

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.

I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Benefice of i) Hampsthwaite with Felliscliffe and Killinghall ii) Birstwith
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Thomas á Becket, Hampsthwaite St Thomas the Apostle, Killinghall St James', Birstwith
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	Felliscliffe Chapel of Ease, near Kettlesing village
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	n/a
4.	Deanery:	Harrogate
5.	Population:	At the 2021 census, village populations were: Hampsthwaite: 1,659 Felliscliffe (Kettlesing): 368 Birstwith: 793: Killinghall: 5,997. Significant housing development continues within Killinghall, with smaller housing developments in Hampsthwaite and Birstwith resulting in an increase in population year on year.
6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	Killinghall 50; Birstwith 82; Hampsthwaite 74
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	Hampsthwaite and Killinghall – 21 st April 2024 Birstwith – 18 th April 2024

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
Birstwith	10.30am/6.30pm Evensong	20/0	21/8	8/0
Birstwith	4.00 Church	0	18	10
Hampsthwaite	11.00am	34	34	0
Killinghall	9.30am	20	20	0
Felliscliffe	9.00am	12	12	0

8. Occasional offices

Number for last 12 months in each church – during 2023

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy not in church
Birstwith	3	3	2	4	1 (2024)
Hampsthwaite	4	2	5	9	0
Killinghall	3	2	1	3	0
Felliscliffe	1				

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff: Administrator	Churchwardens
St James' Church Lackon Bank Birstwith HG3 2NG	The Vicarage Wreaks Road Birstwith HG3 2NJ	Nil	Gill Clarke Parish Administrator St John's Church Bilton Lane HG1 3DT 07840 922748	Birstwith Sue Baugh 01423 771734 07707 055299
St Thomas á Becket Church Church Lane Hampsthwaite Harrogate HG3 2HB	As above	Nil	As above	Hampsthwaite Josephine Shepherd 07743 822686

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St. Thomas the Apostle Otley Road Killinghall Harrogate HG3 2DN	As above	Nil	As above	Killinghall Sue Macdonald 07977 878094 Fiona Pepper 01423 569282
Felliscliffe Chapel of Ease Crag Lane Felliscliffe Harrogate HG3 2JY	As above	Nil	As above	Felliscliffe Reg Houseman 07467 500993

Parish Administrator office hours: Monday and Wednesday 1.00 to 3.00pm; Tuesdays 2.00 to 3.00pm

II. Parish/Community Information

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of the(se) parish(es) in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	<p>The Benefice has a population that is predominantly white with almost all speaking English as a first language.</p> <p>Hampsthwaite with Felliscliffe and Killinghall: These populations are growing and are made up of a mix of families with children, older families and retired people.</p> <p>Birstwith: This population is made up of a large number of retired people and a few families with young children.</p> <p>Across the Benefice, housing is mainly privately owned comprising a mix of traditional houses, cottages/barns, bungalows and new builds, the majority of which are detached or semi-detached. There is some social housing in each of the four villages.</p>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	<p>Unemployment is low across the Benefice but the lack of affordable starter homes in Birstwith and Hampsthwaite means the population is slightly older than average with associated problems of mobility and isolation.</p> <p>Due to a lack of frequent public transport, rural isolation of those living on the outskirts of the parish is an issue to consider.</p>

2.	Please list for each	
	Local Schools:	<p>Birstwith C of E Primary School Belmont Grosvenor School (Independent primary school plus pre-school and nursery from 3m+) Hampsthwaite C of E Primary School (and pre-school) Killinghall C of E Primary School Killinghall 0-5 years Happy Jays Nursery Kettleasing Felliscliffe Community Primary School</p>
	Youth centres:	None
	Hospitals: within reasonable distance	<p>Harrogate District Hospital Ripon Community Hospital The Duchy Private Hospital, Harrogate</p>
	Nursing/elderly persons' homes:	<p>Within the Benefice: Westfield House Nursing Home, Ripon Road, Killinghall Plus others within Harrogate and Ripon</p>
	Places of worship of other faiths	Killinghall Methodist Church
	Local Businesses:	<p>Birstwith The Dales Stores (village shop); The Station Hotel (pub); Kerry's (mill); Harper Haulage; multiple farms; traders; Spring Gables surgery.</p> <p>Hampsthwaite Corner shop; hair and beauty salon; Community library in the Village room, Joiners Arms pub; coffee shop; car sales and repair shop; funeral director; Northern Energy; multiple farms; dairy wholesale; auctioneers; MOT centre; guest houses, dinghy services, motorbike sales and servicing.</p> <p>Felliscliffe Queen's Head pub</p> <p>Killinghall Tesco Express, two MOT centres; funeral director; Cook Shop; Skoda garage; Daleside Nurseries including Paradise Restaurant; Horizon Life Training; Pharmall animal health and agricultural supplier.</p>

<p>Neighbourhood initiatives plus Associations</p>	<p>Birstwith: Good Neighbours; lift rota for doctors; prescriptions delivered when needed; Birstwith in Bloom; Birstwith Horticultural Society and annual village show; WI; cricket, tennis, billiards and snooker teams; walking group; book club; Yoga and Keep Fit groups.</p> <p>Hampsthwaite: Wednesday Group, Indoor Bowls Club, Junior Football Club, Cricket Team, Hampsthwaite Players, Village Society, History Group; Hampsthwaite Show and Feast; WI; Young Farmers; Brownies/Guides; Dancing for Wellbeing; plus other leisure organisations.</p> <p>Felliscliffe Village Hall widely used for regular activities and events</p> <p>Killinghall: WI; Cricket Club; Village Hall events; junior football club and Village Voices women’s singing group</p>
<p>Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have</p>	<p>The incumbent is an ex officio: Trustee of the Hezmalhalch Charities (almshouses and Chapel of Ease) Trustee of Bilton Wilson School Fund Trustee of William Bilton Poor Fund Governor of the CofE Primary Schools of Hampsthwaite and Killinghall</p>

III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

<p>1(a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?</p>	<p>Killinghall – 36% Birstwith - 48% Hampsthwaite – 10-15%</p>
<p>(b) Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.</p>	<p>The majority of our worshipping community is white and over 70 with more women than men. Birstwith has a thriving monthly Sunday Club for younger children whose parent(s) stay for the service. However, we recognise the need to attract young families and younger people generally to attend church.</p>
<p>2(a) How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?</p>	<p>The Incumbent robes in cassock, surplice and stole. The choirs are usually robed. The churches are open churches, traditional medium to low church.</p>

(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	<p>Birstwith: In 2023, the regular average weekly total giving was £416; of which 25% is gift aided.</p> <p>Hampsthwaite: In 2023, the regular average weekly total giving was £1,029; of which 24% is gift aided.</p> <p>Killinghall: In 2023, the regular average weekly total giving was £198.67; of which 16% is gift aided.</p>
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	<p>Birstwith: 2018</p> <p>Killinghall: 2017</p> <p>Hampsthwaite: 2007.</p>
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	<p>At Birstwith direct giving is supplemented through monthly donations paid by standing order, donations, fundraising (music concerts, coffee mornings, Christmas fair), investment income, Community Hall lettings, weddings and funerals.</p> <p>Hampsthwaite Church holds regular fund raising events, a monthly coffee morning, Birstwith Hall Open Gardens refreshments and Hampsthwaite Open Gardens. Other income comes from endowments and investments, weddings and funerals and Community Room lettings.</p> <p>At Killinghall income is supplemented through fund raising events</p> <p>All churches are members of the Parish Giving Scheme</p>
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	Birstwith Parish Expenses in 2023 were £3,142, Hampsthwaite and Killinghall Parish expenses were £1,077 and £3,421, respectively.
(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?	Not explicitly.

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • last year? • current year? 	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Share requested</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Share Paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Birstwith £24,408 (2023) £23,477 (2024)</td> <td>Paid in full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hampsthwaite £30,614 (2023) £33,042 (2024)</td> <td>£23,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Killinghall £11,936 (2023) £12,473 (2024)</td> <td>Paid in full</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Share requested	Share Paid	Birstwith £24,408 (2023) £23,477 (2024)	Paid in full	Hampsthwaite £30,614 (2023) £33,042 (2024)	£23,000	Killinghall £11,936 (2023) £12,473 (2024)	Paid in full
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(b)	Will this year's be met?	Hopefully for Birstwith and Hampsthwaite Possibly for Killinghall								
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Birstwith: None Hampsthwaite : Upgrade of main path to the church Killinghall: None								
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	£4,000 to be paid by North Yorkshire Council (agreement confirmed).								
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Accounts for all three churches attached								
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	All three churches and Felliscliffe Chapel are in a good state of repair.								
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Birstwith and Hampsthwaite's last quinquennial was 2021. Killinghall's last quinquennial was 2022. For all three churches, all major works were undertaken and completed								

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<p>Parish magazines are delivered monthly to subscribers, in addition there is a monthly e-News which anyone can subscribe to; Birstwith also delivers a welcome pack to all people moving into the village.</p> <p>Charitable works include: Birstwith Church supporting two children overseas through Compassion UK, giving £30 per month for each child. In 2023 donations were also made to Smile, Horticap and CMS.</p>
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		<p>All three churches hold monthly coffee and cake events.</p> <p>Collections of food and other consumables are donated to the Harrogate Food Bank.</p>
		<p>The Benefice also has strong links with the Army Foundation College in Harrogate who send staff and Junior Soldiers to services in each church for Remembrance Sunday. The collections taken at these services are donated to the Royal British Legion.</p>
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	<p>In addition to the regular Sunday Services; at Birstwith there is a Sunday Club and Benefice 4.00 monthly service for families with young children.</p> <p>Christmas cards with details of services are delivered to all houses in the Benefice.</p> <p>The incumbent visits all schools on a regular basis.</p>
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Nothing in place at present
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Nothing in place at present
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Birstwith Church supports two children overseas through Compassion UK. They give £60 per month (£30 for each child). They also give money to CMS each year.
(b)	How much is given annually?	<p>Birstwith: CMS - £222; Horticap - £50 and SMILE (Worldwide - £50 (2023).</p> <p>Following visits from Compassion UK representatives to each church in 2023, a number of individuals from each church have set up sponsorship of children</p>
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	<p>All the churches support the Harrogate Food Bank.</p> <p>Twice a year Birstwith PCC chooses and supports two local charities, one local and one worldwide as well as supporting CMS and Compassion.</p>
(b)	How much is given annually?	Nil
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	N/A

4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Birstwith: Yes
(b)	If so, please describe:	Welcome and information packs provided.
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Within each church there is a Pastoral Care group.
6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	No
(b)	If so, who are they?	Not applicable
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (eg open youth work)?	The incumbent regularly visits the village schools

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	None
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	Yes, with the Methodist Church
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Killinghall meets with the Methodist Chapel for their Covenant Service

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Birstwith C of E Primary School Hampsthwaite C of E Primary School Killinghall C of E Primary School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Birstwith: Voluntary Controlled Hampsthwaite: Academy Killinghall: Voluntary Controlled
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	Birstwith: 60 Hampsthwaite: 120 Kettlesing: 40 Killinghall: 180-190
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	N/A

VII. Lay Education and Participation

1.	What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx.. numbers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Young People • Adults 	Birstwith Sunday Club: averaging 12 children up to age 11 Hampsthwaites No active Sunday School Killinghall Host regular school education visits in the church. Benefice Choir: Junior choir: 7 children of primary school age Adult choir: 15 regulars
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	None
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Not applicable
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Not applicable
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Not applicable

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Numerical growth particularly families Individual spiritual growth Rural outreach Charity work/giving Outreach to the infirm and vulnerable Sowing seeds at outside social events Increase of Social/'Fun'-raising events
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Outreach and connecting with people within and between the villages, establishing a high- profile presence in all four villages. Strengthen ties between the churches in the benefice. Visiting the sick/vulnerable. Engaging within local communities with the Benefice and the congregations. Initiating connections overseas.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	Be a visible presence across the Benefice Connect with people across all age groups within the local communities. Bring the churches together and bring growth to the congregations.

IX. 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.

Our joint Benefice mission statement reads:

Join a welcoming family worshipping God together, joyfully serving and caring for all our villages and wider communities.

In the Benefice, there are a number of people who are unable to come to church so we need to explore ways of bringing the church to those people. This includes rural outreach and nurturing the needs of the bereaved and lonely.

The Benefice has a website with details of services and activities: **hfkb.co.uk**

Subscribers receive a monthly e-newsletter from the Benefice.

X. The New Priest

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

Having consulted with the congregations of our churches:

To have a deep faith, which is catching!

The desire to integrate and enjoy being in our Benefice, despite its challenges

A hunger to grow the congregations in numbers, spirituality and lay leadership

Be kind, warm, and friendly

Be down to earth with a good sense of humour

Ability to relate to people of all ages

Ability to be inclusive when making decisions

Ability to lead change carefully

Ability to enthuse others

Be a good listener

Have good communication skills

Have good time management

Have good leadership ability

Appropriate IT and administration skills

Agreed by the PCCs of

Hampsthwaite with Felliscliffe & Killinghall and Birstwith

on Date: 23.07.24

Signed: B S Macdonald

Print Name: Bridget Susan Macdonald

Office Held: Hampsthwaite & Killinghall PCC Secretary, Killinghall Churchwarden

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

The Administrator for the Designated Officer Deborah Thorley

Diocese of Leeds, Church House

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She will circulate copies to the Patron, Bishop and Archdeacon

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