

The Diocese of Manchester
St Mary's Church, Moston
Parish Information and Profile



St Mary's Church
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Summary

St. Mary's in the parish of Moston is seeking a Priest in Charge. We are a dedicated congregation with a committed PCC, though it is our pleasure to welcome members from the local community on key dates who still see St. Mary's as a spiritual home.

We enjoy both a traditional form of worship centred around the Eucharist as well as an open Evangelical worship style, each with an informal and welcoming tone.

There is 147 years history of worship at the site of St Mary's and we are excited about moving to the next stage in our journey.

We hope that we may find someone who is a uniting and engaging force that will work predominantly across the church itself and the now integral, Mission Partnership in addition to the local church aided primary school and the wider community; someone who will hold a respect for our history in one hand and in the other an energy and vision for the future.

We hope that they will have good leadership skills, be approachable and a people person with a good sense of humour. We consider it important that they, like us, trust in the enduring Church of Christ to join us in all our strengths and weaknesses, and resources and frailties and help us move forward into the next season in the life of St. Mary's Church.

Title of post that is vacant:

Priest in Charge

Name of patron:

Dean and Chapter

Deanery:

North Manchester

Area Dean:

Rev Eddie Roberts

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Pat Hough

Parish Representatives:

Peter Sanderson

Jackie Eade

Official population:

16,400 (2011 Census)

Number on electoral role:

70

Church seating capacity:

250 approx.



Statistics (last 12 months)

Average weekly attendance of adults:

50

Average Weekly Attendance for the last 3 years:

47

Average weekly attendance of children and young people under 16:

27

Regulars (for quota assessment):

47

Mission

We wish to be a spiritual home for the community of Moston – both for regular church goers and those more loosely linked to St Mary's.

A place that upholds the historical faith traditions of the community, providing familiarity and continuity, refuge and comfort – but at the same time a place that helps to breathe new life into the community.

We strive to be welcoming to all that cross our path and be thoughtful, considerate and supportive of those in our neighbouring parishes and beyond through our membership of the Mission Partnership.



We know that to do this most effectively we must aim to support St Mary's Church and its congregation in its growth and wellbeing, both physically and spiritually.

Ultimately we want to be open hearted to the new things that God is calling us to do in his name in our community.

To continue to develop and strengthen links with the local primary schools, especially St Mary's C of E School and to start to build links with local high schools.

To achieve growth of the congregation with an increase in children and young families.

To continue offering regular Communion/Eucharist services and support from the ALM to the local care homes within our parish.



To increase financial and physical support for St Mary's from both the congregation and the wider community.

To continue providing outreach and support to the community through the Pop-In and Stay and Play

To further empower and strengthen the congregation to actively work towards the parish's aims and objectives in mission and especially to deepen the spiritual life of the church with a continuing emphasis on bible study and our prayer life.

To promote and strengthen links with local churches of other denominations on an ecumenical basis and those in neighbouring parishes to further the wider mission of the church.

These priorities will guide our actions over the next two years.

Gifts and skills

We set our congregation the task of writing the gifts and skills they would like to see in our next Priest in Charge on post-it notes.

Sense of humour

Approachable

Inclusive

Kind and caring

Motivated

Good leader

Child/youth friendly

Gifts and skills

- ✔ Have the people skills to relate to, and engage with, people from a range of backgrounds and ethnicity and nurture their gifts and talents whether in the PCC, the congregation or the wider community.
- ✔ Be motivated and enthusiastic, able to take the church forward in key areas while building on the history and traditions of the parish.
- ✔ Be able to develop a community-based church that recognises the important role the church plays for many occasional attenders and build on that.
- ✔ Be wise in their leadership and compassionate in their care.
- ✔ Have a keen interest in education and an enthusiasm for enhancing church/ school links.
- ✔ Be outward looking and collaborative, able to work across churches and parishes and in particular to play a full role in the participation of the Mission Partnership team, which will be mutually beneficial.
- ✔ Be comfortable delivering both relaxed and 'traditional' services.
- ✔ Be a skilled communicator with a personable and relatable teaching and preaching style that is based on scripture and relevant to national and local issues.
- ✔ Not be afraid to meet challenging and awkward questions, enabling our beliefs and values to grow and develop.
- ✔ Be passionate about reaching out to the community, developing community initiatives where appropriate and motivating others to support the work of the church in the community.

We've distilled what was written on those post-it notes into our top ten 'nice-to-haves' for the ideal applicant.

Okay, so you might not tick every box. But we're hoping for someone who has a good combination of these skills, and aspires to the others.

Putting those skills into action

To develop and implement a Mission Action Plan to take St Mary's forward on the next stage of our journey.

To continue with, and build on, the strong links with St Mary's Primary School and other schools in our parish and develop links with high schools.

To develop a Pastoral Team who will visit families after Baptisms and Funerals and assist with visiting the sick.

To continue with, build upon and develop family services which are accessible to all.

To connect St Mary's to the wider community through leading and supporting community engagement activities.



We would like the next incumbent to play the lead role in defining the priorities and shaping the agenda, bringing their own experiences and insights, skills and passions to bear.

They will be able to count upon the support of the PCC and colleagues in the Mission Partnership in realising these objectives.

Mission Partnership

In 2012, the Victoria Avenue Mission Partnership (VAMP) was launched with the objective to make it a bit different.

Draft protocols were put together which bound the clergy team to levels of support in clergy absences and vacancy. The emphasis of the partnership is mission, with activities to date including: hosting a well-attended Alpha course, singing carols in the community, holding an event of witness in a local park and hosting Baptism preparation evenings with a team from across the partnership.

The clergy are cross-licensed across the 'team' and regularly meet to plan and pray, cover services, swap pulpits and provide support around all kinds of services including funerals.

The mission partnership started with three clergy for four parishes and the target in the deanery plan was to reduce to two clergy -- this appointment will take us to that target. The four-year partnership has worked really well in Blackley and has allowed Rev. Eddie Roberts and his team to support St Andrew's in vacancy and very recently he was installed as Rector.

What does the future hold?

Currently, the Blackley team plan services for all of the churches in the partnership, sharing liturgy and resources and have arranged staffing for most of the services at St Mary's for the coming months.

The team in Blackley consists of one incumbent, one second year curate, two associate SSMs, one second year placement student, four readers, two readers in training, one SSM in training and several ALMs who have varied and active ministries.

By September 2017 we hope to have in place a 0.5 senior administrator post working within the mission partnership. Funding has been confirmed for a three year post but plans are in place to try and make that a permanent arrangement.

There is a strong desire in Blackley for closer links to be developed with the Moston part of the partnership. We look forward to working with the new incumbent and the congregation of St Mary's to strengthen the Mission Partnership and take it to the next stage of its journey.

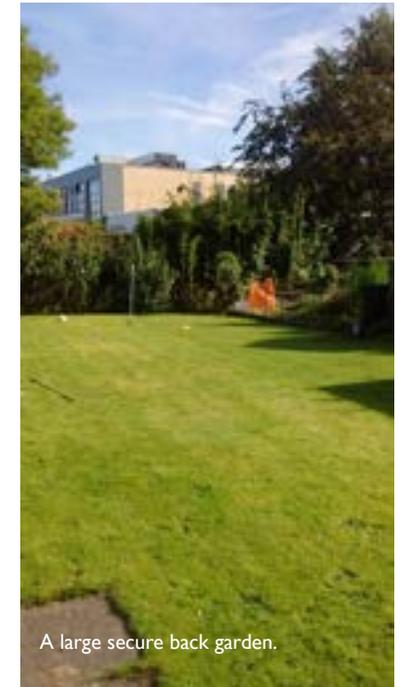


**Victoria Avenue
Mission Partnership
(VAMP)**

**St Peter's, St Paul's and
St Andrew's Blackley
Rev Eddie Roberts**

**St Mary's Moston
(position vacant)**

Your new home



A large secure back garden.

**The Rectory
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The Rectory is a detached house, built around 1970 and is situated next door to the Church with access through a gate to the church grounds. There are 5 bedrooms, a lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, downstairs toilet and cloakroom area. There is also a separate study at the front of the house.

The rectory has large well maintained gardens to the front and back of the property, a double garage and large driveway.

The boiler is less than 5 years old and a new alarm system was fitted last year.

There is plenty of storage space including the loft, which is accessed by a fixed retractable loft ladder.

The previous incumbent has made sure that it is maintained to a high standard and has left carpets and curtains, to make it easier to move straight in.

Church life

We aim to invite all, regardless of church attendance and beliefs to join in any events and services organised at St Mary's. We enjoy a close working relationship with St Mary's school and, in the absence of a Church Hall use the school hall for many social events.

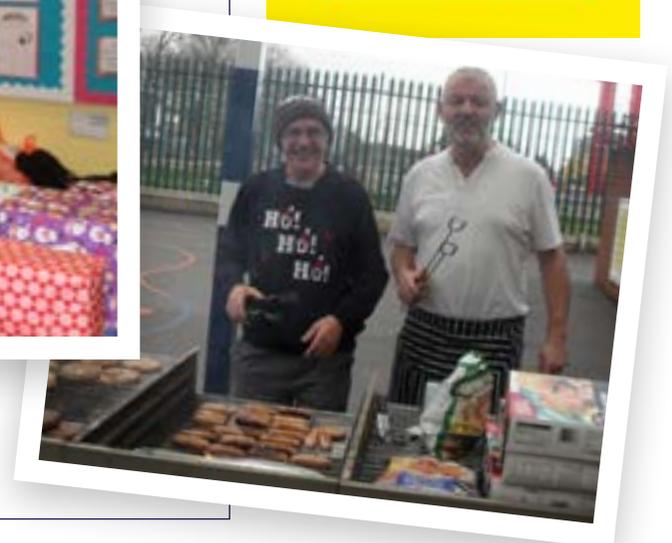
Each Sunday, we offer refreshments before the 11.15am service which gives the congregation an opportunity to socialise with each other.

Prayer Meetings and House Groups have been successful in recent years although due to illness, they have lapsed and this is something that we shall revive and develop in the interregnum as they are a vital part of Church life here at St Mary's.

Each year we hold a Christmas Fair, which is supported by the staff, parents and children of St Mary's school as well as local businesses who donate prizes for the draw. This is a valuable link to the community and an opportunity for the school and church to work together to raise funds for the church. Last year we raised in excess of £2,000.



Stalls and barbecuing in school at the Christmas Fair.



Church life

Stage Set up for a social event in the school hall



St Mary's Church Social Committee presents...

Songs from the Films

back by popular demand with Emma Jane Harrison

Saturday 6th April

The evening will include songs from films such as **Titanic, Fame, Calamity Jane, Lady and the Tramp** and **Skyfall**. Emma will once again be joined by some special guest performers!

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

A buffet will be provided, bring your own drinks. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

There is no charge for the event - but please sign up on the sheet in Church so we know numbers for catering and more importantly so you get your seat booked for this fantastic evening of entertainment.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME BUT ALL UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

ST MARY'S CHURCH PRESENTS

OVER 50s NIGHT

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COME ALONG TO THE QUEEN'S PARTY

St Mary's Church Diamond Jubilee Party

Saturday, 2nd June - 3pm at St Mary's School

A full house enjoying a band night in church



ST MARY'S CHURCH PRESENTS

PANCAKE QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 14TH FEB, ST MARY'S SCHOOL

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START

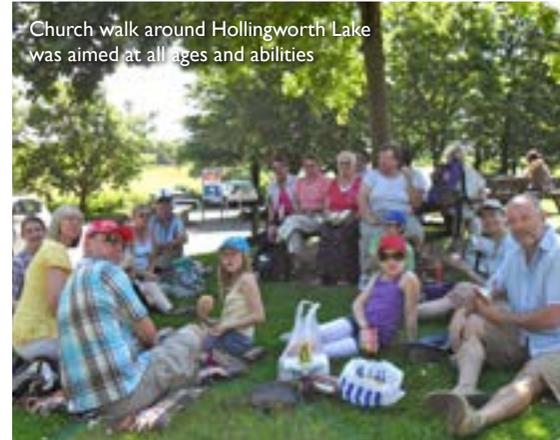
DON'T WORRY IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY IN A TEAM YOU CAN JOIN ONE OF THE TEAMS ON THE EVENING

BRING ALONG SOME PANCAKES AND DRINKS WE'LL PROVIDE TABLE, JAIL, LEIGON AND BEAR

WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF 50P TO THE RAFFLE

SEE US AT 10.30 AM ON THE 14TH FEB AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church walk around Hollingworth Lake was aimed at all ages and abilities



ON MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST WE'RE HAVING A

GOOD PARTY!

An event aimed at all local children to give a positive message about Halloween

We would like to revive our Social Committee to enable better inclusion of social events and allow more people to get involved, thereby broadening the base of ideas, innovation and attenders.

These events have often included an element of worship or fund raising but are primarily targeted at building community and fellowship.

Church life

Pop-In

The Church doors first opened to Pop-In on 7th May 2011. Everyone who wishes to pop in for a 'cuppa and a natter' is welcome.

Pop-In meets once a fortnight on a Wednesday after the mid-week Holy Communion Service and has built to an average of 20 to 30 visitors. There is a real mix of people from the three congregations and also the local neighbourhood. In recent months, a local day care centre for adults with learning difficulties has sent along about ten of their folk in their minibus. Pop-In provides an excellent platform for support and counselling to the community.

A number of dedicated helpers attend in order to serve refreshments and display bric-a-brac and books. No particular charges are made but donations gratefully accepted. Quizzes are held regularly for those who enjoy them and occasionally free bingo with prizes, which have been donated.

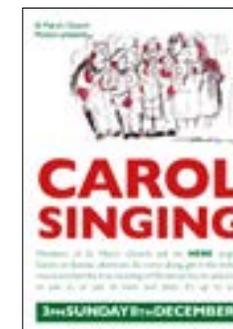
Over the years Pop-In has hosted a variety of guest speakers, giving advice or providing information on local issues or matters of interest. Visits to historical venues as well as a theatre trip each season have proved popular and both the spring and Christmas lunches out are well supported by our members. A day out by coach has become an annual favourite where friends and relatives take up any spare seats.



Stay and Play

A great innovation for local parents and carers going from strength to strength.

In September 2016 we launched a Stay and Play, which is held each Monday morning in Church. The aim is to encourage parents and carers to call in after they have dropped their children off at school and have a brew and a chat whilst their toddlers play. The initiative has been well supported, as the school year has gone on the numbers have risen. Attendance has grown from a modest nucleus of 5 keen mums, and is now attended by 24 children and 24 adults. Stay and Play have recently been awarded a grant to purchase equipment and toys.



Each Christmas members from both congregations, young and old, get together to sing carols to the residents of the local care homes.

What they lack in musicality is made up in enthusiasm and a purpose to share the message of Christmas through carols, readings and prayers with the residents. Three local homes are visited and in recent years, supporters attending FC United have had the pleasure of our carolling. We have also joined the Mission Partnership Churches singing carols at a local supermarket.

Church life

St Mary's Kids and Youth



At St Mary's we want to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to meet regularly to develop their relationship with God, explore their journey of faith and meet with other young Christians.

Until recently, we had a strong Kids and Youth Church who met in regularly in St Mary's school. However, due to some of the leaders having to step down for personal reasons, we have had to rethink our offering for the young people at this time.

This opportunity has allowed us as a church to explore other ways to engage the young people of St Mary's. The remaining leaders are now working closely with the Mission Partnership Team, who currently support St Mary's, to find new and interactive ways to engage our young people.

The 11.15am service is lively, fun and informative and allows children of all ages, from the very young to the young at heart to worship together. It is a positive place for our young people to continue developing their relationship with God as they are surrounded by a congregation who offer support and enjoy worshipping with them.

This is an exciting time for all at St Mary's and we look forward to growing our offering for our young people.

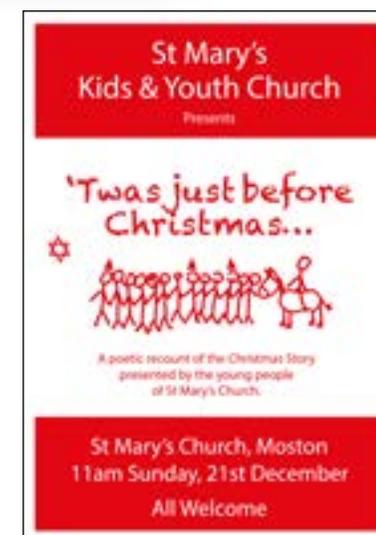


Brownies

St Marys has a vibrant Brownie pack with 17 girls and 4 leaders meeting in the school each week during term time.

The pack was formed way back in the 1960s and on the closure of their meeting place in 1974 they relocated and became an integral part of our church.

Sadly over the last few years the bond between the church and the Brownie pack has lessened. However, recently the PCC has found the current leaders would like to once again become involved in church life, so we are working closely with them to enable this.



The children always play an active part at Christmas, finding new ways to explore the real messages of Christmas.

Worship and tradition

We have two main services on a Sunday, the 9.30am, which is a traditional service centred around the Eucharist and the 11.15am service, which is open evangelical, geared to families and those who enjoy a more relaxed form of worship. We also have a traditional service held each Wednesday.

Pre-interregnum services:

Wednesday 10am

Common Worship for a small congregation, held in the Chancel.

Sunday 9.30am

1st Sunday in the month is Book of Common Prayer. Remaining Sundays are Common Worship. Hymns on the 2nd, 4th and special Sundays.

Sunday 11.15am

1st Sunday is Family Service without Holy Communion. Remaining Sundays are informal, family-oriented Worship with Holy Communion.

During interregnum the current pattern of services will continue to be staffed by members of the team from the Mission Partnership with a target of 50% Eucharistic



Books and service orders in use:

Local editions of Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. Anglican Hymns Old & New.

Normal vesture for ministers:

For 9.30am Sunday service a cassock and stole in seasonal colour. The 11.15am Sunday Service is a more relaxed, family service so the Priest can decide on what they feel is suitable for this service.

Figures for 2016



23 Baptisms



3 Marriages



5 Funerals



64 Christmas communicants
(all services)



78 Easter communicants
(all services)

14 Thanksgivings

2 Admission to
Communion

Plus 1
confirmation
candidate.



10 Parish Services
direct to
Crematorium

498 Total attending worship
during Christmas
(all services)

314 Total attending worship
during Easter
(all services)

The ministry of the congregation

The Church has an active and committed PCC with a number of long serving members. We have successfully widened involvement of the congregation to support the running of Sunday services.

The departure of our long serving Priest in Charge has presented the challenge and opportunity to roll up our sleeves and get more involved in the life and running of the Church. While at times daunting, we have seen the delight and value in the wider congregation pulling together, and we see more clearly that we are the body of Christ.

We also wish to help each other develop our potential as Christians, growing in faith and commitment to God, to encourage one another and to share our gifts. Throughout our lives and worship we seek to reflect God's love and to draw others into a deeper relationship with God. We strive to be a spiritual presence in the community and a visible witness to the love of God for all people.

We currently have 2 ALM's who have recently been recommissioned in Pastoral Care and Prayer.

We recognise that we are relatively weak, particularly in relation to other churches in the Mission Partnership, in terms of lay ministry, which needs to be developed. The role of the incoming priest will be important in leadership and as a catalyst for vocational training within the congregation.

The PCC is made up of members from both congregations providing a real understanding of the needs and requirements of both the traditionalists and those who embrace the more open evangelical style of worship.

Congregation demographic

The Sunday 9.30am and Wednesday services mostly comprise older members who favour the more traditional style of service.

The Sunday 11.15am congregation is made up of a mixture of ages, from the very young to the young at heart with a varied mix of ethnicity.

Local schools

St Mary's CofE Primary School

We currently have a strong relationship with St Mary's School and are working closely with the Head Teacher who is very well disposed to building relationships with the church. The incumbent will be an ex-officio member of the Governors along with the Diocesan Governor and Governors appointed by the PCC who are sympathetic to the Foundational principles of the school.

St Mary's school was built on land consecrated in 1838 to build a church and school. The first school was built in

1844 on the site of the current Rectory and in 1971, a new school was built in the gardens of the old Rectory where it still stands today.

The children of St Mary's participate in regular services in church: Harvest, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and a Celebration of the Year. Regular assemblies take place every half term and at the beginning of each school year, they have a special 'Buddies' assembly where Year 6 children are buddied up with a reception child.

Each year children in Year 1 and 2 experience a mock baptism and wedding respectively in church and Year 6 complete a Bereavement Module after SATS, followed by a mock funeral in Church.

Early Years join in a Harvest service and then a Crib service. Other classes attend the Christmas and Easter Experiences, which are both supported by the incumbent and members of the congregation.

At the beginning and end of each term, the incumbent and members of the congregation join the Head Teacher and members of staff to pray around the school.

Other Primary Schools in the Parish

We also have strong links with other primary schools in the area, Moston Fields, Broadhurst, Charlestown Primary School and Camberwell Specialist Support School and this is something that both the schools and the church are keen to continue and develop. A further area for development would be to see a member of the congregation sit on the governing body of each of the local primary schools in the parish.

Assemblies are held in all of these schools at least once a term as well as occasional lessons and trips to church which fit around their curriculum. Easter and Christmas Experiences are offered to all schools, with the exception of Camberwell Park at the present.

For four of our local Primary schools, Scripture Union's "It's your move" booklets are handed out to all Year 6 leavers every year.

All these services and experiences are valuable in building links with the children and breaking down barriers that some may have about what happens in a church.

Other Schools in the Parish

St Margaret Mary's RC Primary School is in the parish as well as two high schools, St Matthew's RC High School and Manchester and Creative & Media Academy (MCMA). We have only had occasional contact with MCMA but we do have church members who work there and we are keen to build and develop links with the students and staff.



Local community

Moston's population

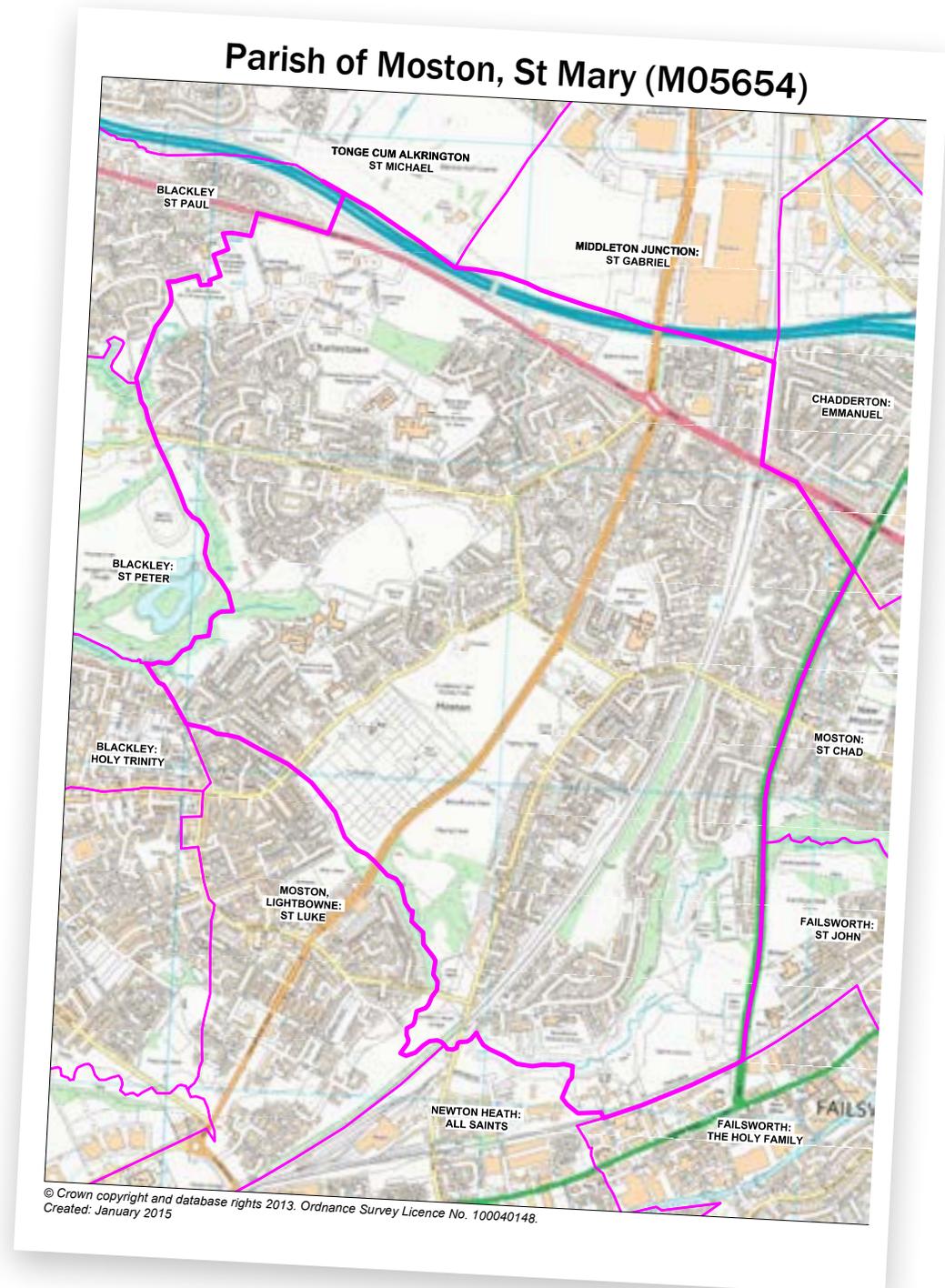
At 16,638, Moston is the 12th largest parish population in the diocese, being very much larger than the average and over twice the size of the median population of 7,192 (2014). Modest growth of only 202 was seen between the Census in 2011 and 2014. At 82%, the population is predominantly White British, but is gradually diversifying, particularly in terms of Black/African/Caribbean/Black British 6%. The age profile is widely spread, with children of infant and school-age totalling 23% and people of retirement age and above being 15%. Married couples number 37%, in addition to single people – never married 43%, divorced 9%, and widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership 8%. At the 2011 Census, 70% registered as Christian.

Social character of the area

In socio-economic terms, 10% fall within higher managerial and professional occupations, 29% lower managerial and intermediate occupations, 44% lower supervisory and routine occupations, and 9% never worked or long-term unemployed: full-time students accounted for 8% of the population.

Main issue facing the community

The main issue facing the community is the level of deprivation aggravated primarily by the level of economic cut-backs imposed by government, local and national. The parish is identified as one of the 10% most deprived parishes in England. To assist in alleviating this pressure on the poorest element of the population a significant amount of investigation has already been carried out into the formation of a suitable food bank.



Local community

Church engagement with the local community

Regular involvement with the care homes in the parish is a feature of the outreach of the Church, with communion services held throughout the year, and carol singing at Christmas.

‘Experience Easter’ and ‘Experience Christmas’ involve the presentation of those festivals in practical ways to groups of children from the primary schools in the parish, who are welcomed into the Church for these occasions in teacher and helper-led groups.

‘Pop-in’ is referred to as a special feature elsewhere in this Profile as their regular meetings provide a popular opportunity to socialise informally as well as affording a valuable platform for counselling.

Housing in the parish

There are an estimated 7,050 households in the parish of which 3,600 are owner occupied, 900 private rented and 2,550 social rented. A substantial proportion of the housing stock comprises post World War 2 semi-detached houses and former council estate properties, although a sizeable element has subsequently been privatised.

During the last 15-20 years an encouraging level of private house building has been undertaken, particularly in site in-filling. These recent housing developments have incorporated a welcome proportion of affordable homes.

Significant local institutions

As well as the primary schools including St Mary’s C of E School and St Matthews R.C. High School located close to St. Mary’s Church, the recently built Manchester Creative and Media Academy offers the Sixth Form College concept.

In addition, there are four free computer access locations spread round the parish and its environs, as well as a local library.

In health care terms, the parish is served by three general practitioners/medical centres, five dentists and five pharmacies. North Manchester General Hospital with its extensive capabilities and specialisms is only fifteen-minute drive away.

Open Space

Even though the parish is predominantly regarded as a built-up area, there are attractive green spaces providing the lungs of the community - and enjoyable recreational facilities.

Broadhurst Park has yielded space to provide an attractive stadium for the recently established (and so far successful) F.C. United of Manchester, who demonstrate a sense of responsibility to the community: important links to the football club have been formed by the Church.

In addition, the re-designed Moston Brook area with its nature trails and special ecological events lies partially in the parish.

On the other hand, the redesigned and extended private-membership owned Blackley Golf Club borders externally along the boundary of the parish, and Boggart Hall Clough is an extensive and very attractive public park also lying on the edge of the parish.



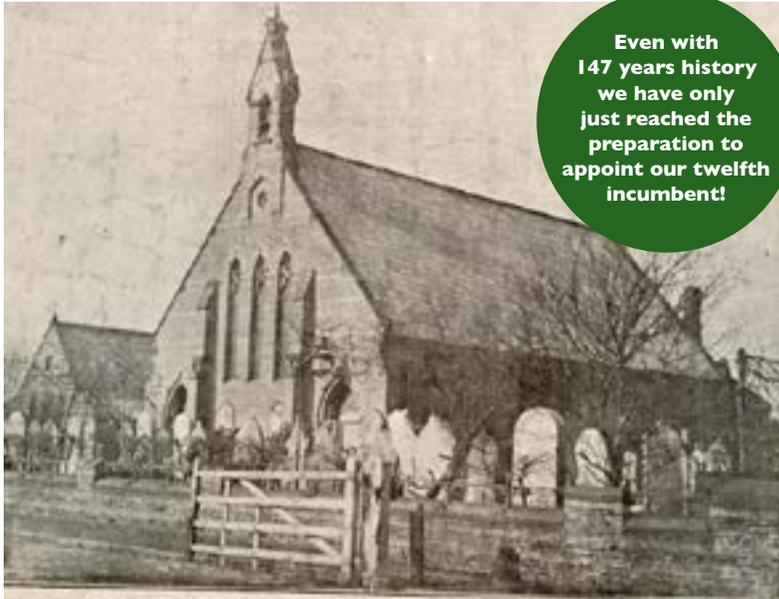
Ecumenism

There are three Roman Catholic churches, St John Vianney, St Margaret Mary’s and St John Boscoe’s but at least one of them is earmarked for closure in the near future.

An African church meets in the former Methodist Church, which is also used as by a Dance Academy and as a Day Centre for Adults with Learning Difficulties. Joy Community Church was formerly St Mark’s Whitemoss.

At the present time we have not been able to develop any particular rapport with these churches and this matter remains on our agenda and could be a matter for the new priest.

History and buildings



Even with 147 years history we have only just reached the preparation to appoint our twelfth incumbent!

By 1842 Moston had its Parish Church (although in distant Harpurhey) with a branch Sunday school and Church day school. It was another 25 years before it was to be a parish in its own right, which was probably due to the population increasing steadily by the mid 1860's creating a pressure for a new Church. On 6th October, St Mary's was consecrated by the first Bishop of Manchester, Prince Lee.

An unknown source copied in 1912 tells us that St. Mary's Church cost £2,500 and the registers date from 1869.

On the land next door to Church, St Mary's Church Day School stood from 1844. During the 1960s and 1970s it was recognised that a new school building was critical and many fund raising events took place.

The Rectory was situated across the road from the church at the back of the bowling greens. Beyond it was a plot of land where summer galas used to take place but this became the designated area for the new school, which opened in 1971. The old school was demolished and in its place a new Rectory was built in 1972. The old Rectory became a Music School but this too has since been demolished.

In the 1980's more serious fundraising took place in order to replace the Church's roof.

Outside Church stands the mounting steps, which are reputed to have been used by Oliver Cromwell. These were given to St Mary's by Lightbowne Hall, which was demolished to make space for a new Rectory at St Luke's Moston.

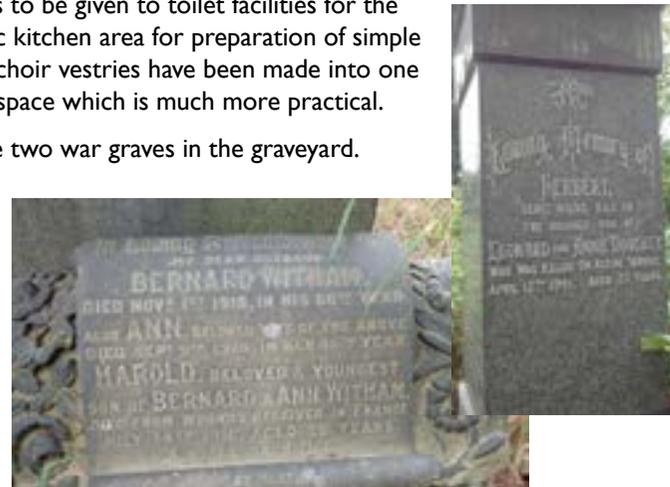
The Church building is in reasonably good repair. It has oil central heating and can seat 250-300 people. Our organ erected in 1906 has just been repaired and tuned but is in need of a regular organist to play it. The Church has a sound system as well as facilities for the hard of hearing.

In recent times we have removed a few pews midway along the nave for wheelchair and pram access and at the back of the nave to create more space. Pews in the chancel have also been replaced with chairs. Consideration now has to be given to toilet facilities for the disabled. We have a small basic kitchen area for preparation of simple refreshments. The clergy and choir vestries have been made into one room with overhead storage space which is much more practical.

A recent discovery... there are two war graves in the graveyard.



This year we have had a ramp built to the main door to comply with the law regarding disabled visitors. You can just make out Betty on the ramp, she's 96 you know!



Finance

Christian Stewardship

We are signed up with HMRC for the gift aid and gift aid small donation schemes which in:

2016 brought in £4,866.74.

2015 brought in £4,707.78

2014 brought in £4220.14

Parish Share

We have for many years paid our parish share in full out of our general income.

Parish Priest's expenses of office

These are paid out of our general income.

General Income

Our reserves of general income have increased over the last few years i.e.

2015 £11,001.08

2014 £5,924.81

2013 £3,639.36

Financial support to home and overseas mission work
Here is a list of our charitable giving during 2015.

Missionary and Charitable Giving

During the year 2015 the following donations were made out of St Mary's general income;

Age UK	£120.00
Barnabus Fund	£120.00
Church Mission Society	£120.00
Homestart	£120.00
Out There	£120.00
Greater Manchester Street Pastors	£240.00
Farm Africa	£100.00
INF/UK	£75.00
WaterAid	£100.00
Tearfund	£100.00
PAIS	£100.00
Boaz	£100.00
Purchase of bibles/school books	£208.88
	£1,623.88

In addition, but not shown in the accounts, members of the church raised money for the following charities;

Christian Aid	£284.30
WorldVision	£108.50
INF UK - Harvest Appeal	£674.04
Derian House	£80.00
	£1,146.84

As part of our annual giving for 2015, in January 2016 we donated a further £500.00 ignoring the £1,146.84, donations equate to around 6% of our general income.

A full set of accounts are available for inspection if they would be helpful to anyone expressing an interest in the post.