THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

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. Please check all pre-populated data carefully and provide any corrections if needed. Additional information may also be appended.

1. Parish Information

1.a	**Name(s) of parish(es):**	Purlwell: St Andrew.
1.b	**Name(s) of parish church(es):**	Purlwell: St Andrew.
2.	**Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish(es):**	None.
3.a	**Are you linked formally or informally with any other parishes in the benefice (Y/N):**	Yes.
3.b	**If Y, please give the name(s) of linked parish(es):**	We are part of the United Benefice of Batley together with All Saints', St Thomas's and St Paul's Hanging Heaton.
4.	**Deanery:**	Dewsbury and Birstall.
5.	**Population:** *[Information as of 2021 census. Please indicate if and how this might have changed]*	Parish Population Under 20 1351 20 to 64 3138 Over 65 740 Total 5229 Occupied Households 1555
6.a	**Electoral Roll Number:** *2026 data*	26
6.b	**Date of Declaration:**	March 10th 2026

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7. Worship Attendance

Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.
October count 2025

Church	Service	Time	Number of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16 attendance
St Andrew	Sunday Holy Communion with choir	9.30am	10	12	0

8. Occasional Offices

Please provide figures for the last 12 months. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy
St Andrew	0	0	0	1	0

9. Communications

Please only include names and contact details that can be shared when this document becomes public. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Church	Clergy	Licenced Lay Ministers	Lay staff *eg Youth worker, Administrator etc*	Churchwardens
St Andrew	None	None	None	David Ashton MBE 2 Manor Drive, Mirfield, WF14 0ER 07561390959 davash@hotmail.co.uk
				Glenys Hay 5 Quarry Road, Liversedge WF15 7HG 07754672677 glenyshay151153@gmail.com

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2. Parish/Community Information

1.a	**Briefly describe the demographic composition of the parish(es) (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity).**	Parish Ethnic Heritage Profile Asian 4451 Black 37 Mixed 90 White 553 Other 98 Parish Religious Profile Christian 361 Buddhist 3 Hindu 21 Jewish 2 Muslim 4394 Sikh 10 Other 6 None 221
1. b	**Are there any specific issues you wish to highlight in relation to the above description (eg high unemployment)?**	The parish is considered by Kirklees Council and the Diocese to be a more deprived neighbourhood.

2. Other local institutions

Please provide information and details (if known) of other important local institutions. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Institution	**Quantity**	**Details**
Schools (Primary and Secondary)	**3**	Purlwell Junior, Infant and Nursery Hyrstmount Junior Field Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery
Youth Centres	**3**	7th Batley Scouts 13th Batley Scouts Batley Bulldogs Foundation
Hospitals	**0**	None in the parish
Nursing/elderly care homes	**1**	Linson Court Care Home
Local Businesses	**Several**	Fox's Biscuits Batley Rugby League Club Mount Pleasant Health Centre and pharmacy Star Coaches Several retail units and Asian takeaways

Neighbourhood initiatives (eg NWA)	**2**	Beaumont Court retirement home Wards Hill Court retirement complex
Local Associations (eg tourist groups, historic societies)	**3**	Gilbert and Sullivan Society Taekwondo Group Umbrella Yoga
Other Christian Churches	**0**	None in the parish
Other Places of Worship	**Several**	Several mosques

2.b	**Do the clergy hold any civic responsibilities in relation to the above institutions or within the wider community? If so, please provide details.** *Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.*
No.	

3. Local religious partnerships

Please provide information on the parish(es) relationship with local religious groups. Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

3.a	**Please state any involvement in local Churches Together**	An annual joint service is arranged by Churches Together and held on Good Friday at the Central Methodist Church.
3.b	**Please state any formal covenants held with other denominations**	None.
3.c	**Please state any informal ecumenical contacts held by the parish(es)**	One of the congregants is Secretary of the North Kirklees Interfaith Group.

3. Church Information

Please give details for each church individually by copy/pasting the table below or by repeating the information on a separate sheet.

Church name: St Andrew's Purlwell		
A. Congregation		
i	**What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?**	100%

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ii	**Briefly describe the demographic composition of the congregation (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity, gender).**	All over 65 years and retired. Mixed gender. White British ethnicity. All are home owners.	
iii	**How would you describe the worship tradition at the church?**	Moderate Catholic. Full robes worn at all services.	
B. Finance			
i	**What is the average regular weekly giving by persons in the parish(es) 16 years & over?** **What (if any) proportion of this giving is gift aided?**	£11.78 in collections + £11.50 in fundraising. 95% of donors are gift aided.	
ii	**What is the date of the church's last stewardship campaign?**	End of 2025.	
iii	**How does the church supplement direct giving in order to meets its financial needs?**	Fundraising events such as lunches, Christmas Fayre, Bring and Buy sales, Race Night, bonus ball draw, Hall hire etc.	
iv	**What was the amount of working expenses paid to the clergy in the last financial year?** **Were these needs met in full? (Y/N)** *If N what was the estimated shortfall*	£1,099 Yes.	
v	**Please provide details of the amount of share requested and paid:**	Requested	Paid
	• **in financial year (2024)**	• £10,895	• £10,895
	• **in the last financial year (2025)**	• £9,588	• £9,588
	• **in the current year (2026)**	• £9,876	• £9,876
	• **in the next financial year**	• £10,172	
	Please provide explanation for any discrepancy between requested and actual payments		
	Do you anticipate meeting this year's requested payment in full? (Y/N)	We have already paid in full this year.	

	If N provide explanation	
vi	**Are there any ongoing capital projects? (Y/N)** *If Y please give brief details of estimated costs and how these will be met*	No, but works on the lady chapel roof were completed in August 2026. Costs met from reserves.
vii	**Please append a copy of the last PCC accounts.**	See attached.
viii	**Please provide details of the any overseas work supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations**	Regular collections at joint services, Harvest Festivals and voluntary individual donations are sent for the benefit of the new church being built in Mrito, Mara. £333 has been sent from St Andrew's so far this year.
ix	**Please provide details of the any mission agencies and charities supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations**	Donations in 2025: Myanmar appeal £30. Harvest collection for Batley Foodbank £50. Collection for Martin House Hospice £137. Christingle collection for Children's Society £113. Collection for Hollybank Trust £296.
C. Buildings		
i	**Please provide a general overview of the general state of repair of the church building and environs** *This can usually be found in the 'Executive Summary' of the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report*	Generally, the church buildings are in very good order. The area of most concern is the Transept/Lady Chapel roof. This is in a poor state of repair and needs a good deal of work to bring the gutter linings, flashing valley linings and coping back into good repair. At the time of the visit, works were in the process to replace the back gutter linings.
ii	**Please highlight any major maintenance requirements identified during the most recent Quinquennial Inspection**	Repairs to pitched roofs. Builder/roofer to access high level roofs and undertake any necessary repairs and cleaning. Gutter cleaning (this should be undertaken biannually). Refix plastic guttering joint. Unblock downpipes. Repairs relating to Lady Chapel back gutter leak and other areas of the roofs. Renew sacristy roof. Replace Aisle gutters in larger cast items. Replace broken cast rainwater goods. Clear blocked gullies and check regularly for

		blockages. Repointing works. Remove ivy and other vegetation affecting walls. Secure electrical cable in toilet. Remove saplings from boundary walls and reset disturbed stones.

4. Church Education and Social Provision

1.a	**Name(s) of Church School(s) if applicable:**	N/A
2.	**How is the school governance structure organised?** *eg aided, controlled, foundation*	
3.	**Approximately how many pupils are currently enrolled?**	
4.	**What is the level of engagement between the church(es) and the school(s)?**	

5. Outreach and Mission

Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.a	**Please provide details of any regular mission and outreach activities**	Over 60s group runs every week with lunches served regularly. Benefice Magazine is produced monthly by a congregant at St Andrew's.
1.b	**How are you helping people find out about Jesus?**	We are trying to keep the church running with the help and support of retired clergy.
1.c	**How are you helping people to grow in discipleship?**	The Benefice Together group meets monthly and explores different topics – eg working with other faiths and denominations and managing change. A Lent group for 2027 is currently being planned for the benefice by representatives from St Andrew's and All Saints'.
1.d	**How are you helping people to grow in leadership?**	
2.a	**Are there any overseas link(s) with the parish(es)? (Y/N)**	Yes

2.b	**If Y, please give details:**	There is a link with Nyamongo in Tanzania. St Andrew's was the first church in the former Diocese of Wakefield to form such a link.
3.a	**Do you have an organised system to provide outreach and welcome to new members of the community? (Y/N)**	An organised system is not necessary as we are such a small congregation and we welcome people warmly.
3.b	**If Y, please give details:**	
4.	**What role do you play in meeting the needs of the local community?**	We work closely with the over 60 age group in the community to provide a regular weekly meeting and the opportunity for lunches in the hall and outside the area.
5.	**How do you engage with young people outside of church-based organisations?** *eg open youth work*	7th Batley Scouts are affiliated to the church. Three members of the congregation are Scout Trustees.

6. Lay Discipleship and Participation

Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.	What are your education and training provisions for: • Children (*eg Sunday School*) • Young People (*eg Youth Projects*) • Adults (*eg Alpha*)	Details School visits on an annual basis Scouts visit to achieve their Worship Badge Benefice Together Group meets monthly	Approximate numbers 120 30 15-20
2.a	**Please give details of any house/prayer groups**	None.	
2.b	**Are these groups led by lay or clergy?**	N/A.	

3.a	**How would you rate the strength of lay leadership?**	Excellent. We are working together as a team and keep things running during the interregnum. Lay members have led the Christingle service in the past and will do so this year. The two churchwardens are licensed to administer communion to the sick and continue to do so across the benefice and one of the churchwardens is currently running the pastoral support group for the benefice.
3.b	**What is the source of lay leadership strength or weakness?**	Teamwork. We are fortunate to have a number of former education and business senior management and current charity volunteers in our congregation and their skills are essential to the successful running of the church.

7. Mission

In this section you are encouraged to consider your future priorities and aspirations. You are invited to contemplate areas you feel need addressing, evaluate any limitations which may prevent you from addressing them, and envision what your new priest's role could be to help you achieve your ambitions. Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.	**Which areas of church life do you feel would benefit from further development in future?**	Pastoral care. Outreach and visiting parishioners / sick. Realise the benefits of being part of a United Benefice. Development of links with local schools and to nurture the young. Links with other faith communities and sharing what we have in common.
2.	**What are the main areas of mission that you would like your new priest to prioritise?**	Pastoral support – a vicar who is engaged and engaging.

3.	**What are the biggest potential challenges which you and the new priest will need to address?** *Name and elaborate on no more than three*	Finance and the ability to continue to pay the Parish Share in full every year. Pastoral care. Engagement with parishioners in activities throughout the week.

8. Additional Information

Use this space to record any other information which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to be aware of regarding the conditions, needs, or traditions of the parish(es). Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

- Deanery Synod lay chair, secretary and treasurer worship at St Andrew's.
- Two representatives from St Andrew's on Diocesan Synod.
- Treasurer is a Diocesan Treasurer Ambassador.
- Secretary of North Kirklees Interfaith Group worships at St Andrew's.
- Representative on the Tanzania Link Committee.

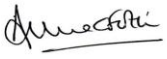
9. The New Priest

Use this space to identify and list the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

The following page has been taken from the section entitled Future Priest in the Benefice Brochure.

Agreed by the PCC of St Andrew's Purlwell

On the 27th October 2026

Signed: 

Print Name: Anne Firth

Office Held: Treasurer

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FUTURE PRIEST

The qualities listed below as being desired in a future priest are the result of consultation and with our four congregations.

All rounder, ready to accept a challenge

Gives a good service and sermon

Sense of humour

Can balance four churches fairly

Outgoing, sociable

Spiritual

Engages with parishioners and community

Desires to see the congregation grow in faith

Humble, sincere

Available, approachable

Kind, caring, understanding

Adapts to different ways of worship

Energetic

A good communicator and enabler

Committed, hard working

Forward thinking

A good leader, encouraging lay ministry

Relates well to all ages

Organised

Flexible



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Once completed and signed as agreed by the PCC, this form should be sent directly to the Archdeacon's office and to Gemma Shearwood:
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Copies will be circulated by the office to the Patron and Bishop

Please make sure copies all PCC members retain a signed copy of this form for their records.