

St Margaret's - Separate but adjacent church hall which is well used by churches and the local community

3. *Is there a churchyard to maintain and who is responsible for its maintenance?*

St. Andrews. - Yes, Maintenance is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council.

V. Outreach and Mission

1.(a) *What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish:* **St Andrew's and St. Margaret's do not have any formal regular outreach activities**

(b) *What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus:* **St Andrew's and St Margaret's do not any formal programme**

(c) *What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship:* **St Andrew's and St Margaret's do has not have any formal programme**

(d) *What are you doing to grow people in leadership:* **St Andrew's and St. Margaret's do not have any formal programme**

2.(a) *Please give details of support for the church overseas:* **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - none**

(b) *How much is given annually:* **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - none**

3.(a) Give details of support for home missions and charities: **St Andrew's and St Margaret's donates certain collections to local charities e.g. Remembrance Sunday to the Royal British Legion, Harvest Festival all produce to the local food bank etc**

(b) How much is given annually: **This can be variable upon attendance at the services**

4.(a) Does the parish have an overseas link: **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - no**

(b) If so, please state where/who

5.(a) Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families: **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - no**

(b) If so, please describe:

6. What part does the church play in community care: **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - no formal programme**

7.(a) Are there Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick: **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - no**

(b) If so, who are they:

8. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work): **St Andrew's and St Margaret's - no formal programme**

VI. Ecumenical Relationships

1(a) Involvement in local Council of Churches

(b) Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination? **St Andrew's and St Margaret's have been in a local ecumenical partnership since the 1980's**

2. What informal ecumenical contacts are there?

VII. Church Education and Social Provision

1.(a) Name of Church School(s), if applicable: **None**

(b) Aided?
Controlled?
Foundation?

(c) Number of pupils on roll (approx.):

(d) If aided, does the PCC support the school:

VIII. Lay Education and Participation

1. What education and training work takes place in the church for the following (give approx. numbers):

2. St Andrew's and St Margaret's

Children: **None**

Young People: **None**

Adults: **Bible study group, Lent courses**

2.(a) Give details of house/prayer groups: **None**

(b) Are the leaders clergy or lay:

3.(a) How do you rate the strength of lay leadership: **We do not have any**

(b) To what do you credit this strength or the lack of it: **There is a lack of people available to commit to this**

IX. Mission

1. List areas of church life which you consider in need of development: **Engage with the local community, attract younger people / families to church,**

2. What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry **See below**

3. In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage:

Find ways to make church more relevant to young people/families in today's society

Engage and become involved with the local community

To be aware of the ancient heritage of St Andrew's and help us use this heritage to attract people within and beyond the benefice

X. Additional Information

Please add here, or on another sheet, anything else which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to know about the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish.

XI. The new parish priest

List the qualities and skills you would like to see the new priest:

These were the qualities collated after polling the congregations of St Margaret's and St Andrew's:

Approachable

Friendly

Sociable

Flexible

Caring and compassionate

Empathetic

Someone who wants to be part of the local community, able to maintain and grow links

An ability and wish to work with other churches in the area

Good communicator

Inspiring
Pioneering
A love of life and family
A sense of humour
A down to earth approach
Encourages us to think more about the scriptures
Home visits to those who would like / require them
Someone who recognises the diversity of the people within the parish