

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.

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I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Honley with Brockholes
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Mary the Virgin Honley St George the Martyr Brockholes
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	None
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	None
4.	Deanery:	Almondbury
5.	Population:	8200

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	112
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	12 May 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
St Mary's Sunday	9.30 a.m.	39	41	2
St George's Sunday	11.00 a.m.	23	23	2
St Mary's Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	7	7	0

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
Honley	5	2	1	13	19 (total for
Brockholes	2	0	2	4	both churches)

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
Both churches	No vicar (vacancy) Part-time Assistant Curate in final year of training: Katrina Robinson-Brown Katrina.Robinson-Brown@leeds.anglican.org	None	None	Shona Penfold 17 Scotgate Road Honley HD9 6RE Mobile: 07494308837 Jenny Parkin 8 Royd Mill, 77 Luke Lane, Thongsbridge

				HD9 7RZ Tel: 01484 680222 Tony Parkin (Same contact details as Jenny Parkin)
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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 Parish is situated in the picturesque Holme Valley, surrounded by hills and beautiful countryside. The parish has two village centres, Honley with a population of c.6,600 and Brockholes with c. 1,600. They are about a mile apart and are connected by some ribbon developments on the main road between them. Both can be described as dormitory villages with some light industry. The Parish is situated roughly half-way between Huddersfield and Holmfirth.</p> <p>The Parish population is about 8200. 17% are under the age of 15, 58% are aged between 16 -64 and 25% are aged over 65. 97% of the population is white. 9% of households are in social rented accommodation. 67% of households are one family, and 30% of households are one person. Of the households with children, 16% are lone-parent households. 25% are lower managerial occupations, 15% are higher managerial occupations and 14% are in intermediate occupations and 11% are self-employed.</p> <p>85% of the population have access to at least 1 car or van. 17% of the population are in fair to very bad health and 75% are in good health.</p> <p>The overall Index of multiple Deprivation (IMD) score for the parish is 10.5, which places the Parish as amongst the 50% least deprived parishes in the country.</p>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	In the parish there is some vandalism linked to youth issues.

<p>2.</p>	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Schools: • Youth centres: • Hospitals: • Nursing/elderly persons' homes: • Places of worship of other faiths • Local Businesses: • Neighbourhood initiatives: • Associations e.g. tourist group: • Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>Honley C.E. (VC) Junior Infant and Nursery School Brockholes C.E. (VC) Junior and Infant School Honley High School</p> <p>None</p> <p>None. Enfield Down Honley: In-patient mental health rehabilitation unit.</p> <p>Burhouse Court in Honley (sheltered housing) Trinity Court in Honley (sheltered housing)</p> <p>Methodist/URC Church Honley Elim Pentecostal Church Honley</p> <p>The Honley Business Association has over 120 small business members.</p> <p>Friends of Honley Library (Honley) Southgate Village Theatre (Honley) Monthly Village clean-up (Honley) Monthly Graveyard clean-up (Honley) Village community website (Honley) Welcome Club in Village Hall (Honley) Brockholes Green Spaces (BGS) (Brockholes)</p> <p>Honley Civic Society Honley Village Trust Honley Show Society Magdale Land Trust (Honley) Brockholes Village Trust Brockfest (Annual music/community event) Brocks before and after school club</p> <p>Foundation Governor at the primary schools in both villages. Member of Honley Business Association</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?	12%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	About 73 % of the congregations are aged over 60. About 1% of the congregations are under 20. 63% of the congregations are female. The ethnic mix reflects the Parish and is mainly white. Most of the congregations are retired. Employment of those working reflects the Parish distribution.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Broadly central Anglican. Candles are used but no bells or incense. Eucharistic vestments are available for every season and were worn by previous vicars. Alb and stole are worn for Communion services, just a collar for Family services. There is a robed choir at St Mary's Church.
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	The average weekly giving is £19.88. 97% of the giving is gift aided and with the reclaimed Gift Aid, the average weekly giving is £24.66
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Early 2024
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Rent for use of Churches and Parish Rooms. (Note: the Parish Rooms are currently 'mothballed') The Honley Christmas Street Market is the main fundraising event in Honley. Social events also raise money e.g. picnic concert, fashion show, dinner events, concerts. Fees for occasional services.
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£829 telephone £616 travel
(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?	Full working expenses are offered. The vicar also has access to a private trust fund which is for the furtherance of the mission of the church.

		<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>
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 (2023)? • current year (2024)? • next year (2025) ? 	63766 59232 not known yet	48650
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Not in full, due to increased running costs, principally of gas, electricity and insurance	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	<p>ST MARY'S – There are no capital projects in hand, but there is an insurance claim for ceiling plaster failure in the church, over the choir, in December 2023. We await a detailed project plan to be agreed between our Architect and the Loss Adjustor and our insurers. It is likely that this will entail further investigations, and then scaffolding inside the church when the repairs are carried out.</p> <p>ST GEORGE'S No</p>	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	<p>ST MARY'S</p> <p>The costs are not known at this stage but will be fully covered by the insurers</p> <p>ST GEORGE'S N/A</p>	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Attached.	
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	<p>ST MARY'S – Our Architect carried out the Quinquennial Inspection in May 2024. Refer to the notes below.</p> <p>The church is in reasonable condition; however the roofs require serious attention to address leaks which our architect has identified as being caused by poorly designed and fabricated gutter linings, together with ongoing pointing and conservation works to the clerestories.</p> <p>The heating system in the church recently benefitted from improvements to the pipework. The boilers are gas fired and in due course alternative modes of heating must be considered.</p> <p>The SW corner of the church is set aside for serving drinks. This part of the church has potential for the creation of a servery.</p>	

		<p>PARISH ROOMS – the church has a building called the Parish Rooms which was gifted through a trust in C19th. The building was used by a couple of local groups but would benefit from a focussed project to refurbish the rooms and make them appealing to, and suitable for, use by a range of groups. There is no disabled access which restricts the amounts of lettings. Currently no funds or project manager are available for such a focussed project and consequently the room has been ‘mothballed’ for now.</p> <p>ST GEORGE’S Good</p>
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	<p>ST MARY’S</p> <p>2024 QI Report noted a number of areas of concern:</p> <p><u>The clerestories and roofs</u> – conservation of windows, repointing stonework and repairing/improving box gutters, together with remedial work to internal parts of the church damaged by leaks from the clerestories.</p> <p><u>Aisles, Nave and Sanctuary</u> – repointing required</p> <p><u>Vestries</u> – reroofing required</p> <p><u>Porches</u> – restoration work required to roofs</p> <p><u>Drainage</u> – investigation of drains required to determine condition and repair works.</p> <p>ST GEORGE’S</p> <p>Quinquennial due in 2025.</p>

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Coffee Morning every Thursday at St Mary's. Founders, and now just participants, of Honley Street Market every December. Coffee morning in the Village Hall in Brockholes every Thursday.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	No initiatives at present
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	No initiatives at present
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	No initiatives at present
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Annual Shoe box appeal for Christmas
(b)	How much is given annually?	Number of shoe boxes varies from year to year
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	The Welcome Centre, Huddersfield and Food Bank at Thongsbridge – food and toiletries donations. Regular and Annual Harvest donations from both churches. Small donations to Wakefield Cathedral and Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Children's Society Collection Boxes
(b)	How much is given annually?	£65 to Historic Churches Trust £150 from Children's Society boxes
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?	No
(b)	If so, please describe:	n.a.

5.	What part does the church play in community care?	None
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6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	No, during the vacancy, the Curate is doing this.
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(b)	If so, who are they?	n.a.
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7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (eg open youth work)?	<p>There are three Foundation Governors at each of the Church Schools in the parish, who are fully involved in the schools and with church/school liaison.</p> <p>The previous vicar did Collective Worship in the schools and, in the vacancy, the Curate continues to do this.</p> <p>The children from both village C of E schools come on regular visits to the church, including for their Christmas, Easter and Leaving services and KS1 visit as part of their curricular RE work.</p>
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V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	None
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(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
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2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	None now. Between 2013 and 2018, St Mary's was involved in Messy Church in Honley with the Methodist/URC and Elim Pentecostal Churches
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VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Honley Junior, Infant and Nursery School Brockholes Junior and Infant School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Both village primary schools are C of E Voluntary Controlled
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	Honley 466 Brockholes 209
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	N/A

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 	There are annual introductory visits to the Church (Honley) for the Honley Key Stage 1 school children.
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	One small homegroup exists at St Mary's which came out of a 2014 Alpha Course.
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	The lay leadership of the homegroup is strong.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Personal spiritual knowledge and discipline

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth in congregation size, across all age groups. • Developing work with children, young people and families. Using outreach and school connections to encourage families and young people to become part of church life. • To improve the impact of church life (buildings and people) on the environment and climate. • Developing the spiritual life of the congregations. • Developing parish activities beyond Sunday and formal services, including developing services which encourage new people to attend.
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, young people and families, the elderly and vulnerable. • Mission to the new housing estates in the parish to encourage them to participate in the life of the Gospel and fellowship of the two churches. • Widening the diversity of both church congregations.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth in congregation size, given the rising average age of the current attendees • Addressing the challenges raised in the Quinquennial surveys • Discipleship of congregations to help them to be serious and knowledgeable disciples of Christ and part of the fellowship of Christ

IX. Additional Information

This is a good parish, with two lovely churches, in a beautiful area. The quality of life in the Holme Valley is very high, for adults and children alike. The faith of the congregations needs building by good preaching and teaching and they need help to take that faith out to others and to grow the two churches, particularly with children, families and young people. There is a will to pull together and make things work successfully but to make this happen there needs to be energetic, committed and clear leadership from a vicar who will encourage participation through love and care for the people. The parish has many good features and a great deal of potential and is currently ripe for a new vicar to come and help it blossom and flourish.

Four large new housing estates have been built in the parish in the last two years, three in Honley and one which straddles Honley and Brockholes. As yet, no initiatives have been undertaken to engage these residents in church life. As many young families are living there, this would seem to be a good opportunity to broaden the number and age range of young families and children in the churches and this needs to be a key area of development in the next few years.

Support provided includes lay members of congregation acting as Safeguarding Officer, Choir Secretary, Music Group leader, Flower arranging co-ordinator, Verger and Electoral Roll Officer, as well as the more formal roles of Churchwarden, Treasurer, Giving Officer, and PCC Minutes' Secretary. Support has also been given by lay members in recent years with the preparation of faculties and church maintenance and repairs.

St Mary's Church has a small, but dedicated, robed choir. There are organists for both churches. At St Mary's, a small music group leads the music on the first Sunday of the month at the Family Service.

In both churches use is made of laptop and one large screen for the services on a Sunday morning. Plans are being made at St Mary's to fit screens/monitors in the church to improve visibility.

The Vicar represents St Mary's Church at the Honley Business Association.

There is one PCC and one Finance and Property Group which both meet five or six times a year.

The PCC sends three members to Almondbury Deanery Synod.

The parish supports the ordination of women and a previous curate was female, as is the present one.

The Parish Rooms in Honley are an area for development. Plans have been drawn up which would allow disabled access and the modernisation of the kitchen and toilets, but lack of funds and a project manager do not currently allow this work to go ahead. A refurbished meeting room within the building could be a useful and pleasant venue for various church meetings.

X. The New Priest

Our new vicar is.....

- Someone who has a longing to share God's love, who is a good communicator and listener, with an evangelical desire to reach the unchurched; has a passionate desire for growth within our churches and is willing to work to make this happen.
- Someone who sees the church as an important part of the community, who is confident in relating to a wide range of people from both church and community and is willing to spend time building relationships with and listening to them.
- Someone able to engage with young families, in particular, and encourage growth and participation of children and young people in church and to build on the good working relationships with our church schools.
- Someone flexible in terms of worship style, who enjoys and is comfortable with leading different styles of worship, modern and traditional. Someone who can develop our praise, prayer, worship and music, making it accessible to all, including potential new church members.
- Someone who is bold enough to lead and inspire a team, but also willing and able to delegate and to support others. Someone with the ability to get alongside people to understand their concerns and build trust; can connect with people on an individual level, to nurture the gifts of others, will encourage volunteers, and develop teamwork.
- Someone able to help congregations understand the scriptures in relevant ways to modern generations, as well as developing the knowledge of established church members.
- Someone with a good sense of humour who enjoys a challenge!

What we can offer to our new vicar.....

- We are congregations who want to glorify God through all that we do.
- We are congregations who want to work together, and with a new vicar who will lead us in exciting and creative ways to promote the mission of God.
- We are welcoming people who are integral parts of our villages' vibrant and collaborative communities although ageing congregations mean we can't do as much as we used to and volunteers are harder to find.
- We have excellent established relationships with the wider community through strong links with the two C of E primary schools, and involvement in a myriad of community groups and projects in both villages (eg Honley Business Association, Honley Civic Society, Honley Show Society, Friends of Honley Library, Honley Southgate Theatre, Brockholes Village Trust and Brockholes Green Spaces Group).
- We are currently planning to have permanent screens/monitors fitted in St Mary's Church.
- The parish has a good vicarage in a beautiful area in which to live, nestling in the foothills of the Pennines and with good transport links.
- Full working expenses are offered as well as access to a private trust fund for furtherance of mission of the church.
- We support the vicar in taking the appropriate amount of time off and, in addition, encourage him/her to attend to his/her personal ministerial development.

Agreed by the PCC of

The Parish of Honley with Brockholes

on 23rd September 2024

Signed: *J. Wardman*

Print Name: Jane Wardman (on behalf of the PCC)

Office Held: PCC member and Parish representative

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

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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.***