

## 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:**

**Christ Church Healey**

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

**The Bishop of Manchester:**      *bishop.david@manchester.anglican.org*  
**The Suffragan Bishop or Assistant Bishop who looks after your parish.**  
**The Archdeacon.**                      *Archxxxxxxx@manchester.anglican.org*  
**The Registrar**                         *Diocesan Registry, 5th Floor, Church House*  
    *90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2QH*  
**The Patron – if applicable**  
**The Area Dean**  
**The Deanery Lay Chair**



## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Who are we

We at Christ Church are a close and inclusive church family with a well established congregation of varying age groups and by identifying individual talents within these groups are aiming to meet the practical needs of the church and the pastoral and social needs of the Parish and local community.

Our previous incumbent has suffered with significant health issues throughout his almost 3 year tenure and has had to take early retirement on grounds of ill health. Also the church with whom we were joined in a United Benefice closed in August this year. Nevertheless with the help of Pam our reader and several retired clergy we have been nurtured spiritually throughout these somewhat difficult times .



We have also moved forward with a major re-ordering project involving the spire, tower and ring of 6 bells. This is due in no small part to a band of volunteers and the vision and dedication of our congregation and their desire to see our church grow and enhance our engagement with the local community. We recently hosted a dramatic performance of “The Gospel of Mark” and “Tongues of Fire” and have become more involved with our Churches Together Group.

### What do we want

It is important that our Parish Priest is a “people person” both Pastorally and socially, a good communicator and administrator who will work collaboratively within the Church, with other Churches in the Deanery and Rochdale in general.

We are looking for someone who has a vision for the future, for growth, mission and outreach to move the Parish forward and make it a Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A Priest therefore who can provide a clear sense of direction and work with us to draw up a Mission Action Plan that will build on our strengths and enable us to become an increasingly effective church.

## 1. BASIC INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

Statistical information can be requested from the Mission Planning Officer, Alison Peacock at Church House, [alisonpeacock@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:alisonpeacock@manchester.anglican.org)

2.1. Full name of benefice or parish(es)

Christ Church Healey and All Saints Hamer

2.2. Title of the post that is vacant

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

2.4. Archdeaconry, Deanery, and name of Area Dean

Archdeacon Cherry Vann: email [CherryVann@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:CherryVann@manchester.anglican.org)

Area Dean Mark Coelman : email [hellomarkcoleman@gmail.com](mailto:hellomarkcoleman@gmail.com)

2.5. Official clergy housing: address and brief description

*A photo of the house is a good idea N/A currently*

2.6. Official population

Healey	6,883,	Hamer	8,179
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2.7. Number on electoral roll

Healey	83	Hamer	38
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2.8. Average Weekly Attendance for the last 3 years Healey 40 Hamer 23

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

Healey 6

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

a. those baptized Healey 5 Hamer 4

b. those admitted to holy communion before confirmation

c. those confirmed Healey 3

d. marriages	Healey 4	Hamer 3
e. funerals	Healey 7	Hamer 4
f. Christmas communicants (all services)	Healey 62	Hamer 35
g. Easter communicants (all services)	Healey 42	Hamer 50 ( Christening)

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

a. Name of principal church

Christ Church Healey

b. Approximate key dates for the building

Building Started in 1850

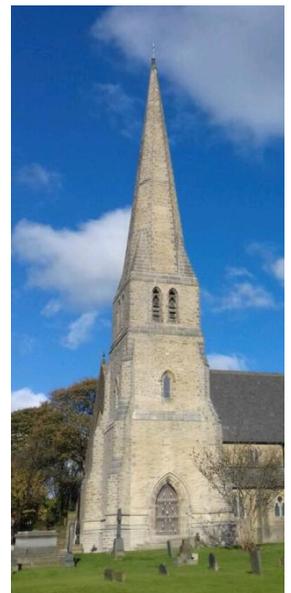
c. Approximate seating capacity

150

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?

Last Quinquennial Inspection April 2016

Most of the urgent work is almost completed to the Tower Spire, Rainwater goods and Bellchamber at a cost of over £300,000 mainly HLF and Viridor Grant aided. There are plans to continue the renovation work when we have support and input from a new incumbent.



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

Church Hall

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

Thrum Hall Methodist

Syke Methodist

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

Newsletter

2.13. Address of website and other social media if applicable

Website has now been updated and enlarged as part of our HLF brief

Email: enquiries@ christchurchhealey.org.uk

Twitter@Christ ChHealey

facebook@ Christchurchhealey

2.14. Names of churchwardens

Jennifer Train and Lynsey Toolan

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

*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.

#### **4. LOCAL COMMUNITY**

There are significant differences in the social character of the parish of Christ Church Healey and All Saints Hamer.

The former parish of All Saints is close to the town centre and in an area of social deprivation with a diverse culture.

Christ Church Healey is situated in a semi rural area with a changing demographic since the last census in 2011.

This offers an exciting opportunity and challenge for us all to engage and embrace the similarities and differences.



Close contact has been made with three local primary schools and the extended community during the annual heritage open days held each September.

We have a different theme each year which represents Christ Church's heritage. Pupil's from each school are invited to take part in projects linked to the church history and their RE syllabus.



## 5. SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Within the Parish of Christ Church Healey and All Saints there are 5 primary schools of these one is Anglican and one Roman Catholic. All Saints Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School provides a safe, secure and caring Christian environment.

The 2016 SIAMS Report states “the effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a Church School is outstanding. The school through its distinctive Christian character is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners.

Website: [www.allsaintscc.rochdale.sch.uk](http://www.allsaintscc.rochdale.sch.uk)

We have good contact with other state infant, junior and high schools and pupils from these schools are actively encouraged to participate in a number of collaborative programmes including major Christian Festivals.

Our recently re-dedicated peel of 6 bells will afford further opportunity to engage with young people in our community.



Links are also established with Rainbows, Brownies and Whitworth Junior Brass Band

## 6. WORSHIP AND WORSHIPPERS

A weekly Common Worship Sunday Holy Communion Service is held in church at 10.0-11.0am followed by tea and coffee in our Parish Hall.

A Family Service (All-Age Worship) with Communion (loosely based on Common Worship) is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, and Baptisms are usually conducted within that service. We would appreciate some flexibility in this area.

Morning Prayer is said on Thursday and Friday mornings at 8.15am in church. Usually from Common Worship, although occasionally from the Northumbria Community Order of Service. We have also used the Book of Common Prayer but infrequently.

The following services are conducted primarily using Common Worship 'Times and Seasons'

Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes is celebrated.

Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion is celebrated followed by The Watch.

Stations of the Cross are usually said in Holy Week on one evening from a variety of sources.

A Good Friday liturgy exists from our sister church All Saints' but its origin is not known.

Depending on the Celebrant, vestments are worn at Holy Communion Services, but the congregation does not appear to have a preference between vestments or cassock, surplice and stole

## **7: CHURCH – BASED ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS**

There are a range of church- based groups which meet at various times during the week / year.

- **Sunday School**  
Christ Church Sunday School meets weekly (there are some breaks during school holidays) at 9.45 am in the church hall. A team of Sunday school teachers prepare and deliver children's activities, based on Roots, which reflect the content of the Sunday service. Numbers in Sunday school vary and once children are confirmed they often become acolytes and take part in the Sunday worship.
- **Healey Singers**  
A group of around 20 meet fortnightly in church to practice ( all welcome no talent required). Throughout the year there are regular performances. A neighbouring Methodist choir recently joined us to prepare and present 'Tongues of Fire' a musical interpretation of Pentecost.
- **Craft and coffee morning**  
Meets fortnightly, on Friday mornings in the church hall, producing craft work to sell at Church events. and inviting guest speakers to talk about a range of subjects. This group is open to both men and women from both church goes and the local community it continues to grow thus providing an ideal opportunity to further pastoral care in the community.

- **Social Committee**  
Meets three times a year to plan events and produces a social and fundraising calendar for the year. Regular events include, jumble sales, Christmas /Summer fairs, musical evenings, quiz nights and church lunches.



- **Gardening Group**  
Meets seasonally and at the height of Summer, weekly so that the grounds are maintained. There are around eight gardeners who take on this role usually on a Saturday or early evening one night a week.

A group of six parishioners make up the team who take responsibility for the church flowers. This is carried out on a weekly basis with the exception of Lent and Advent. The team works in pairs and have arranged flowers for weddings, baptisms, funerals and charity events.

For some years now, there has been an annual parish weekend at Rydal Hall Christian Centre in the Lake District. It has proved to be a very popular, spiritual inspiring and picturesque venue for the church family to get together in a relaxing environment. We celebrate Morning and Evening Prayer and attend Sunday Eucharist at a local Church.



The church's social life continues to be active and on-going. Throughout the year, the range of social activities provided encourages attendance from the congregation, parishioners and wider community. Christ Church is fortunate in that within the congregation there is a wealth of individual skills and talents that will ensure the church can continue to be socially active and engaging as part of an expanding community.

## **8. NEIGHBOURING ANGLICAN CHURCHES AND PARISHES**

Relations with local churches are very warm and strong. We have a 'Churches Together' group and are developing Mission Partnerships in our Deanery but also have links with several churches in the neighbouring Deanery.

These churches enjoy strong relationships with each other and have collaborated for many years. St John's and St Bartholomew's C/E churches are in a joint benefice and were until recently in the Rochdale Deanery. They still continue to have close links with us and the wider community. Hallfold United Reform Church has regular events and services especially during Advent that all churches attend. In the same general location is also St Anselm a R/C church. All the above denominations are privileged to share the ministry of Christ in the local retirement homes.

Closer to Rochdale Hebron is a Pentecostal Church which has hosted Alpha courses open to us all. 'Open Door' is a Baptist Church and at Champness Hall is a Christian Evangelical Centre.

Rochdale churches are committed in their development and links with The Rochdale Interfaith Partnership. They share a commitment to the development of inter faith understanding and co-operation and to working together to achieve this. Our parish boundary will, following the closure of our sister church now extend to cover All Saints parish. This has a higher Muslim community and so we will need to take on and understand the needs of this parish.

## 9.ECUMENISM

Within the Deanery the Mission Partnerships are being formed. Regular meetings are held with clergy and lay people attending. Great progress is being made to develop these partnerships. This year with much more enthusiasm several joint -events have taken place.

We at Christ Church staged 'the Gospel of Mark', a dramatic retelling of the complete Gospel. A really well attended and received production.

The parish Church of St Chads organised Experience Easter during Holy week where 6 stations were brought to life. It was an imaginative and interactive approach to help children experience Easter. The local primary schools visited the church and were guided around each station. This is something we are working towards in 2018 with our local Primary Schools.

Christ Church held its Lenten course open to all as did other churches on various nights for everyone to attend.

We also have an active Churches Together group served by clergy and lay persons. The group comprises of a Roman Catholic Church, two Methodist Churches, a United Reform Church and The Salvation Army. There has been a long association with these churches and joint ventures include the annual Women's World Day of Prayer, a production of **'Tongues of Fire' a musical interpretation of Pentecost** at Christ Church and 'Emmaus Revisited' at Thrum Hall Methodist Church. Many more events and joint ventures are planned.



Christ Church has for several years organised a Parish Retreat to Rydal Hall. This we wish to try to extend with Mission Partnership support together with day retreats to Katherine House, Salford.

## 10. MINISTRY

Reverend Andrew Howell (Retired) has officiated regularly.

Reverend Denise Owen, a Curate in a neighbouring Parish has officiated less frequently, and the

Reverend Ian Butterworth (Retired), has officiated occasionally, during our previous Vicar's absence.

Pam McGrath is our Licensed Reader.

There is a rota of 8 Lay Assistants

Ministry of the whole congregation is informal at the moment as skills and talents are identified and nurtured. It is then that options are explored with our visiting clergy, Reader, Area Dean or Archdeacon, if appropriate. Currently, candidates for confirmation are prepared and presented by our lay reader.



We now have an ALM in training, following the Pastoral Care and Prayer and Spirituality Elective Options. Also another parishioner will begin the Foundations for Ministry Course in the Autumn. There is a desire within the congregation for growth and a recognition of gifts, skills and abilities that could be harnessed. We would hope

the person appointed would encourage and contribute to the development and support of Authorised Lay Ministry and general vocation.

We would like to develop towards more collaborative ministry where there is a high level of communication and shared decision making within church and church community.

## **11. MISSION**

Our Mission Statement is “To Glorify God and Serve our Community in the name of Jesus Christ”

Since we have experienced difficult times with no continuous clerical guidance we have yet to develop a Mission Action Plan. However we are keen to move on with this our main priorities being to engage with teenagers and young families, foster a robust Pastoral care network, share fellowship with other local churches and faiths, initiate Prayer and bible study groups and nurture personal spiritual development.

## **12. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP**

Christian Stewardship is not practised and I cannot remember when the last campaign was undertaken

We have not seen any material increase in giving in recent years, a number of generous parishioners have either moved on or died and giving has reduced in cash terms. There has been an increase in voluntary works which have benefitted the church in not having to pay for works done.

The Parish is fully committed to paying the Parish Share which has been reduced this year to a much more manageable figure, previous years have seen significant increases which the parish simply could not afford.

The Parish Priest has not claimed any expenses in the last 12 months

Last year the parish donated £632 to charities and missions

## **THE NEXT PARISH PRIEST**

We feel we are on an exciting journey based upon cherishing decades of tradition, while recognising and embracing the need to move forward and to adapt our church and its building to a different world

We believe our next vicar will be a prayerful, welcoming, engaging and energetic person; someone alive in the Holy Spirit, with strong leadership, communication and collaborative management skills focused on growth and pastoral care.

In these pages we have aimed to describe who we are and where we have come from, where we are now and where we aim to go, what we seek and what we can offer.

We would welcome someone who can encourage and develop youth ministry, work with young families, who has an ecumenical outlook and willingness to work with local churches and faith groups.

*Revised October 2017*