Parish Fact Sheet

Incumbent

This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy to help it find an appropriate incumbent. 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 a Parish Profile document.

PARISH: ST MARTIN LOW MARPLE DATE: 29TH JUNE 2026

DEANERY: CHADKIRK

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 1
2. Population. 3817
3. Number on electoral roll. 78
4. Usual Sunday attendance *(taken from last annual return)*
   under 16 years of age: 3 16 and over: 40
5. PCC ordinary income *(i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return)*: £ 74,909
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 16.65

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: REV TIMOTHY HUPFIELD
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy *(indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM))*: REV DR LYNDA PUGH (SSM)
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
   MRS DEBBIE MOORES
4. Name(s) and office of any other staff *(such as Church Army Captain, community worker, administrator)* employed. Please state number of hours worked per week:

NONE

THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural?
   URBAN/SUBURBAN

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? STATIC

(b) settled or mobile? SETTLED

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families?
   ALL GROUPS

(b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed?
   ALL GROUPS

(c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

NO SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ETHNIC GROUPS

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 91%

(b) local authority: 3%

(c) privately rented: 6%

5. Please list:

(a) number and types of schools in the parish:

1 PRIMARY SCHOOL

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes 3

(c) any youth centres? SCOUT/GUIDES

(d) any community centres? SENIOR CITIZENS MEMORIAL HALL

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: NONE

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:
   NONE

7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?
LEADS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IN THE MEMORIAL PARK WHICH IS IN THE PARISH

8. Are there any links with local industry?
NONE

9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
NONE

CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition? Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label?
TRADITIONAL ANGLO-CATHOLIC

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

8.00 AM	HOLY COMMUNION SAID (LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH)
10.25 AM	CHORAL MATINS (2ND SUNDAY OF MONTH)
11.15 AM	SUNG PARISH MASS EACH SUNDAY (SUNG FAMILY MASS ON 3RD SUNDAY)
6.30 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG (BCP) FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH
6.30 PM	PRAYER HOUR THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH
5.30 PM	ZOOM EVENING PRAYER SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please State? Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: COMMON WORSHIP

Is there a traditional use of
eucharist vestments? Yes/No YES
coloured stoles? Yes/No YES
scarf and hood? Yes/No YES

4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

ANCIENT AND MODERN

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 58%
(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation? ELDERLY/FEMALE

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:
45

7. Numbers during the last year
   of baptisms: 3
   of confirmation candidates: 2
   of weddings: 1
   of funerals in church: 6
   in crematoria: 7

8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? Yes/No
   YES
   If so, how many children were admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation during the last year? 6

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. Name of the parish church: SAINT MARTIN LOW MARPLE
   Year(s) built: CHURCH (1870), LADY CHAPEL (1895), CHRISTOPHER CHAPEL (1909)
   Date of last quinquennial inspection: 2023
   List any urgent repair work still to be done:

   NONE

2. Other C of E churches (*mission church/daughter church/chapel of ease)* in the parish: Name and condition of repair:

   NONE

3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/ replacement? Yes/No NO

4. What other buildings *(e.g. church hall, curate's house)* and land (not churchyard) does the parish own? *(Give addresses, use and condition)*

   SAINT MARTIN'S PARISH HALL, 15 BRABYNS BROW, STOCKPORT.
   GENERALLY VERY GOOD CONDITION. COFFEE ROOMS RECENTLY PAINTED.

5. Has the churchyard got a churchyard? Yes/No YES
   Is it still in use? Yes/No NO
   How many new graves were opened last year? NONE
   How many re-openings were there last year? 1
   Estimate how many years are available for new graves: GRAVEYARD CLOSED
   Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? 3 AREAS

FINANCE

1. Please e-mail (or send) a copy of last year's accounts and last year's annual report of the PCC.
2. Does the church have a stewardship, thanksgiving or planned giving scheme? YES
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
   incumbent £ 444 assistant clergy £ 300
   (b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not
   YES
   (c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed
   ACTUAL EXPENSES
   Is a claim form used? NO - PAYMENT AGAINST RECEIPTS

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 50,748
6. In the last financial year, did the PCC meet its financial obligations to the Diocese in full for payment of its Parish Share? Yes/No NO
   If not, what amount was paid: £ 44,000 (90%)
   In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share?
   Yes/No NO
7. Is there any capital project in hand at the moment? Yes/No NO
   Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.
   NO

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No — NO
   Is it controlled aided or an academy? — N/A
   (b) Number of children on roll: — N/A
   Is the number static/rising/falling? — N/A

   (b) What relationship/links are there between church and school?

   N/A

   (d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?
   N/A

2. What provision is made by the church for teaching:
   (a) children:

   11.15AM SUNDAY - JUNIOR CHURCH WITH LAY TEACHING TO SMALL GROUP OF CHILDREN

   (b) young people:

   NONE

   (c) adults

   TRADITIONAL SERVICES
   CHOIR

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:
   (a) children: JUNIOR CHURCH (UP TO 8 CHILDREN)
   (b) young people: NONE
   (c) adults: CHOIR (13)

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

NONE

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? LAY

DISCIPLESHIP AND LAY MINISTRY

1. How do you rate the strength of lay leadership in the parish? To what do you credit the strength or lack of it?

GOOD. WORSHIP ALSO SUPPORTED BY RETIRED LAY MINISTER.
JUNIOR CHURCH SUPPORTED BY PARENTS AND OTHERS

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). NONE

3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

LENT AND ADVENT COURSES
MONTHLY PRAYER HOUR SERVICE

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

1. State involvement in local council of churches, if any.

MEMBER OF MARPLE CHURCHES TOGETHER

2. Is there a formal covenant with any other denominations?

NONE

3. What informal contacts are there?

NONE

OUTREACH AND MISSION

1. Please give details of the support of the Church overseas. How much is given annually?

TEAR FUND £300
WATER AID £500
GAZA APPEAL £500

DISTRIBUTING ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTIAN AID

2. Give details of the support for home missions and charities.

THE WELLSPRING (HOMELESS) £500
THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY £260
THE SALVATION ARMY £250

3. Is there an organised system of evangelism in the parish? If so, please describe it.

NONE

4. Is there an organised system of follow-up to baptisms, weddings, funerals? If so, please describe.

FOLLOW-UP TO ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM

5. What part does the church play in community care (e.g. the unemployed/homeless/ drug addicts/disabled)?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE WELLSPRING (HOMELESS)
FOOD COLLECTION FOR STOCKPORT FOOD BANK

6. Is there an organised system of care for the sick and elderly? If so, what?

HOME VISITS BY CLERGY TO ADMINISTER HOME COMMUNION
INFORMAL VISITS TO SICK AND ELDERLY

7. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (e.g. open youth work)?

NONE

PUBLICATIONS

1. Is there is a history of the church/parish? If so, please e-mail (or send) a copy.
   Yes/No YES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current goals to achieve for the next 5 years?

   DEVELOPING A YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GROUP FOR THOSE BEYOND JUNIOR CHURCH
   FINALISE REVAMP OF WEB SITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA
   COMPLETE LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH ACTIVITIES

2. List the areas of church life which you consider are in most need of development.

   PRAYER GROUPS, PASTORAL VISITING.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: ALAN ASHURST

Office held: CHURCHWARDEN

Electronic copies of this form, duly completed, should be sent to the following:

1. The Bishop of Chester
2. The Suffragan Bishop
3. The Archdeacon
4. The Patron (if the Bishop is the patron, he need not be sent a second copy)
5. The Designated Officer (Mrs E A Geddes, Church House).
6. The Rural Dean
7. The Deanery Lay Chair
8. The PCC representatives