

## 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:	Mytholmroyd
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Michaels
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:	Erringden Benefice (St Michaels and St Johns, Cragg Vale)
4.	Deanery:	Halifax
5.	Population:  <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	3859 in 2021. Possibly increased slightly

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	59 of which 43 live in the parish
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	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
Sunday service	11:00	~40	~44	~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
St Michaels	5	0	5	15	1

9. Communications

*Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers and E-mail addresses for each church*

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
St Michaels			Yes please!	Roy Wrathall, 07511552101 <a href="mailto:roywra@gmail.com">roywra@gmail.com</a>  Eric Alston 07768257726 eric@parkcottage.org.uk

## 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.	Of those in the census 716 were under 18, 2196 were under 65 and 934 were over 65. The population is largely white British and Christian.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	Not really
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools:</li> <li>• Youth centres:</li> <li>• Hospitals:</li> <li>• Nursing/elderly persons' homes:</li> <li>• Places of worship of other faiths</li> <li>• Local Businesses:</li> <li>• Neighbourhood initiatives:</li> <li>• Associations eg tourist group:</li> <li>• Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul>	<p>Burnley Road Junior &amp; Infants Calder Primary Scout Road Primary</p> <p>Calder High / Calder Learning Trust</p> <p>None</p> <p>Nearest is Calderdale Royal in Halifax</p> <p>Not aware of anything</p> <p>Good Shepherd R C</p> <p>Many and varied. There are several business parks ranging from small to branches of larger national enterprises including cafes, bars and convenience stores.</p> <p>Significant work has been done for flood alleviation recently.</p> <p>Occasional visiting bellringers; Elmet trust.</p> <p>Leading the remembrance day procession and services; occasionally hosting civic services and the village carol service.</p>

### III. Church Information

*Please give details for each church*

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	Up to 10%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	The majority of the congregation are aged over 60, mostly retired and white British. There are more females than males. There are a small number of 20 – 40 years olds in the congregation who are regular attendees
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Middle to low. Clergy are usually robed for Sunday services.
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	The mean is £10.75. 92% is gift aided.
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	About 12 years ago
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	We are fortunate to be able to hire out our hall for community groups and events. The hall also has a licensed bar. We also have fundraising events through the year such as monthly quiz nights, Santas Grotto and Heritage Open days
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	None – interregnum.
(b)	Were these met in full?	Our policy would be to meet any expenses.
(c)	Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	No. Our policy would be to meet any expenses.

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last year?</li> <li>• current year?</li> <li>• next year ?</li> </ul>	<u>Share requested</u>  ~£40,000 ?	<u>Share Paid</u>  £10,000 to date ?
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Unlikely	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Church tower needs to be repointed, and various other works need to be done as raised in the last years quinquennial report	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	We have raised over £20,000 towards the tower, we will also be searching for grants.	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.		
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	Fairly good – the church was decorated as part of the flood repairs in 2015 and 2020; however buildings of its age always need something doing!	
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Please see the QI report	

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	We have a preschool group each week in term time; monthly quiz nights; monthly assemblies and curricular visits in local primary schools; annual footsteps. Local primary schools come to church for services, eg Harvest. We also have twice weekly coffee mornings. Please see the brochure for more details.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	See 1(a) The Amateurs also draw audiences into the church hall for their 2 or 3 shows each year. Our benefice magazine is available via our website and social media. We are also one of the venues for the village music festival where PCC members meet and greet visitors.
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	We join the local Churches together Lent groups and regular fortnightly interdenominational house groups.
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	A long interregnum has meant lots of people have led services – willingly or otherwise!
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	We support Kimbilio.
(b)	How much is given annually?	£240 to Kimbilio
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	We are linked with CICS (Christians in Calderdale Schools) We also allow Calderdale Food Support to use one of the rooms in the hall rent free. We have supported MacMillian coffee mornings and the Amateurs have a retiring collection for different charities.
(b)	How much is given annually?	Variable
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	Not officially
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Yes
(b)	If so, please describe:	We are told that we are a welcoming congregation, including outreach activities such

		as coffee mornings. We have an active pastoral support group.
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	<p>We have a pastoral group who meet each month</p> <p>We host Calderdale Food Support.</p> <p>We have very good attendance at the annual Carol Services and Remembrance Day services and parade.</p>

6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	Churchwardens and a couple of other volunteers.
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	<p>Angels preschool group meet weekly term time.</p> <p>The Amateurs Junior section, S'MAJIC (St Michaels Amateurs Juniors In Concert) welcome key stage 2 through to 18 years.</p>

## V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Active in Churches Together
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	<p>House Groups</p> <p>Lent Lunches</p> <p>S'MAJIC and the Amateurs</p>

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## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	None of the local schools are church schools however we have growing links with the primary schools
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul>	
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	
(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"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Adults</li> </ul>	Our term time weekly preschool group meet in the hall and always have a focussed activity about God. We also have a children's area in church with books and activities
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	We are part of an ecumenical group
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Strong in the house groups Our lay led services during the interregnum have been well received,
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Deep Christian commitment and prayer



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## VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Please refer to the brochure
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Church growth – attracting families Help to make our church a focus for the village through Innovative ideas to reach out to, and answer the needs of the community  The successful applicant can be sure of a warm welcome, with our love, friendship and support.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	Attracting children and young people; grow the congregation, especially the 20 – 50 age group.  To raise the profile of the church in the community.

## 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.*

Please see our Parish Profile Brochure

## **X. The New Priest**

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

We are seeking someone who is:

- Passionate about God and the Good News
- Determined to spread the Word in an inspirational and inclusive way
- A good communicator
- Excited about becoming part of our community

Who has:

- Enthusiasm and vision
- Great leadership skills
- Innovative ideas to reach out to, and answer the needs of the community
- A sense of humour and fun

Who will:

- Build the prayer life of the church
- Be at ease with different styles of worship
- Recognise the uniqueness of each church and community Involve younger generations in our church life
- Help make our church the focus for the village

The successful applicant can be sure of a warm welcome, with our love, friendship and support.

Please see our Parish Profile Brochure

**Agreed by the PCC of**

St Michael's, Mytholmroyd

**on ..... 2024**

**Signed: .....**

**Print Name: .....**

**Office Held: .....**

**This form, duly completed, should be sent to:**

***The Mission and Pastoral Secretary  
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 and Bishop

**Please also send a copy directly to the Archdeacon's office**

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