

The Diocese of Manchester

PARISH INFORMATION AND PROFILE

A completed copy of this form would serve as a Parish Profile for the purposes of an appointment, but it is recommended that it is used as the framework for a more attractively written and presented document

The benefice or parish of:

Salford, St Paul with Christ Church

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Please return your Parish Profile when complete, together with any other requested papers, to:

The Bishop of Manchester	bishopmanchester@manchester.anglican.org
The Suffragan Bishop	BishopMatthew@manchester.anglican.org
The Bishop of Beverley	office@seeofbeverley.org.uk
The Archdeacon	rachelmann@manchester.anglican.org
The Registrar	St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND
The Patron – if applicable	
The Area Dean	colinpearson@manchester.anglican.org
The Deanery Lay Chair	

A hard copy needs to go to the Registrar. Otherwise email copies suffice



1. INTRODUCTION



We are a Christ centred, forward looking, Gospel loving, incarnational working parish, rooted deeply within the traditional Catholic faith as lived out in the Church of England.

We are located within the centre of Salford and proudly proclaim the love of God for the world through Jesus his Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. We serve our parish through worship and social action and have a tremendous legacy to build on whilst looking forward to what the future has in store for us.

We look forward to the appointment of a new Parish Priest who is deeply rooted in the traditional Catholic faith, a man of prayer, one who takes the celebration of the liturgy seriously whilst acknowledging that through faith must come good deeds. We would also expect for the links with our Church School to be built upon and maintained. A man who is willing to work hard and willing to take head on the challenges that lie ahead for us as a parish in one of the most socially deprived areas of the country. That said we want someone who will also look after their own well-being so they are able to nurture, challenge and lead us as a vibrant parish.

2. BASIC INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

2.1. Full name of benefice or parish(es)

Benefice of St Paul with Christ Church, Salford

2.2. Title of the post that is vacant

Rector

2.3. Name and address of patron (if the Bishop of Manchester, write "Bishop")

1. **The Reverend Canon Alan William Fell, The Wharfinger's House, Main Road, Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8JB.**
2. **Mr Andrew Cartwright, 294 Leigh Road, Worsley, Manchester, M28 1LN.**
3. **Mrs Ruth Douglas, 17 Prospect Drive, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 8TQ.**
4. **Ms Charlotte Horton, 94 Camp Street, Lower Broughton, Salford, M7 1ZT.**
5. **The Reverend Philip Corbett, All Saints' Vicarage, Clydesdale Road, London, W11 1JE.**

2.4. Archdeaconry, Deanery, and name of Area Dean

Please include the contact details (phone and email) of the Archdeacon and Area Dean.

Archdeaconry	Salford
Archdeacon	The Ven Dr Rachael Man rachelmann@manchester.anglican.org

Deanery	Salford and Leigh
Area Dean	The Revd Colin Pearson colinpearson@manchester.anglican.org

2.5. Official clergy housing:

St Paul's Church House

2.6. Official population:

The 2021 census population for Salford was 4,719

2.7. Number on electoral roll

The electoral roll has 54 members

2.8. Average Weekly Attendance for the last 3 years

Over the last 3 years the Sunday Mass average weekly attendance is between 28 to 32 people each Sunday.

2.9. Average Weekly Attendance of children and young people under 16

Over the last 3 years the Sunday Mass average weekly attendance is between 2 to 6 young people/children.

2.10. In the last twelve months, numbers (if applicable) of:

a. Those baptised = 19

b. Those confirmed = 7

c. Marriages = 1

d. Funerals = 6

e. Christmas communicants (all services) = 18

f. Easter communicants (all services) = 43

2.11. Anglican churches and licensed places of worship in the benefice or parish (es) profiled here

a. Name of principal church

Salford, St Paul with Christ Church

b. Approximate key dates for the building

St Paul's Church was built in 1856 and consecrated in that year by the first Bishop of Manchester. Designed by Edwin Hugh Shellard in the Gothic style, St Paul's is a delightful building of excellent proportions. During its first hundred years, in a district which experienced grinding poverty, it suffered the ill effects of

inadequate funding for maintenance and the consequence of dire atmospheric pollution. In 1968 Stephen Dykes Bower, surveyor to Westminster Abbey, came to Salford and put in hand an extensive programme of repair and adornment. Visitors today come from far and wide to see a church restored to the beauty of holiness. The pipe organ is the work of Samuel Green and dates back to 1787, a magnificent baroque instrument, much spoken of and written about. Of great visual appeal is the fully decorated ceiling which never fails to lift up hearts and minds. Worth seeing are fine examples of craftsmanship in needlework, wood work, glazing and metal work. The Altar ornaments are the work of an early 20th century architect of note, W.D. Caroe. Parishioners care for St Paul's church with great devotion and in that work for God is our prayer. The church, the parish rooms, the garden wall and gates were listed as Grade II in 2003.

c. Approximate seating capacity

650

d. When was the last Quinquennial inspection done? What are the main things that the architect has highlighted as needing doing? How much did the architect estimate they might cost? What progress has been made thus far by the parish?

The last inspection was carried out in **2019**

A copy of the QI report is available to view.

e. Name of any attached or nearby hall or other similar facility

1. St Paul's Church has a parish hall attached to its building with a small kitchen and toilets.

f. Details of other Anglican churches or licensed places of worship in the benefice or parish(es) profiled here

2.12. Details of publicity that the parish produces e.g. newsletter, magazine

- 1. Facebook Page**
- 2. AChurchNearYou**
- 3. Weekly Mass Booklets with notices**

2.13. Address of website and other social media if applicable

St Paul the Apostle Paddington - A Church Near You
@StPaul'sCofEChurch - Facebook

2.14. Names of churchwardens

Mr Anthony Roycroft
65 Seedley Park Road
Seedley
Salford
M6 5NX
07526053267

Mr Arnold Mwalino
St Paul's Church House
Broadwalk
Salford
M6 5FX
07493497041

2.15. Names of any representatives (usually two where applicable, but in certain notified cases more) appointed under the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 section 11 (1), or otherwise.

1. **Mr Anthony Roycroft**

2. **Mr Arnold Mwalino**

Note: please do not enter names here until the relevant Section 11 PCC meeting (if applicable) has been held and the representatives duly appointed. Consult the Archdeacon's office for clarification if necessary.

3. PRIESTS (ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE 1993 HOUSE OF BISHOPS DECLARATION ON THE MINISTRY OF BISHOPS AND PRIESTS 2014

Since 17 November 2014 it has no longer been possible for a PCC to pass resolutions under the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 or to petition under the 1993 Act of Synod for Extended Episcopal Oversight. It is no longer a requirement that parishes should consider passing or rescinding resolutions under the Measure at a Section 11 Meeting in a vacancy. Any new resolutions must now be passed under the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests. A PCC, on grounds of theological conviction, may resolve to request that arrangements are made for it under the House of Bishops Declaration.

Under transitional arrangements, though, any resolutions passed under the Measure will be treated as if they are resolutions under the House of Bishops Declaration until 17 November 2016.

Please record details below if either,

- a) any resolutions under the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure or the 1993 Act of Synod were passed by the PCC prior to 17 November 2014 and have not subsequently been rescinded, or

- b) any resolution under the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests 2014 has been passed.

The subject was considered in detail pre 1994 by the PCC and Resolutions were passed. Subsequently the House of Bishops Declaration was considered and passed also in June 2017.

This was reaffirmed at a recent PCC meeting.

4. LOCAL COMMUNITY

What is the social character of the area?

The social character is mixed. It is made up of local residents who have lived here long term, a lot of housing was rebuilt in the 1960s. There are also new developments around the parish, which will increase the population. We also have several high-rise flats locally too around the church. Also, we have a connection with Lombardy Court, which has a mixture of elderly and disabled residents who live in a sheltered style accommodation. Plus, there will be a new Community Hub being built in due course just behind Lombardy Court. We have a large student population also as the parish includes part of the University of Salford and several students worship at St Paul's. There are social challenges within our local area like most places and we do have a high proportion of people locally who rely on the church for social need such as food and help with other practical matters in life such as furniture for housing.

What would you say are the main issues facing your community?

Cost of living crisis, lack of employment, addiction (alcohol, drugs), homelessness, high deprivation and a high level of refugees being housed locally.

What kind of houses make up the bulk of the parish?

The bulk of housing type is largely high rise flats followed by houses and there are plans to redevelop large areas of land to build 100's of new homes within the parish boundary.

What engagement with the local community does the church already have?

The church is a hub for the local community. We provide food parcels on a daily basis, advice and guidance to those who are homeless (up until covid we ran a homeless shelter based at the church). We also help people find furniture to furnish homes particularly those who have nothing.

We also work in partnership with Loaves and Fishes (a charity based project for self help and development, next door to St Paul's) as well as co-operation with other local churches in providing much needed support for local people.

We also are a base for a local charity 'Feed my City' which is an interfaith group that is run by the local Sikh Community who come along each week and provide hot meals for those in need.

We also work with Manchester Grammar School who bring students across regularly to help with the daily tasks at St Paul's and at Christmas provide much needed gifts for those in need who otherwise wouldn't have anything. They also perform an annual Christmas Concert each year at Lombardy Court.

What significant institutions such as factories, shops, offices, and hospitals are there?

There is Salford Shopping City 'the precinct' in the centre of our parish, a Job Centre, Doctors/Health Centre, a Dentist Practice as well as local supermarkets (quite a big Tesco's) as well as other local traders. We have quite an area that people travel to for shopping. Also, we have a Fit City Centre and an Art Theatre on the other side of the parish boundary as well.

No local industry as such.

5. SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

What schools are there within the benefice / parish boundary (church schools or other)?

What links are maintained or desirable?

St Paul's (Vantage Academy) CE Primary School

Where the Priest goes in to conduct assemblies, acts of worship in church at special times of year such as Christmas and Easter as well as harvest. It is desirable he will sit on the School board.

Larkhill Community Primary School

Which voluntary groups (other than church-based groups) have a presence either on church premises or elsewhere in the benefice / parish?

6. WORSHIP AND WORSHIPPERS

What is the present pattern of Sunday and weekday worship?

Sunday Solemn Mass at 11:00am

Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 12noon

Which books and service orders are in use?

They are locally produced Mass booklets.

What is the normal vesture for ministers (i.e. what robes are normally worn?)?

Eucharistic Vestments

In the congregation(s), what is the mix of age, gender, and social groups?

The congregation comprises some young families and young people as well as students from the University. middle to late age parishioners.

How many worshippers live outside the parish boundary?

There are 14 individuals on the electoral roll that live outside the parish.

In the spectrum of church tradition how would you describe the worship – “evangelical,” “central,” “catholic,” or some variation, or in other terms?

Catholic

7. CHURCH-BASED ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

What church-based organisations and groups exist?

N/A

How would you describe the social life of the church?

Parishioners can be found at St Paul’s every day of the week helping to run the various things we do such as food parcels, giving out daily of food which is delivered to us from Greggs, Tesco’s, and the Co-op. As well as other local providers.

We also run a weekly Jumble Sale which brings in much needed revenue.

We would also like to develop the Social life of the Church too.

8. NEIGHBOURING ANGLICAN CHURCHES AND PARISHES

Describe any collaboration you have with neighbouring or other Anglican churches and parishes.

We collaborate with Greenmount United Reformed Church who support our activities greatly in helping in social need along with St Peter’s Church in Hale.

We are also supported by local Society Parishes as well.

What activities or projects do you undertake or plan jointly?

Christmas Gifts for local children as well as clothing and food provision.

Are there plans for any form of Mission Partnership with neighbouring parishes?

We are in the local Mission Community for our parish and look forward to working more fully in the grouping.

9. ECUMENISM

Are there churches of other Christian traditions in the benefice / parish or significant in the wider area?

**St James Catholic Church
Pentecostal Churches
Seven Day Adventist Church
Salford Centre for Spiritualism**

What links are maintained or desirable, formal or informal?

No formal links but in the past we had very good links with St James's.

Have ministers met regularly?

Not that we are aware of.

Is there an active Churches Together or similar organisation in the area?

Not that we are aware of.

Does another church or denomination use your building for worship or other activities?

No

10. MINISTRY

Are there licensed or emeritus Readers who minister?

No

11. MISSION

What are the benefice / parish's aims and objectives in mission? Is there a Mission Statement? If so, please show it here.

No Mission Statement but we do believe in Mission and outreach and want to see this develop, particularly with the student population and those who are migrating into the area.

What are the mission priorities for, say, the next two years?

To grow more faithful and share Jesus with all who we meet

12. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Please attach copies of annual accounts for the last three years

Appendix 1

Is Christian stewardship practised, and when was the last campaign or renewal?

Yes, not in recent times.

In what ways have you seen giving (in its broadest sense) increase in the last few years?

Individual donations.

Is the benefice / parish committed to full payment of the Parish Share, and if it has failed to pay it recently what are the reasons?

Yes.

Were the parish priest's expenses of office met in full last year and what was the total sum reimbursed?

Yes.

To what extent does the benefice / parish offer financial support to home and overseas mission work, including projects, appeals, and charities?

We help local people and the homeless in whatever way we are able to as well as distributing food and furniture to those in need.

13. THE NEXT PARISH PRIEST

In the light of and with reference to all of the above, and in particular your mission priorities (see Section 11), what are the key priorities that you would like the next parish priest to address? What are the gifts and skills you would hope they will bring?

We have recently entered into vacancy following the long and outstanding incumbency of Canon David Wyatt, Rector of this parish for 56 years. We have seen nothing but selfless devotion to the people of God in this place.

We hope that the next priest whilst we acknowledge cannot be the same as Canon Wyatt, will display a similar commitment (though aware 56 years might be a big ask) to us and the people of Salford. We would like to see that in our priest we have a shepherd, a servant, a steward, a watchman, a sentinel who will lead us, guide us, correct us and minister to us.

We would hope that he will be faithful in public worship and private prayer, preach and teach and celebrate the sacraments and admonish us when needed.

It is desirable that he 'knows the smell of the sheep' as Pope Francis tells all priests and that he will delight in getting to know us.

We would like to see strong links forged with the local church school and for these to be built upon and strengthened.

We are aware that things can never be the same again here at St Paul's but we are people of faith, a pilgrim people desiring of seeking God's will in our lives and we would like a priest that would show us Jesus.

We would like him to be able to be an affective communicator in order to reach out to local people in different ways, by making new connections within the parish in his outreach work. While also, having that personal touch to help rekindle old relationships once more and create new ones too.

In all it is hoped that the next priest will hold dear to the faith and traditions to be found at St Paul's, to bring us in line with current practice of how parishes are run these days and work closely with other Society Parishes as well as within the deanery to enable the Kingdom of God to flourish.

There is a legacy to build on here but we are not always looking back to the past but forward in faith into the future, trusting in God.

Appendix 1

St Paul with Christ Church Salford – Financial Statement 31st December 2022

Balance as 1 st January 2022	£	£	£
Bank			24,633.32
CCLA			9,689.02
			34,322.34
Add Income for the year			
Planned Giving GA		766.00	
Planned Giving FWO		172.00	
Other collection		6407.04	
Recurring donations		1373.25	
Non-Recurring donation?		1279.00	
Fundraising income		0.00	
Fees		3068.00	
Deduct DBF Fees	4975.00		
Deposit Interest	136.48	0.00	
			7954.27
Deduct Expenditure for the year			
Parish share		8552.46	
Church running expenses		766.55	
Clergy expenses		0.00	
Mission and evangelism		172.00	
Major repairs		0.00	
Insurance		2309.74	
Telephone		530.09	
Council tax		1637.22	
Altar requisites		479.97	
Church Utility Bills			
Gas		6034.44	
Electricity		1137.00	
Water		2771.85	
			24391.32
Balance held at 31st December 2022			17885.29
Represented by –			
Bank			8096.88
CCLA Deposit			9788.41
			17885.29
Investments at 31st December 2022			
1398D		2808.33	
1399D		33507.36	36315.69

St Paul with Christ Church Salford – Financial Statement 31st December 2021

Balance as 1st January 2021	£	£	£
Bank			7138.62
CCLA			9656.51
			16795.19
Add Income for the year			
Planned Giving GA		866.00	
Planned Giving FWO		1161.00	
Other collection		22655.64	
Recurring donations		8447.40	
Non-Recurring donation?		0.00	
Fundraising income		0.00	
Fees		4975.00	
Deduct DBF Fees		0.00	
Deposit Interest		0.00	
			38105.04
Deduct Expenditure for the year			
Parish share – £8552.45 (Paid on 6 th January 2022)		0.00	
Church running expenses		1745.89	
Clergy expenses		0.00	
Mission and evangelism		0.00	
Major repairs		6342.00	
Insurance		2431.45	
Telephone		376.05	
Council tax		1406.06	
Altar requisites		731.16	
Church Utility Bills			
Gas		3691.82	
Electricity		1513.39	
Water		2367.69	
Book stall trading		0.00	
			20605.51
Balance held at 31st December 2021			3429466
Represented by –			
Bank			24633.32
CCLA Deposit			9661.34
			34294.66
Investments at 31st December 2021			
1398D		2771.87	
1399D		33072.38	
			35844.25

St Paul with Christ Church Salford – Financial Statement 31st December 2020

Balance as 1st January 2020	£	£	£
Bank			43005.00
CCLA			9615.47
			52620.47
Add Income for the year			
Planned Giving GA		750.00	
Planned Giving FWO		2042.00	
Other collection		21357.67	
Recurring donations		888.00	
Non-Recurring donation?		0.00	
Fundraising income		0.00	
Fees	5970.00		
Deduct DBF Fees	4490.00		
Deposit Interest		1480.00	
		151.73	
			26,669.40
Deduct Expenditure for the year			
Parish share		8950.00	
Church running expenses		614.89	
Clergy expenses		0.00	
Mission and evangelism		170.80	
Mission and Charity Giving		294.54	
Major repairs		35085.60	
Insurance		3892.81	
Telephone		487.96	
Council tax		1508.50	
Altar requisites		1088.51	
Church Utility Bills			
Gas		6346.31	
Electricity		1642.00	
Electricity – refund		-191.57	
Water		2554.59	
Book stall trading		0.00	
			62,444.94
Balance held at 31st December 2021			16,844.93
Represented by –			
Bank			7188.62
CCLA Deposit			9656.31
			16,844.94

Investments at 31st December 2020

1398D

2770.42

1399D

33055.42

35825.84

