

## 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:	Benefice of Stainland and Outlane
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Mary Magdalene, Outlane
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:	N/A
4.	Deanery:	Brighouse and Elland
5.	Population:  <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	55
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	17/5/23

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
Eucharist	10.45	25	30	0
Eucharist	9.15	15	18	0
Messy Church monthly	4pm – 6.30pm	Non Eucharistic	14	11

2 services per month are livestreamed, there can be up to 8 'devices' online. The services are watched many times over a period of time, often by people who live away.

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 Mary Magdalene	2	0	0	1	N/A

9. Communications

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

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
St Mary Magdalene New Hey Road, Outlane HD3 3YL	N/A	N/A	Youth workers Karen Longbottom Gillian Longbottom	Karen Longbottom Louise Chadderton

## 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.	Mainly White British, those of working age mostly in employment, majority home owners, a range of ages across the generations.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	No obvious social problems. The local hotel is recently being used by the local social services for temporary housing and some refugees.
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> </ul>	<p>None within the parish boundary. The village borders 2 different councils. Some of the children attend a school in the St Andrews Parish and others a school (600 pupils) less than 1 mile away but in a neighbouring (at this time) Parish.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Outlane Methodist Church</p> <p>Small engineering company Florist Newsagents Hairdressers Small hotel 2 public houses 1 Italian Restaurant 2 takeaways Scientific oil 2 Riding stables Bowling club and Golf Club</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood initiatives:</li>   <li>• Associations eg tourist group:</li>   <li>• Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul>	<p>Truck co. Church initiative: Support for the Huddersfield Welcome centre. Monthly contribution to the Huddersfield Street Kitchen. Village initiatives: Friends of Outlane Neighbourhood watch</p> <p>Meet in SMM church Active Brownie unit, Keep fit group and Power hooping group, Chi-chi fit group St Mary Magdalene Guild</p> <p>Meet in the Methodist church Scouting (all ages) Art group – Methodist church Mother and toddlers Community choir</p> <p>None</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?	85% live outside the Parish
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<p>Age range 0 -17 = 15 18 – 29 = 9 30 – 59 = 27 60 – 74 = 14 75 – 100 = 14</p> <p>Mostly white British. All working age in employment. Industrial, Agricultural, Professional, cross section. 70% women, 30% men</p>
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	<p>Pretty middle of the road, mixture of traditional and modern services. Over the last 2 years this has been according to the vicars taking the services choice. Happy with traditional church vestments according to the type of service.</p>
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	St Mary's 2022 accounts - £178.39 75%+

(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Not an area we have explored to date
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Good fundraising events – these are also used to encourage the community to be part of the church life.
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	This is distorted by the lack of permanent vicar in the last year but the policy is to pay all expenses in full
(b)	Were these met in full?	Always have been previously
(c)	Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	As required yes

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> £17,903 £17,903 Unknown	<u>Share Paid</u> £4590    25.6% £750 unknown
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Pre Covid-19 St Marys aimed to achieve 75-80% payment of Parish Share as a minimum – probably not	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	No but a major project completed in 2022 at a cost of £41000.00	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	No current project	
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>	Generally, the church is in good repair. In 2022 the interior plaster in the whole of the church was removed, replastered and church painted. Church had a whole new lighting system. Installation of media equipment, with backing of the Diocese after successful bid the Bishops Development Fund, just final phase to be completed.  Some exterior pointing is required in time.	
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Exterior pointing	

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<p>Messy Church</p> <p>Community aimed events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee and Breakfast - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</li> <li>Film nights – Sept – March</li> <li>Sunday lunches (3/4 times a year)</li> <li>Christmas Fair</li> </ul> <p>Coffee, cake and chat with opportunity to drop off contributions to the Welcome Centre</p> <p>Live band nights</p> <p>Annual Easter egg hunt</p> <p>TV license to show major events.</p> <p>Pizza and pancake</p>
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	<p>Up to date Website</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>Messy church</p> <p>This is an area for development</p>
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	<p>Lent groups</p> <p>Study groups are something we want to develop</p>
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	<p>Encouraging to be involved with Sunday services and online services.</p> <p>There is a strong desire from members of the congregation to be leading and participating in regular worship</p>
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	<p>Shoe box appeal</p> <p>Childrens Society/Christingle</p>
(b)	How much is given annually?	<p>This has lapsed over recent years but hope to improve in the future</p>
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	<p>Welcome Centre</p> <p>Childrens Society (Christingle)</p> <p>Huddersfield Street Kitchen</p>
(b)	How much is given annually?	<p>Formally £200.00 annually but needs are met when needed – Childrens Society</p> <p>Contributions with food, toiletries and clothing etc</p>
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	<p>No</p>
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	<p>Welcome is not 'organised' but as a welcoming church most would say this is one of our strong</p>

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(b)	If so, please describe:	
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	SMM is very much a central part of the community. Always ready to respond when its needed.

6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes – 3 licensed. Home communion is currently taking place
(b)	If so, who are they?	Karen Longbottom Louise Chadderton Gillian Longbottom
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Uniformed organisations – Brownies and scouting Half termly Children under 12's discos

## V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	N/A
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(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Our ongoing strong historical work with the local Methodist church. Work together for the annual Remembrance day parade, Messy church is a joint venture, joint services throughout the year.

## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	N/A
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul>	N/A
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	N/A
(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"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Adults</li> </ul>	Messy Church – Approx 25
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	We had a well attended lent group this year. Building on the success on previous years. We would like to see this grow.
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	These have been lay lead.

3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Very positive. Majority of the congregation are involved in some aspect of the day to day life of SMM
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Flexibility, being accommodating to each individuals need, encouraging others to be involved. A strong emphasis on teamwork. Providing a safe space for neurodivergence within our congregation and the wider community

### VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>Pastoral Ministry</p> <p>Encouraging young families to friendly family worship – all age worship</p> <p>Developing a range of congregation services from the traditional to more modern.</p> <p>Nurturing Christians</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<p>Being visible in the Parish, attending events</p> <p>Pastoral care – home visiting, home communion</p>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>Building up the congregation, encouraging our current congregation to grow in faith and bringing others to faith.</p> <p>Developing mission and giving the correct tools to equip us.</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.*

### Traditions

Over the past 2 years, we have been grateful for the cover we have received from many clergy, all of them with very different worship styles, our congregation has been accepting of every style. We are a church family and we look for our next Incumbent to join us.

### Needs

Through the pandemic, congregation led, St Mary Magdalene embraced technology to ensure people could come together for worship every Sunday. This enabled the congregation to stay together and even to grow in faith and numbers. Since returning to church, we have maintained an online presence with livestream alternate Sundays. Over the last 2 years, in the absence of a vicar, our congregation numbers have maintained, and the work of the church has continued. We are now at a point where we need the support of a permanent vicar to journey with us and embrace our exciting vision for the future.

## **X. The New Priest**

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

Qualities and skills we would like to see are excellent communications and able to promote a culture of mutual support across the benefice and will be expected to:

- Bring energy and leadership to our benefice helping us to grow both spiritually and numerically;
- Be skilled in working collaboratively and in developing the talents of all people for mission and service;
- Be a visible presence in the life of the local community and together with the PCCs develop strategies for drawing those at the edges more deeply into the life of the church and into its worship;
- Support existing opportunities for outreach and seek to build new ones;
- Work collaboratively to develop strong links of working with children, young people and families;
- Strengthen and develop strategies for ensuring that excellent pastoral care is delivered across the benefice;

Our new vicar will be:

- Passionate about teaching and leading us to grow in faith and understanding.
- Committed to pastoral care
- Strongly committed to faith, discipleship and growth.
- Experienced in working with all ages including young families and children.
- Committed to ministering to a diverse range of people
- Approachable, non – judgemental and inclusive in their approach to all
- Modern, community focused and supportive of new ideas to help grow our community

**Agreed by the PCC of**

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**Signed:** .....

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

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

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

***The Mission and Pastoral Assistant  
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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.***

