

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(es) to which this information relates:	Woodhouse
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	Christ Church
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	----
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	The Benefice of St John the Evangelist, Birkby and Christ Church, Woodhouse
4.	Deanery:	Huddersfield
5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	2017 total population of parish 8,600 2018 residential properties in the parish – 3,821 No further information

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	45
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	23 rd April 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
Christ Church/Holy Eucharist	10.45am	14	22	2

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
Christ Church	6	1	0	8	0

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Church Assistants
Christ Church				Brenda Marshall 19 Woodhouse Hill, Fartown, Hudds Tel: 01484 305963 Rene Waddington 26 Park Lea, Bradley, Hudds Tel: 01484 535839

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.	We have a cultural mix of ethnicity including African/Caribbean, Asian and East European with some areas of high unemployment and a mixture of private and social housing
1(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	As mentioned above, in some areas of our parish there is high unemployment In the past parts of our parish have been identified as “most deprived” areas.
2.	<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 eg tourist group: 	<p>Christ Church CE Academy Ashbrow School North Huddersfield Trust School Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School</p> <p>None None</p> <p>Oxley Woodhouse Care Home for Adults with Learning difficulties Sun Woodhouse Care Home Astley Grange Nursing Home Abbey Place Care Home & Dementia Village.</p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church Holy Redeemer Parish Church of God - Fellowship Sikh Temple</p> <p>Asda Supermarket, Ashbrow Garage D J Screen, Undertaker, Thornton’s Fencing, Pentagon Huddersfield Motor Sales A number of shops, takeaways and restaurants</p> <p>None None</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	.None
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III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	4.5%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Mixed ages - elderly and retired, few of working age and employed, some with children/grandchildren. A bigger percentage of our congregation are female and as previously mentioned there is a mix of ethnicity
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Middle of the road traditional. Robes and vestments appropriate to the church season
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Average weekly giving £191 (approx.) 1/3 is gift aided
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Annually at the APCM and in the September Gift Day appeal
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Fundraising Weekly hire of the church for Eritrean church group for services and bible study
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	No clergy expenses
(b)	Were these met in full?	--

(c)	Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	No						
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? • next year ? 	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Share requested</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Share Paid</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£17,488</td> <td>£6,750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unknown</td> <td>£2,000 to date</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>	£17,488	£6,750	Unknown	£2,000 to date
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(b)	Will this year's be met?	No						
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	No						
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	-----						
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>The advice in (b) below has not acted upon due to lack of funds. A recent maintenance and re-inspection of the roof has been carried out and the Report re-iterates as follows:-</p> <p>'Sorry for the delay in sending this e-mail, but after reviewing the photographs of the recent maintenance scheme we have undertaken, it would be my very strong recommendation that the church engages with your Architect to consider some of the defects around the church. It would be very remiss of us not to advise you that there are some potentially very dangerous areas of stonework around the building, as well as some poor detailing and rainwater drainage issues. This e-mail is not intended to alarm or distress anyone involved with the church, but as our duty of care to the church and your continued trust in our company service, this correspondence is meant as friendly advice only.'</p>						
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	<p><u>Taken from the last Quinquennial Report</u></p> <p>Of greatest urgency is the making safe of masonry at high level which is in danger of falling, that is, to the buttresses of the north and south transepts, to the apex of the verge</p>						

		<p>coping over the east elevation of the organ chamber, and to the buttresses to the west of the south elevation of the organ chamber. Thereafter the masonry should be dismantled and re-built to incorporate additional anchors recommended by the structural engineer, and where necessary abutments to roof flashings made good.</p> <p>It was intended that all the above would be addressed in the second phase of the restoration programme.</p>
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IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<p>Contact through baptisms.</p> <p>We have a good relationship with our church school. Regular contact through school activities and school involvement in church with parents/carers and staff.</p> <p>The Aspire Group meets in the Chestnut Centre and provides social activities for isolated members of the community</p> <p>We also have a good relationship with the local care homes; prior to covid we made periodic visits to Sun Woodhouse for a short afternoon service. These have not yet been reinstated.</p>
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	With encouragement and by example
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Worship, thoughtful prayer/intercessions and general personal connection
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	We are hopeful our new priest will implement ways of encouraging people in this regard
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Christian Aid £340
(b)	How much is given annually?	It varies according to donations

3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	This varies. In the last 12 months donations have been made to – Children’s Society Forget me not Children’s Hospice St Barnabus
(b)	How much is given annually?	£448. 11 this year but will vary according to donations
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	----
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	No, not since covid but we do have a framed yearly collage of baptism photographs at the back of the church (with consent) which attracts interest
(b)	If so, please describe:	
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	When we had a Priest people who were ill were visited and anointed, if appropriate. People who asked for healing/prayers/anointing were dealt with individually not generally within an act of worship
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

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V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	None
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	None

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Christ Church CE Academy
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Foundation
(c)	Number of pupils on roll at the moment	223
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	----

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 	None
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	-----
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	-----
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	-----
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	-----

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>Sunday School Visiting Lay Eucharistic assistants Encouraging families into church General pastoral care This is an urban priority area. A Parish Audit has shown a need for engagement with elderly and those living alone.</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	All the above

3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General pastoral care 2. Encouraging children and parents into church 3. Finance

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.

There are four council estates within the parish – Fartown, Deighton, Sheepridge and Brackenhall. What was the largest, Brackenhall, was involved in a regeneration scheme completed over ten years ago. A number of new private developments have since taken place including Housing Association homes. . Bearing this in mind there are some areas of deprivation in some areas of the parish. It is very clear that the people of the parish have a strong connection with our church and the number of baptisms and funerals each year reflects this.

X. The New Priest

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

Someone who will

Help our congregation to grow in numbers, in faith and in our spiritual life

Engage with the local schools and seek opportunities for working with children and families

Be a visible present in the local communities of Birkby and Woodhouse

Envision us as we seek to further repair and re-order our church buildings for increased community use

He/she should be someone who is outgoing with a positive attitude and a strong personal faith, committed to helping us to grow a new generation in our churches.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31/12/23					
<u>2022</u>	Income	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	Payments	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Voluntary receipts</u>			<u>Upkeep of church</u>	
3117	Gift Aid	3168	5286	Heating, lighting, cleaning, water	4757
2744	Income Tax recovered	2209	4470	Insurance	4918
5502	Free Will Offering	5083	9756		9675
1454	Collections	1683			
12817		12143	796	Upkeep of services	850
	<u>Other voluntary receipts</u>		157	Parish News	156
445	Donations (Sundry, Gift Day & appeals)	448	0	Clergy expenses	0
566	Missions (restricted)	644	366	Church admin	629
216	Christian Aid collection (restricted)	126	1319		1635
1227		1218			
	<u>Receipts from Activities</u>		7750	Common fund	6750
384	Fundraising	506	570	Missions, Charities	716
1989	Fees PCC	725	8320		7466
2373		1231			
	<u>Sundry receipts</u>				
232	Fees payable to Diocese	0	232	Fees to Diocese	0
960	Hire of church	1440			
200	Memorial book entries	30	232		0
258	Sundry income	797			
1650		2267	0	Grant funding work	0
1538	Grant funding (restricted)	0	0		0
			305	Cash on hand (not banked)	41
9851	Balance brought forward	9524	9524	Balance brought forward	7566
29456		26383	29456		26383
Schedule of Capital Investments as at 31/12/23					
<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>			
6110	C of E Investment board	6305			
252	C of E Investment board	260			
1542	Whitacre Trust	1592			
1324	Stott bequest	1367			
Statement of assets					
<u>2022</u>	<u>Cash Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>			
9524	Bank current account	7566			
6110	CBF deposit fund	6305			
252	CBF refurbishment	260			
15886		14131			
1324	Stott bequest (endowed)	1367			
17210		15498			

Ageed by the PCC of

CHRIST CHURCH, WOODHOUSE

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8th April

on 2024

Signed: *B Marshall*

Signed: *R M Waddington*

Print Name: Brenda Marshall and Rene M Waddington

Office Held: Church Assistants

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

The Administrator for the Designated Officer

Deborah Thorley

Diocese of Leeds, Church House

17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

deborah.thorley@leeds.anglican.org

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.*