

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:	United Parish of Aldborough & Boroughbridge with Roecliffe, Minskip & Dunsforth (UPCC)
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St. Andrew's – Aldborough St James' – Boroughbridge St Mary's – Dunsforth St John's – Minskip St Mary's – Roecliffe
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	N/A
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	Great Ouseburn and Kirby Hill Parish
4.	Deanery:	Ripon

5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	Aldbrough – 200 -250 approx Boroughbridge – 3879approx (2021) Dunsforth – 200 approx Minskip – 250 approx Roecliffe – 240 approx UPCC Total in excess of 5000 with future housing developments planned
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6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	Aldbrough - 58 Boroughbridge - 49 Dunsforth - 25 Minskip - 22 Roecliffe - 62
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	20/05/24

7. Attendance at worship in each church

Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services

Throughout the Parish we have a wide variety of services, all at regular times, the Churches work together to provide an attractive selection of suitable services. Monthly there is one United Service, weekly at least one Holy Communion, traditional and modern, Songs of Praise, Morning Prayers, Mid-week alternate Wednesday Communion service joint with Kirby Hill Parish, Early morning festival Communion and Morning Praise. Monthly we will have fresh expressions of faith, including Forest Church, Messy Church and Eco Service. Numbers are from 10 – 40, but average for most services at 20 .

Church/Service	Time	No. of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16
Aldbrough				
Holy Communion (said) 2nd Sunday	8.30am	10	10	
Holy Communion 3 rd Sunday	10:00am	18	20	2
Songs of Praise 4 th Sunday	10:00am	N/A	15	4
Holy Communion (said) 5th Sunday	8.30am	10	11	
Boroughbridge				
Holy Communion 1 st Sunday	10.00am	18	20	2
Songs of Praise 2 nd Sunday	10.00am	N/A	20	1
Morning Praise 3 rd Sunday	10.00am	N/A	20	1

Messy Church 3 rd Sunday	4:00pm	N/A	20	40
Holy Communion 4 th Sunday	10.00am	18	20	1
Communion 1st & 3 rd Weds	10.30am	14	14	
Dunsforth				
Morning Praise 2nd Sunday	10:00am	N/A	15	0
Forest Church 2 nd Sunday	4:00pm	N/A	10	10
Holy Communion 4 th Sunday	10:00am	16	18	2
Minskip				
Holy Communion variable Sundays	10:00am	20	25	7
Eco Church once a quarter	4pm	N/A	22	10
Roelcliffe				
Holy Communion 2 nd Sunday	10:00am	20	18	1
United Service Holy Communion 1st Sunday	10.00am	Variable	Variable	Variable

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
Aldbrough	3	0	2	6	0
Boroughbridge	8	2	0	7	1
Dunsforth	2	0	0	2	0
Minskip	1	0	0	0	0
Roelcliffe	0	0	0	1	0

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator
		Mr John Moss Park House Ornhams Boroughbridge YORK YO51 9JH 01423 322577 Mr Paul Bartle Roecliffe Park Roecliffe YO51 9LY 07595851437	Mrs Louise Leong (Part time administrator) The Parish Office St John's Church Minskip York admin@boroughbridgechurches.uk

Churchwardens

Aldborough	Boroughbridge	Dunsforth	Minskip	Roecliffe
Elizabeth Vose Hill Top House Back Street Aldborough York YO51 9EX 01423 203503	Lawrence Christensen CBE Inglewood Heaton Park YO51 9HE 0779561701	Louise Leong Ure Lodge Lower Dunsforth York YO26 9SA 07976259433	Robert Beaumont Minskip Lodge Minskip York YO51 9JF 01423 323139	Jim Bolland Vicarage Farm Roecliffe York YO51 9LY 01423 325091
James Lawson-Tancred Village Farm Aldborough York YO51 9ES 01423 326162	Judith Lyon 5 Greenholme Close Boroughbridge YO51 9GA 07791 640509	Julie Sanderson Dunsforth Lodge Lower Dunsforth York 07845 121173		Stephen Jarvis 1 West View, Bar Lane Roecliffe York YO51 9LS 01423 322026

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>Employment: across the parish there is a good mix of employment including agriculture, retail, manufacturing, light industry, and hospitality. There are many who are self-employed, professionals – some of whom commute worldwide, and a significant number of retired professionals.</p> <p>Ethnicity: Mainly White British.</p> <p>Age: A wide mix of ages with an increasing number of young families commuting professionals and a significant number of retired individuals.</p> <p>Housing Mix: A good mix of privately owned and rented housing. At least 80 properties are based on 3 residential parks situated in the villages. There are pockets of affordable housing within the parish. Significant areas of land within & bordering the parish have been designated for additional housing development which has started.</p>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	<p>No specific social problems.</p> <p>Many residents work outside town. Transport Links – constant threats to bus service which is already limited and does not reach all parts of the parish Lack of youth activities.</p>

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 	<p>Boroughbridge Primary school Boroughbridge High school Rocliffe C of E Primary (Part of LDLT)</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Harrogate, Ripon, York Whilst we do not have a hospital within the Parish, we do have a large Health Centre. Church Lane Surgery is a five partner, rural dispensing practice The practice serves over 12,000 patients and is housed in modern purpose-built premises. There is a comprehensive Primary Health Care Team The practice operates under a General Medical Services contract with NHS England.</p> <p>Boroughbridge Manor, Riverside Court, Heath Lodge, Gwendolyn court</p> <p>Methodist Church, Grace Church (High School)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Businesses: Neighbourhood initiatives: Associations eg tourist group: Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>Mixture of agricultural, light industry, food shops, other retail, several hotels & public houses, garages, large supermarket, care homes, caravan parks and a major frozen food distribution centre</p> <p>Aldborough Sports Village Boroughbridge Community Charity Boroughbridge Allotment Society Brighter Boroughbridge Boroughbridge Community Library and Resource Centre Minskip Sports Field Joint Parish Safer Neighbourhood Group</p> <p>Aldborough Village Trust Friends of Roman Aldborough Aldborough, Boroughbridge and Dunsforth Women's Institute Northern Aldborough Festival Boroughbridge Lions Boroughbridge Tourist information centre Rocliffe Women's Institute Boroughbridge Mothers Union Yorkshire Country Women's Association Boroughbridge and District Historical Society British Legion Boroughbridge Community Choir Several local walking groups</p> <p>Civic services including annual Remembrance service</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?	Less than 10%
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(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<p>The congregation is predominantly white British with a wide age range across some of the services. At many regular Sunday services the congregation is predominantly made up of retired professionals with some regular families attending.</p> <p>Attendance at special services (Carol Service, Easter & Harvest) gives a better reflection of the population mix throughout the parish.</p> <p>There is a good gender mix of congregants throughout the parish</p>
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<p>2(a)</p>	<p>How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?</p>	<p>Currently across all 5 churches we use a form of Eucharist service using Common Worship and we normally use BCP if we have evensong services. In addition we have Family & Village services throughout the month.</p> <p>We have a lot to celebrate within our 5 communities. Each one contributes to the diversity of the Parish, from bustling market town to lively & energetic villages. All 5 communities are proud of their heritage and genuinely care for their church; however all have a desire to increase growth in Christian worship throughout the Parish.</p> <p>As a Parish we have a statement of inclusivity “Somewhere to belong” and at the beginning of 2024, all five churches individually and as the United Parish voted unanimously to join the Inclusive Church Network.</p> <p>All five of our churches have now been accepted as part of the Inclusive Church Network, which is one way we can affirm our commitment to our Whole Parish “Somewhere to Belong” statement. More details can be found here https://boroughbridgechurches.uk/what-we-believe/</p> <p>Music</p> <p>We enjoy singing and music plays an important part in our services.</p> <p>We are extremely lucky to have 3 organists living in the Parish, who between them play for most services.</p> <p>Bell ringing</p> <p>Boroughbridge and Aldborough each have 6 bells in good order, and a local band which enjoys ringing, mainly rounds and call changes, for services and other occasions. We encourage and support requests for visiting bell ringers to ring at Aldborough and Boroughbridge</p>
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		<p>All five churches work together to provide a full range of services, United Parish Services, Traditional Holy Communion, All age communion, Modern family services, Said Communion, Morning praise, Songs of Praise, Children's St. Nicholas Service, Messy Church, Eco Church and Forest Church expressions</p> <p>Officiants generally wear a stole, but also make use of shared</p> <p>Robes: Black cassocks, white albs, stoles/preaching scarves</p> <p>Chasuble – each colour</p> <p>Cope – for festivals</p> <p>Stole & girdle If required</p>
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£7 (94%)
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	2019 St Marys, Dunsforth

3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	<p>Aldbrough Annual Summer BBQ St. Andrew's Supper Burns Night Supper & Harvest Supper Coffee Mornings Regular Themed Social Events Individual donations Annual payment from the Northern Aldborough Festival Musical Events</p> <p>Boroughbridge 100 Club, Art and Craft Exhibition Summer BBQ Quiz night and Fundraising Evenings Poetry Evening Individual donations monthly coffee mornings Christmas tree festival.</p> <p>Dunsforth An ongoing Fundraising Campaign with many annual events which play an important part in the social life of the Village including Dog show, Fun day, quiz nights, lectures and Dunsforth draw</p> <p>Minskip 5 Fund Raising events/year.</p> <p>Rocliffe Many of our direct costs are borne by the Churches Conservation Trust who own the building. We receive an annual income in the form of rent from LDLT for the use of the School House. We organise several social events during the course of the year as fund raisers.</p>
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4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£2340.62
(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

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in:	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • last year 2023 • Aldborough <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Boroughbridge <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Dunsforth <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Minskip <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Roecliffe • current year 2024 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Aldborough <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Boroughbridge <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Dunsforth <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Minskip <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Roecliffe • next year 2025 • Aldborough <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Boroughbridge <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Dunsforth <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Minskip <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Roecliffe 	<p>£13,555</p> <p>£17067</p> <p>£11676</p> <p>£4036</p> <p>£9018.96</p> <p>£11938.9</p> <p>£20644</p> <p>£10850</p> <p>£5100</p> <p>£9859</p> <p>£12000 (approx)</p> <p>£20000 (approx)</p> <p>£10500 (approx)</p> <p>£5000 (approx)</p> <p>£10000 (approx)</p>	<p>£13,555</p> <p>£17067</p> <p>£11676</p> <p>£4036</p> <p>£9018.96</p> <p>£5000 (to date)</p> <p>£10,322 (to date)</p> <p>£5424 (to date)</p> <p>£395 (to date)</p> <p>£4619.57 (to date)</p>
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Lower Dunsforth – Welcome Project , the installation of a toilet and kitchen, into the Church</p> <p>Roecliffe – restoration of East Window</p>	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	<p>Welcome Project approximate costs £168,000 raised through grants and fundraising</p> <p>Roecliffe restoration of East window approx. £30,000 through grants and fundraising</p>	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Attached	

<p>8(a)</p>	<p>What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i></p> <p>Aldbrough</p> <p>Boroughbridge</p> <p>Dunsforth</p>	<p>Good. "The Church is in sound condition and commendable efforts are made to maintain a good standard of upkeep and those church members responsible should be commended for their dedication, energy and care" Quote from 2020 Quinquennial Report</p> <p>A quote from the Quinquennial report 2024, "St.James is clearly a well looked after and used church. However there are some fairly significant maintenance that needs to be carried out"</p> <p>The Church is very well maintained thanks to a dedicated team including the Churchwardens & other members of the congregation. There</p>
	<p>Minskip</p> <p>Rocliffe</p>	<p>have been no significant developments in the immediate area of the Church since the last report. Given the siting of the Church any significant development is unlikely.</p> <p>This small church is well maintained and is broadly in very good condition. Regular maintenance is ongoing to ensure items like the rainwater goods are redecorated and the slipped slates on the south side are reinstated. Works to tackle over this quinquennium are the floor at the east end of the nave where the supporting joists appear to have failed, and there is a little bit of rot to some of the timbers. In addition to this, now that roofing work has been carried out and the walls are drying out nicely, works around the door to the north side need to be carried out. The area needs to be redecorated in a breathable material with lime plaster.</p> <p>Very good – Maintained by the Church's Conservation Trust to a high standard</p>
<p>(b)</p>	<p>Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial</p>	<p>Quote from the St James, Quinquennial states "A definite item that needs addressing is the junction between the north aisle and the nave. There is a significant opening here between the north aisle roof and the nave. The roof is open to the elements at the very westernmost end." The church council is in the process of identifying a project manager to oversee this and other repairs required.</p>

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Bible Study Group Messy Church Forest Church Eco Church Make Time for Music
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Rough guides to various theological questions For example Rough guide to Bible, Praying, Trinity, Communion and readings and intercessions
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Encouraging the development of lay participation in services
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Engaged with online learning and Diocesan Learning opportunities
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physionet • Ukraine Support when required • Collections including Carol singing are shared between local and international charities.

(b)	How much is given annually?	Variable
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	<p>Donations from specific fund raising events to</p> <p>Boroughbridge Community Charity</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Care, Martin House Children's Hospice, PhysioNet Harrogate Homeless Project</p>

		Children's society RNLI, Alheimers Society, Brain Tumour Research Stroke Association, RABI Ripon Hospital Boroughbridge Community Larder
(b)	How much is given annually?	Variable
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?	Informal systems in each village
(b)	If so, please describe:	Volunteers make introductions and in addition the villages all have a form of a 'Welcome Pack' which every new household in the parish receives. This generally includes a recent Parish Magazine (The Parish Link) information on local amenities/organisations, highlights of the Village and details of School & Church.

5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Some Church members are volunteers with the Boroughbridge Community Charity. Safeguarding links with local social working groups. Support local food banks and Resurrection Bites
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6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	Paul Bartle
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Links with Boroughbridge Community Primary School

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Methodist Church
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Several Catholic families choose to worship with us during the routine and festival services. In addition a number of families worship outside the parish (at the Cathedral).

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Roecliffe C of E Primary
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Part of the Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust Incumbent is a Foundation Governor on the Governing Body and in addition leads weekly (termtime) Collective Worship
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	69
(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 	<p>Make Time for Music (10-15) Messy Church (40 -50) Forest Church (15-30) Rough guides (10-15)</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Bible Study group, Run by Mr & Mrs Lister recently re started
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Good, we have 2 experienced lay readers and a number of the congregation that can lead services. The PCC also work well together to further the mission of the Church.

(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	The good support that comes from the readers and the congregation. The PCC has a good mix of age, experience and enthusiasm.
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VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>All 5 churches consider that there is a significant need to encourage and increase attendance. We need to explore and find ways to attract more families to our church. As young families have grown up, they tend to drift away due to the activities connected to school life (sports clubs etc), and it seems increasingly difficult to attract new young families.</p> <p>In addition, many would like to make the church buildings more available on a regular basis looking to offer more up to date facilities.</p> <p>The Aldborough Church Council have already started discussions about developing a vision to secure the future for St Andrews by providing more flexibility as a venue.</p> <p>St.Mary's, Dunsforth are progressing the "Welcome Project "which is a plan to install an accessible toilet, kitchen and remove half of the pews to make a more useable community space making the Church more available to the community</p> <p>It is hoped that the new incumbent will contribute and be actively involved with this exciting and challenging project.</p> <p>Some would like to see more visible support in community projects.</p> <p>Build on the strong ties with the Methodist Church and look at the development of an overseas church link.</p>
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2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<p>Mission Statement</p> <p>As a parish, we seek a new vicar who will build on our unity, honour our traditions, and foster an inclusive, welcoming environment. Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and grounded in the gospel, we desire compassionate leadership, engaging worship, and active outreach to grow in faith and service. We aim to respect our past while embracing a vibrant future.</p> <p>Support in Lay development.</p> <p>Growth in spirituality & numerically.</p> <p>Outreach to new people living in the Parish.</p> <p>Connecting with the community in general.</p>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>Connecting with the community in general.</p> <p>Outreach to new people moving into the area.</p> <p>Growth in spirituality</p>

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.

As a Parish we are very aware that we need to embrace change whilst keeping this in balance with respecting our traditions to meet the needs of a modern and developing town and rural area. There has been significant housing development in both the town and our villages in recent years and we need to connect with and provide outreach to these residents. In addition we have both a Primary and Secondary school in the town (not faith schools) with which we would like to foster greater links.

X. The New Priest

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

A inspirational Christian leader

Enthusiastic and energetic
A very good communicator
Able to understand the differing needs of a small town and the surrounding villages, and community issues
Empathetic and engaging
Having respect for the traditions of the Church whilst being able to move forward
Having a respect for music in Church.

Agreed by the PCC of

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on 2024

Signed:

Print Name:

Office Held:

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.