

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

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| 1.a | Name(s) of parish(es): | New Mill: Christ Church |
| 1.b | Name(s) of parish church(es): | Christ Church: New Mill |
| 2. | Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish(es): | |
| 3.a | Are you linked formally or informally with any other parishes in the benefice (Y/N): | Y |
| 3.b | If Y, please give the name(s) of linked parish(es): | St Thomas' Thurstonland |
| 4. | Deanery: | Upper Holme Valley benefice, Almondbury & Kirkburton Deanery |
| 5. | Population: <i>[Information as of 2021 census. Please indicate if and how this might have changed]</i> | Parish Population Under 20 1230 20 to 64 3034 Over 65 1235 Total 5499 Occupied Households 2368 |
| 6.a | Electoral Roll Number: | 123 |

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| 6.b | Date of Declaration: | 20 July 2025 |
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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 2023

| Church | Service | Time | Number of communicants | Adult attendance | Under 16 attendance |
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| Christ Church | Sunday | | | 55 | 3 |
| | Weekday | | | 10 | 1 |
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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 |
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| Christ Church, 2023 | 6 | | 5 | 12 | |
| Christ Church, 2024 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
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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 |
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| | | | Janet Abbott – Baptism coordinator and visitor. | Allison Coventry 07761 418877 |

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| | | | Jill Allsopp – Pastoral worker | Judy Taber 01484 687001 |
| | | | Kate Gaunt – Safeguarding | |

2. Parish/Community Information

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| 1.a | Briefly describe the demographic composition of the parish(es) (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity). | <p>Parish Ethnic Heritage Profile</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Asian</td><td>48</td></tr> <tr><td>Black</td><td>50</td></tr> <tr><td>Mixed</td><td>83</td></tr> <tr><td>White</td><td>5301</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>17</td></tr> </table> <p>Parish Religious Profile</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Christian</td><td>2618</td></tr> <tr><td>Buddhist</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Hindu</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Jewish</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Muslim</td><td>47</td></tr> <tr><td>Sikh</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>None</td><td>2491</td></tr> </table> | Asian | 48 | Black | 50 | Mixed | 83 | White | 5301 | Other | 17 | Christian | 2618 | Buddhist | 15 | Hindu | 2 | Jewish | 6 | Muslim | 47 | Sikh | 6 | Other | 27 | None | 2491 |
| Asian | 48 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mixed | 83 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 5301 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christian | 2618 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buddhist | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hindu | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jewish | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muslim | 47 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sikh | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| None | 2491 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. b | Are there any specific issues you wish to highlight in relation to the above description (eg high unemployment)? | (employment close to country average) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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 |
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| Schools (Primary and Secondary) | 2 | New Mill J & I Holmfirth High |
| Youth Centres | | |

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| Hospitals | | |
| Nursing/elderly care homes | | |
| Local Businesses | | Bower Roebuck (fine textiles) Various shops, cafes, |
| Neighbourhood initiatives (eg NWA) | | Some local NWA, local community policing |
| Local Associations (eg tourist groups, historic societies) | | (Holme valley groups, none parish-specific) |
| Other Christian Churches | | Quaker Meeting House Wooldale Methodist Free Church Elim Pentecostal Church |
| Other Places of Worship | | |

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.

Annual Remembrance service

The vicar of New Mill has (traditionally, but voluntarily) been a Trustee of New Mill War Memorial Institute (the property owners of the building leased to New Mill Club, formerly New Mill WMC, which also houses a war memorial room)

The vicar of New Mill has (also voluntarily) been a Trustee of Cottage Homes, a row of five small terraced houses made available at small rents to people who would otherwise be homeless (Almshouses).

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.

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| 3.a | Please state any involvement in local Churches Together | Via the Upper Holme Valley Team, there is some liaison with Holmfirth Methodists. Before the Team inauguration there was a strong Inter-Church committee (including all local Methodists, Anglicans, URC, Pentecostals, Quakers) but involvement with this ceased |
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| | | after the Team was formed. Some of us would like to see this renewed. |
| 3.b | Please state any formal covenants held with other denominations | N/A? |
| 3.c | Please state any informal ecumenical contacts held by the parish(es) | Currently building ecumenical contact with methodists, including regular acts of worship at White Rose care home (Holmfirth). |

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.

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| Church name: | | |
| A. Congregation | | |
| i | What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? | ca. 38% (according to the electoral roll. |
| ii | Briefly describe the demographic composition of the congregation (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity, gender). | Reflects the local area's composition. New Mill is a relatively prosperous area. According to the Index of Multiple Deprivation, the parish falls in the third least deprived decile nationally, although health and employment levels are closer to the mean for the country. There are slightly above average numbers of older people, and the ethnicity is overwhelmingly white British (96.9%). |
| iii | How would you describe the worship tradition at the church? | Wide ranging. Around 9 BCP Matins p.a.; CW Communion with trad. music (robed choir + organ) monthly, Family CW Communion with a mix of music (trad with organ + worship songs with amplified band) monthly, Non-Eucharistic Family service with music led by non-robed amplified band monthly. Occasional BCP Choral Evensong; occasional full Choral Matins. Junior church twice per month. |

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| | | Incense used only extremely rarely. | |
| B. Finance | | | |
| i | What is the average regular weekly giving by persons in the parish(es) 16 years & over? | £11.10 | |
| | What (if any) proportion of this giving is gift aided? | 24% | |
| ii | What is the date of the church's last stewardship campaign? | 2022 | |
| iii | How does the church supplement direct giving in order to meet its financial needs? | Fundraising Telecom rental (tower facilities) Donations/legacies | |
| iv | What was the amount of working expenses paid to the clergy in the last financial year? | £2,235 | |
| | Were these needs met in full? (Y/N) <i>If N what was the estimated shortfall</i> | Y | |
| v | Please provide details of the amount of share requested and paid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in last financial year (2023) in the current year (2024) in the next financial year | Benefice Requested | Benefice Paid |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £253,366 £225,450 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £171,200 £164,600 |
| | | <i>Please provide explanation for any discrepancy between requested and actual payments</i> | |
| | | nb Share is assessed and paid at Benefice level, not Parish level. | |
| | | (Response from Team, not parish) | |
| Do you anticipate meeting this year's requested payment in full? (Y/N) <i>If N provide explanation</i> | | We expect to pay around £43,000, (our contribution last year to Team +3%) | |
| vi | Are there any ongoing capital projects? (Y/N) <i>If Y please give brief details of estimated costs and how these will be met</i> | Y Solar panel installation, faculty obtained, expected completion around Sep/Oct 2025; Funding already raised via grants/donations/legacies. | |

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| | | Replacement of gas heating by electrical (IR) heating. Faculty application in preparation; grant applications in progress. |
| vii | Please append a copy of the last PCC accounts. | Appended |
| viii | Please provide details of the any overseas work supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations | Overseas child sponsored - £15 per month Funds raised for Kagwa – link diocese |
| ix | Please provide details of the any mission agencies and charities supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations | Christian Aid (£346 from Christ Church this year) Children’s Society (Christingle service and boxes. £309 raised in 2023) British Legion £400 (from collection on Remembrance Sunday) Christ Church supports the Welcome Centre Food Bank (on average donating two large bags of food and toiletries fortnightly) Donations to local Hospice (£100) - |

C. Buildings

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| i | <p>Please provide a general overview of the general state of repair of the church building and environs</p> <p><i>This can usually be found in the ‘Executive Summary’ of the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report</i></p> | <p>1.00 Executive Summary (2024 QI report)</p> <p>1.01 Since the last quinquennial inspection, the church has been maintained in a reasonable condition.</p> <p>1.02 Generally the works suggested in the previous quinquennial report have been addressed although there are other areas which will need to be included in repairs and maintenance in the long-term future.</p> <p>1.03 Since the last quinquennial report was prepared an extension has been constructed to</p> |
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| | | <p>the north side of the tower to provide a two storey lift shaft area together with toilets on both levels. This has been constructed in a good manner and although it does stand out at this time due to the clean stonework in comparison with the pollution stained original stonework it is not detrimental to the overall appearance of the building, and as such clearly identifies the new construction without being detrimental to the symmetrical balance of the original design of the church.</p> <p>1.04 An issue has arisen with the south east corner of the east apse with water ingress causing damage to the plaster and stonework in this corner. Works are ongoing to rectify the cause and defects.</p> <p>1.05 The log book is currently updated regularly and this needs to continue in order to maintain a record of works and to act as an aide memoir for regular works such as servicing dates and periods.</p> <p>1.06 There are some repairs and items of maintenance which require undertaking which have been identified in the main body of the report.</p> <p>1.07 It is noted that there are proposals being developed for the installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the nave. No works to this have progressed at this time other than in the planning stage. <i>[At July 2025, all permissions obtained, work should start in August. Plans also in preparation to replace the gas boiler with electrical heating]</i></p> |
| ii | <p>Please highlight any major maintenance requirements identified during the most recent Quinquennial Inspection</p> | <p>Urgent (Priority A) – none</p> <p>12 months (B) – SE corner plaster/stone repairs – these partly finished, some work currently in progress</p> <p>18-24 months (C) – nine items mentioned. 3 done, others to be completed.</p> |

4. Church Education and Social Provision

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| 1.a | Name(s) of Church School(s) if applicable: | No church school |
| 2. | How is the school governance structure organised? <i>eg aided, controlled, foundation</i> | |
| 3. | Approximately how many pupils are currently enrolled? | |
| 4. | What is the level of engagement between the church(es) and the school(s)? | Head of village J & I school is currently ordained priest. There has for many years been engagement between church and school, including the school's use of the church for its Christmas service, and educational visit to the church & graveyard as part of the school's coverage of history. |

5. Outreach and Mission

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

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| 1.a | Please provide details of any regular mission and outreach activities | <p>Annual Walking Nativity – an Advent procession from New Mill Club to the church's community garden where a Nativity scene was set up.</p> <p>Monthly welcome lunches in the Gallery Room.</p> <p>Monthly afternoon teas at New Mill Club. (New Mill Club is situated near the village centre, but the church is further away, but up a steep hill. Many find access to the Club more convenient, and the Club's committee is happy to work with us).</p> <p>Community garden events (The community garden is an area abutting the newer graveyard, on church land, which has been developed to encourage educational outdoor events, including forest schools, vegetable growing. Occasional open-air services are held there).</p> <p>Music@ChristChurch – concerts in our acoustically excellent church. Recent events with over 100 attendees have featured New Mill Male Voice Choir, Hepworth Brass Band, Holmfirth Choral Society, the Kyiv Classic</p> |
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| | | <p>Accordion Duo, Holme Valley Orchestra, The Mastersingers, and solo instrumentalists.</p> <p>The annual Remembrance service involves several community organisations (cadets, scouts, guides, police etc.) with upwards of 200 attendees.</p> <p>Engagement with organisations such as the Holmfirth Film Festival, Holmfirth Arts Festival, and Heritage Open Days to host and support events</p> <p>Faith on Friday – a monthly meeting usually including a family activity and faith supper.</p> <p>Reading group – meets every six weeks after Wednesday communion to discuss a book chosen by a group member.</p> |
| 1.b | How are you helping people find out about Jesus? | <p>Faith events</p> <p>Monthly Bible study group</p> <p>Website</p> <p>School visiting</p> <p>Services live-streamed</p> <p>Facebook page</p> |
| 1.c | How are you helping people to grow in discipleship? | <p>We encourage people to join our various groups to allow them to develop their skills for the benefit of the church and community.</p> <p>Groups include our traditional church choir, worship group(“rock band”), bellringers, wellcomers team, coffee (Fair Trade) & biscuits servers, readers & intercessors.</p> |
| 1.d | How are you helping people to grow in leadership? | <p>Our previous incumbent encouraged people in our congregation to develop gifts including leadership gifts – a lay reader (who has since moved away), another trained for ordination (and is now a priest), and another is now a member of General Synod. We have also encouraged young people to nurture their leadership skills – one such student is now a cathedral organist and choirtrainer.</p> |
| 2.a | Are there any overseas link(s) with the parish(es)? (Y/N) | Y |
| 2.b | If Y, please give details: | Via Team, with link diocese in Tanzania |
| 3.a | Do you have an organised system to provide outreach and welcome to new members of the community? (Y/N) | N |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults (<i>eg Alpha</i>) | Bible Study group | Average 10 |
| 2.a | Please give details of any house/prayer groups | Bible study group above; this started in early 2025 and is monthly, rotating between group members' homes, sometimes in the church gallery room. | |
| 2.b | Are these groups led by lay or clergy? | Retired clergy, in rotation | |
| 3.a | How would you rate the strength of lay leadership? | All parish officer roles are filled. Capable choir & music leadership Capable Junior church leadership Reliable Bell captain | |
| 3.b | What is the source of lay leadership strength or weakness? | The current leaders are well-qualified, experienced and enthusiastic (but many have passed retiring age). But all the above groups have only a small number of committed volunteers as leaders with very few deputies able to take over. | |

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.

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| 1. | Which areas of church life do you feel would benefit from further development in future? | Junior church and youth work expansion. Pastoral visiting |
| 2. | What are the main areas of mission that you would like your new priest to prioritise? | As above |
| 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 | Uniting the existing parishes within the benefice according to the reordering currently under consultation. Finding more volunteers who can help lead |

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| | | our young people, and other groups. |
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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.

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.

Christ Church New Mill would not be the vibrant thriving church that it is today, had it not been for the visionary leadership given to us by Sean, our outgoing incumbent. We pray that our next incumbent will build on these foundations which are already in place at Christ Church, whilst leading us with their own unique gifts and vision. When we asked our church family what kind of person they would hope for in our new incumbent, these are some of the qualities that were often given in response...

- A deep Christian faith
- Friendly: likes people
- Welcoming to all
- Pastoral; a listener
- Reflective
- A rich life: interests, hobbies and passions
- An up-to-date awareness of the wider world
- Energetic and enthusiastic
- A leader
- Able to engage with the local community
- Kind
- Enjoys children and young people: keen and able to grow our work with the young
- Fun!

We are very conscious of the stresses and strains of life for members of clergy and their families and the absolute importance of rest and recreation. We are an enthusiastic and engaged congregation who need someone to guide, lead and envision us. It is, and would continue be our priority to offer our support, co-operation and energy to our new incumbent in our joint mission.

Agreed by the PCC of

On the (date) **(month)** **(year) 20**

Signed:

Print Name:

Office Held:

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

Gemma Shearwood
Diocese of Leeds, Church House
17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX
gemma.shearwood@leeds.anglican.org

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.

**Parochial Church Council of
 CHRIST CHURCH NEW MILL
 Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

| Receipts | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | 2023 £ | Restricted Funds £ |
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| Regular giving | 34,708 | | 30,015 | |
| Collections and other giving | 8,937 | | 7,073 | |
| Income Tax/VAT/Gift Aid recovered | 8,075 | 1,312 | 8,160 | |
| Donations/Legacies | 1,934 | 24,800 | 8,166 | 8,455 |
| Other voluntary receipts | 2,258 | | 5,091 | |
| Activities for generating funds | 8,949 | | 13,984 | |
| Receipts for Church activities | 4,746 | | 5,101 | |
| Mobile phone income | 6,500 | | 6,500 | |
| Investment income | 1,641 | | 1,580 | |
| Electricity cost recovered from Net Solutions | 13,370 | | 8,208 | |
| Transfer to/from CBF | 17,000 | | 13,000 | |
| | 108,118 | 26,112 | 106,879 | 8,455 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Diocesan Parish share | 41,400 | | 40,800 | |
| Donations to charities | 1,293 | | 570 | |
| Clergy expenses | 2,645 | | 2,235 | |
| Church running expenses | 33,852 | | 30,417 | |
| Diocesan Fees | 1,944 | | 5,409 | |
| Major Works | 6,426 | 20,066 | 7,525 | |
| Other payments and money transfers | 17,000 | | 13,000 | |
| | 104,560 | 20,066 | 99,956 | |
| Surplus of receipts over payments | 3,558 | 6,046 | 6,923 | 8,455 |
| Opening Bank balances 1 January 2024 | 52,656 | | 37,279 | |
| Closing Bank balances 31 December 2024 | 62,260 | | 52,656 | |
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities | | | | |
| Cash with Current and Deposit Accounts | 62,260 | | 52,656 | |
| Tax Recoverable | 9,500 | | 5,000 | |
| TOTAL | 71,760 | | 57,656 | |

The above accounts have been compiled from the records and vouchers relating thereto and I confirm that they are in accordance therewith

Peter D Custance
Auditor

28 March 2025

Stephen M Howes
Treasurer


