

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.

I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Alverthorpe, St Paul's
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Paul's
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:	North Wakefield Benefice
4.	Deanery:	Wakefield
5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	6500 with large scale housing development since, and ongoing

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	40
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	14.4.2024

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 Holy Communion	09.30am	19	22	3
Tuesday Morning Prayer	9.00am	-	4	0
Wednesday Holy Communion	11.00am	10	10	0

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 Paul's	3	0	1	19	5

9. Communications

Please give names and contact details BUT only include details that can be shared when this document is made public

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
	Diane Komorowski 07903 044570			David Dews 01924 368558

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.	Majority indigenous white British. A mix of working and retired residents. Housing is a mix of former Council housing, and semi-detached and detached private houses and bungalows, with large scale new development.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	Not apparent
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools: Youth centres: Hospitals: Nursing/elderly persons' homes: Other Christian churches Places of worship of other faiths Local Businesses: Neighbourhood initiatives: Associations eg tourist group: Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>2 primary, 1 independent primary and secondary.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Two</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>An industrial estate and numerous small workshops, a supermarket, 2 convenience stores, 2 hairdressers, a florist, a gym, 2 garages, 4 Take-Aways.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	45%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Majority retired Majority female Majority indigenous while British Minority of overseas background
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Middle of the Anglican tradition Vestments worn
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Approx. £14
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Approx. 1988
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Fund raising and donations. Insurance and grants for major repairs.
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	Not yet submitted for 2024
(b)	Were these met in full?	They will be paid in full
(c)	Is there an annual discussion with the clergy about their level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	No

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • last year? • current year? • next year ? 	<u>Share requested</u> £20,298 £22,254 Not known	<u>Share Paid</u> £20,298 £0
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Probably not	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	No	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	N/A	
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>	Good, apart from minor timber repairs needed to the roof of the East Room.	
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	None	

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	School services with parents in church. Uniformed groups with parents encouraged to attend monthly services.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Clergy involvement in school services. Clergy visits to non-CofE school with subsequent church visits.
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Weekly study groups in conjunction with other Churches in the Benefice
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Support of training of LLM
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church (not individual members) for work overseas:	Donations
(b)	How much is given annually?	£730 in 2024
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Donations in 2024 to :- Yorkshire Brain Tumour Trust M.S. Society McMillan Children's Society Community Awareness Programme Support for Wakefield Hospice
(b)	How much is given annually?	10% of income, £2343
4(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	N/A
5(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	No
(b)	If so, please describe:	N/A

6.	What part does the church play in community care?	Support for foodbanks
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7(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	M Dews I Harrison S Watson P Denton J Hartley P Brockbank
8.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Uniformed groups and parents invited to monthly service. Annual Christingle service attended by in excess of 400 children and parents from the parish.

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Occasional meetings and services
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No

2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Joint Holy Week services with the Methodists
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VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	St Paul's CE VA Primary School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Aided
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	270
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	Financially – not recently Support for Year 6 pupils on moving to secondary schools

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"> • Children • Young People • Adults 	Safeguarding training
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Joint weekly house groups across the Benefice Monthly Prayer meeting at St Paul's
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Good

(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Past training and experience
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VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Encourage involvement of community in Church life.
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Outreach to community. Work with schools.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age profile of the congregation 2. Continuing the development and integration of the 4 Churches in the new Benefice 3. Encourage involvement of children and parents in Church life.

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.

We request as speedy resolution as possible of the vacancy. St Paul's has been through a number of lengthy vacancies in recent years with some appointments not ideally suited to the parish, with a consequent marked decrease in active congregation members.

Viability of the Church beyond the immediate future is very uncertain

X. The New Priest

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

A person called by God to help rejuvenate an ageing Church, with the gift of preaching to inspire.