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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):**	Hawes: St Margaret
1.b	**Name(s) of parish church(es):**	Hawes: St Margaret
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):**	**Askrigg, Hardraw, Stalling Busk**
4.	**Deanery:**	Wensley
5.	**Population:** *[Information as of 2021 census. Please indicate if and how this might have changed]* **[?]**	Parish Population Under 20 157 20 to 64 565 Over 65 291 Total 1013 Occupied Households 480
6.a	**Electoral Roll Number:** *2026 data*	28
6.b	**Date of Declaration:**	*June 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 Margaret	Sunday	**10.30**	21	19	2
	Weekday Prayer Meeting	**9:15**		5	

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 Margaret	*1*	*0*	*0*	5	*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. Margaret's, Hawes	**Revd. Vera Sinton**		**Steph Durrant**	**Samantha Amsden** **Graham DiDuca**

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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 7 Black 1 Mixed 6 White 1000 Other 0 Parish Religious Profile Christian 615 Buddhist 5 Hindu 0 Jewish 0 Muslim 0 Sikh 0 Other 2 None 325
1. b	**Are there any specific issues you wish to highlight in relation to the above description (eg high unemployment)?**	**No**

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)		**Hawes Primary School**
Youth Centres		**Hawes Youth Club**
Hospitals		NIL
Nursing/elderly care homes		Provision in Askrigg parish
Local Businesses	**Numerous. Principal businesses include:**	**Hawes Creamery** **Carrs Billington** **Hawes Auction Mart** **Atkinsons**

Neighbourhood initiatives (eg NWA)		**Hawes Town Investment Plan**
Local Associations (eg tourist groups, historic societies)		**Dales Countryside Museum** **Upper Dales Community Partnership** **Yorkshire Dales National Park**
Other Christian Churches		**Gayle Methodist Chapel**
Other Places of Worship		**No**

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

Informal chaplaincy role at Hawes Auction Mart

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**	**Annual events – Easter walk of witness, Harvest celebration and Christmas Toy Service**
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)**	**with Gayle Methodist Chapel**

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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:		
A. Congregation		
i	**What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?**	20% but can be 50% during summer with visitors.
ii	**Briefly describe the demographic composition of the congregation (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity, gender).**	The congregation largely reflects the demographic profile of the area, being predominantly White British with limited ethnic diversity. Members include retired people, working-age adults and a small number of families. Home ownership is common; occupations include farming, tourism, local business and public services.
iii	**How would you describe the worship tradition at the church?**	Worship is broadly traditional Anglican, with Common Worship liturgy, Holy Communion and Hymns. A monthly family service includes a teaching theme with big-screen presentation, craft, hymns and intercessions, helping to engage children and families.
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?**	£9.69 100%
ii	**What is the date of the church's last stewardship campaign?**	October 2025
iii	**How does the church supplement direct giving in order to meets its financial needs?**	**Collections at services; various fundraising initiatives.**
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*	£1,565 **Yes**

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v	**Please provide details of the amount of share requested and paid:** • **in last financial year (2025)** • **in the current year (2026)** • **in the next financial year (2027)**	Requested • £15,422 • £16,963 • £12,500	Paid • £14,200 • £12,000 (approx.) • £12,500
	Please provide explanation for any discrepancy between requested and actual payments	**Lack of funds – reserves policy of three months**	
	Do you anticipate meeting this year's requested payment in full? (Y/N) *If N provide explanation*	**No – PSA meeting with the diocese to agree achievable share.**	
vi	**Are there any ongoing capital projects? (Y/N)** *If Y please give brief details of estimated costs and how these will be met*	**Lighting; organ refurbishment**	
vii	**Please append a copy of the last PCC accounts.**		
viii	**Please provide details of the any overseas work supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations**	**None**	
ix	**Please provide details of the any mission agencies and charities supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations**	**None**	

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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*	*St Margaret's Church is a large and striking church which is a key part of Hawes and the surrounding landscape. The PCC and active church wardens work well to keep the church in a good state of repair but the exposed location and scale of the church does provide some challenges.* *Repairs are needed to the dangerous floors in the tower and these should be a priority for safety and allowing maintenance. Access is not possible to maintain the turret clock which means that it is no longer chiming – which is an unfortunate loss to the presence of the church in the town and the character of Hawes as a whole. Similarly, recent structural additions have been made to strengthen the tower but these obstruct the clock weights. As a result alteration is needed to the clock weights and could potentially incorporate automatic winding as a solution.* *The tower was repointed 9 years ago and there are some areas of mortar loss visible such as on exposed locations such as edges and cills. There are also extensive stains thought to be leaching lime which should pass.* *There were several areas with falls of plaster occurring leaks at high level, e.g. over the chancel and at the abutment of the nave with the tower. These are concerning given the recent roofing works and need to be addressed soon to avoid further damage.* *Given the large number of visitors to Hawes, it would be beneficial to improve the visibility of the church from the street. Currently the view of the entrance porch and church is quite blocked by the tree lined path. Some careful trimming back of the tree canopies would allow the church to be seen without significant detriment to the trees.* *2023 QI*

ii	**Please highlight any major maintenance requirements identified during the most recent Quinquennial Inspection**	

4. Church Education and Social Provision

1.a	**Name(s) of Church School(s) if applicable:**	While the parish does not have a church school, it has a strong connection with the local primary school, whose leadership is enthusiastic about working in partnership with the church. There are 50 children on role.
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**	Close partnership with the local primary school, a monthly family service, seasonal services and pastoral support. Summer coffee mornings for families and visitors. We also engage with the many visitors who come to the Upper Dales throughout the year.
1.b	**How are you helping people find out about Jesus?**	Through worship, preaching and prayer. Monthly family service, links with the local primary school, open church with literature available, having an online presence. Also, by welcoming and serving the wider community.

1.c	**How are you helping people to grow in discipleship?**	Discipleship is supported through regular worship, weekly Bible study and prayer meetings, an annual Lent course, and links with other Christian organisations.
1.d	**How are you helping people to grow in leadership?**	Through course run by the diocese for lay readership training and so on.
2.a	**Are there any overseas link(s) with the parish(es)? (Y/N)**	No
2.b	**If Y, please give details:**	
3.a	**Do you have an organised system to provide outreach and welcome to new members of the community? (Y/N)**	No
3.b	**If Y, please give details:**	
4.	**What role do you play in meeting the needs of the local community?**	Provide pastoral visits, community engagement and a strong partnership with the local primary school. The church provides a place of welcome for residents and visitors.
5.	**How do you engage with young people outside of church-based organisations?** *eg open youth work*	We don't engage directly with the town's youth work, we engage with young people through our work with the local primary school, visits for Easter and Christmas and RE studies. Also the regular family services and community events such as Christmas singing. We see this as an important area for future development.

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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	Approximate numbers
		Within services Explorers & Pathfinders monthly	Six from this parish
2.a	**Please give details of any house/prayer groups**	Bible study group = home based Tuesday morning prayer group	
2.b	**Are these groups led by lay or clergy?**	Lay	
3.a	**How would you rate the strength of lay leadership?**	Very good	
3.b	**What is the source of lay leadership strength or weakness?**	Strong lay leadership with practical skills and life experience, leading in faith.	

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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?**	Future development has been considered as a benefice. Please see the parish brochure.
2.	**What are the main areas of mission that you would like your new priest to prioritise?**	Mission has been considered as a benefice. Please see the parish brochure.
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*	The competing attractions of modern life, and lack of interest in organised religion. Also considered as part of benefice, referred to in the parish brochure.

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.

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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.

Qualities and skills were considered at our summer PCC away day as summarised in the Benefice Brochure.

Agreed by the PCC of Hawes St Margaret

On the 21st October 2026

Signed: S.Amsden

Print Name: (Mrs.) Samantha Amsden

Office Held: Churchwarden

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.