

DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) MEASURE 1986

Statement prepared by the P.C.C. describing the Church's ministry and mission within the parish

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. Name of Parish: *Ilderton*
2. Name of Parish church(es) *St Michael & All Angels*
3. Name of other C of E churches/centres for public worship in the parish
4. Group of parishes in which you work (formally or informally): *Cheviot Benefice*
5. Deanery: *Bamburgh & Glendale*
6. Population: *149*
- 7.(a) Number on Electoral Roll *31*
- (b) Date of APCM at which this number was declared: *9th April 2025*
7. Attendance at worship at each church:

Average Sunday Communicants *12*
Average Sunday attendance *12*
Average weekday Communicants
Average weekday attendance
8. Occasional Offices:

Number of baptisms in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of persons confirmed in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of weddings in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of funerals in church in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of funerals taken by clergy not in church in the last 12 months: *0*

II. The Local Community

- 1.(a) Briefly describe the population in terms of any predominant age and/or social groups, the ethnic mix etc:
Rural including farming families and retired from local community and beyond
- (b) Are there any special social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
No

2. Please list:

Local schools: *Nursery, Primary & Middle Schools in Wooler (4 miles); High Schools in Berwick & Alnwick*

Youth centres: *Drop-in centre in Wooler*

Hospitals: *Berwick & Alnwick (not A&E)*

Nursing/residential homes, sheltered housing: *Old Vicarage, Wooler*

Places of worship of other faiths: *URC, RC, Evangelist all in Wooler*

Local businesses: *Various though none in Ilderton other than farming*

Neighbourhood initiatives: *Not known*

Local associations: *U3A, Local History Society, WI, (Glendale Live lists them all)*

Any civic responsibilities of local clergy : *Not known*

III. The Church Community (please give details for each church)

1.(a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? *25-30%*

(b) Describe the congregation in terms of age, employment, culture, ethnicity and gender: *Mainly white, retired, male and female*

2. Please describe the tradition of your church and give details of robes/vestments worn by officiants:

3. Give details of Sunday services with times and form of service used: *9am 3 out of 4 Sundays, 2 HC, 1 Lay-led and a number of festival / special services (evening)*

4. Give details of weekday services: *None*

5. List any authorised ministers (e.g. Reader, Church Army Officer, Ordained Local Minister, Non-stipendiary Minister, Curate in training, retired Clergy): *Sara Bedwell (Reader), Retired clergy – Judith Dobson, Rosemary Cox, Diane Whittaker, Christine Purnell*

6.(a) What is the average weekly giving of those aged 16 years and older, and what proportion of the giving is gift aided: *Average £10 / week, 70% gift aided*

(b) When did the parish last have a stewardship campaign: *2024*

7. How does each church supplement direct giving in order to meet financial needs (eg fundraising events, hall lettings, occasional offices, investments): *A number of fundraising events over the year and draw down from a legacy received in 2015*

8.(a) Give details of expenses paid to the incumbent, and state whether this covers them in full. *Paid through Cheviot Benefice Account – Treasurer Denis Mullen*

(b) Is there an annual discussion about the level of expenses as part of the budgeting process: *A budget is set and circulated to treasurers*

9. What amount of Share has been (a) requested and (b) paid: *Not requested, each parish makes an offer*
 Last year: *Paid £7182*
 Current year: *Intend to pay £7759*
 Next year: *Minimum £7759*
- 10.(a) Is there any capital project in hand at the moment: *Yes*
- 10.(b) If so, please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met: *Replacement of heating system with electric heaters – formerly oil fired boiler which broke down and is not repairable – cost approx. £7000. Legacy investment will cover this*
11. Please attach a copy of the latest statement of accounts.

IV. Church Buildings (please give details for each church)

- 1.(a) What is the general state of repair of the churches: *Good state of repair*
- (b) Please give details of any major maintenance needed following the last Quinquennial Inspection: *N/A*
2. Please give details of church halls and any other ancillary buildings (and an indication of the level of their use). *Ilderton Church Hall used for church events and as a polling station*
3. Is there a churchyard to maintain and who is responsible for its maintenance? *Yes. The PCC are responsible for the maintenance*

V. Outreach and Mission

- 1.(a) What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish: *At Harvest, Christmas and in Lent we have charity collections and we are members of the Glendale Christian Aid Group*
- (b) What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus: *Hold regular services and send invitations to residents of the parish for the special services*
- (c) What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship: *The members of the congregation are friendly and welcoming, interested in the community, giving support and help wherever possible*
- (d) What are you doing to grow people in leadership:
- 2.(a) Please give details of support for the church overseas: *Varies from year to year*
- (b) How much is given annually: *Varies*
- 3.(a) Give details of support for home missions and charities: *Varies from year to year*
- (b) How much is given annually: *Varies*
- 4.(a) Does the parish have an overseas link: *No*
- (b) If so, please state where/who

- 5.(a) *Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families:* **No, but members of the church are generally outgoing and welcoming**
- (b) *If so, please describe:*
6. *What part does the church play in community care:* **We are a rural community where most people know one another, offering care and help when it is needed**
- 7.(a) *Are there Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick:* **Licensed Reader**
- (b) *If so, who are they:* **Sara Bedwell**
8. *What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work):* **None**

VI. Ecumenical Relationships

- 1(a) *Involvement in local Council of Churches* **Members attend Deanery Synod meetings**
- (b) *Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?* **No**
2. *What informal ecumenical contacts are there?* **Christian Aid Group has members from the local URC, RC and Anglican churches**

VII. Church Education and Social Provision

- 1.(a) *Name of Church School(s), if applicable:* **None in this parish**
- (b) *Aided?*
Controlled?
Foundation?
- (c) *Number of pupils on roll (approx.):*
- (d) *If aided, does the PCC support the school:*

VIII. Lay Education and Participation

1. *What education and training work takes place in the church for the following (give approx. numbers):*
Children:
Young People:
Adults: **Participated in ALM course**
- 2.(a) *Give details of house/prayer groups:* **None**
- (b) *Are the leaders clergy or lay:*
- 3.(a) *How do you rate the strength of lay leadership:* **Good**

(b) To what do you credit this strength or the lack of it:

IX. Mission

1. List areas of church life which you consider in need of development: Over the last 10 years there has been a lack of leadership and engagement with the wider community leaving people generally disillusioned with the church
2. What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry: Engagement with the community with an emphasis on pastoral care
3. In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage:

X. 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.

See Parish profile

XI. The new parish priest

List the qualities and skills you would like to see the new priest: See Benefice Brochure