

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. Additional information may be given by way of printed documents or written submissions.

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I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Holy Trinity Skipton
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	Holy Trinity Skipton
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	St Augustine's Draughton
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	Holy Trinity Skipton St Augustine's Draughton Christ Church, Skipton
4.	Deanery:	Skipton

5.	<p>Population:</p> <p><i>The 2021 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i></p>	<p>The 2021 census shows that there are 15,042 people living in the town of Skipton and 350 in the village of Draughton. There are two Church of England parishes in Skipton; Holy Trinity and Christ Church. The Diocesan records state that there are 5,354 people living within the parish of Holy Trinity.</p> <p>Approx 300 houses under construction within the parish boundary and more within the Skipton town boundary.</p>
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6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	128
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	11/05/2025

7. Attendance at worship in each church

Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services

Church/Service	Time	No. of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16
H.T Holy Communion Sunday	9.45	75	80	4
H.T BCP Holy Communion Wednesday	10.45	14	14	0
H.T. Contemplative Prayer Friday	8.00	-	5	0
H.T. Prayers for Healing and Wholeness (First Friday)	11.00	7	7	0
H.T Sacred Space (Last Sunday)	16.00	-	10	0
St Augustine's – Dales Family Service (1 st Sunday)	9.30	9	9	4
St Augustine's – BCP Holy Communion (3 rd Sunday)	11.30	9	9	0
Morning Prayer – Holy Trinity (Weekdays)	8.30am	-	1-5	0
Evening Prayer – Holy Trinity (Weekdays)	5.00pm	-	1-5	0

8. Occasional offices

Number for last 12 months in each church

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy not in church
Holy Trinity	10	0	7	15	13
St Augustine's	0	0	0	0	0

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Licenced Lay Ministers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
Holy Trinity and St Augustine	Curate Rev'd Doug Rice-Bowen 10 Carleton Avenue Skipton BD23 2TE		Parish Administrator/ Lay Worship Leader Bev McDade Rectory Cottage Rectory Lane Skipton BD23 1ER 01756 793622	James Gould Manor House, Low Lane, Draughton, BD23 6EB Katrina Mattock 3 Primrose Hill, Skipton, BD23 1NR

II. Parish/Community Information

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of the(se) parish(es) in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	<p>Holy Trinity Mostly White British Mostly employed or retired Mostly Owner occupied Small Asian population Small Eastern-European population Minimal Refugee population</p> <p>Draughton White British Largely agricultural area Some working age commuters Mostly retired</p>
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(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	<p>Hidden issues of drug use</p> <p>Some homelessness supported by Craven Rough Sleeper Partnership service</p> <p>Skipton Food Bank offers support to residents struggling with food poverty</p> <p>Low deprivation index – Skipton was ranked 28,051 out of 32,844 in England, where 1 was the most deprived and 32,844 the least</p>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools: 	<p>Not all of these fall within the parish boundary but we have links with them as they are in the town/ surrounding area.</p> <p>Parish Church Primary – this is the primary school linked to Holy Trinity. Historically it was within the parish boundary but now sits in the parish boundary of Christ Church.</p> <p>Water Street Primary – within Parish boundary. Links with church for events i.e. school visits, Christmas performances.</p> <p>St Stephen's R.C Primary – within Parish boundary.</p> <p>Boyle and Petyt Primary – link with St Augustine, Draughton. Children attending church also attend this primary school.</p> <p>Skipton Girls High School – within Parish boundary. Students attend Youth Café at Holy Trinity. School visits.</p> <p>Ermysted's Boys Grammar School – within Parish boundary. Students attend Youth Café and for Ermysted's Founders Day service annually.</p> <p>Skipton Academy - within Parish boundary. Students attend Youth Café</p> <p>Upper Wharfedale School - Students attend Youth Café</p> <p>Craven College – students attend for Graduation. Use of the church for student projects and exhibitions.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals (within Skipton area): Nursing/elderly persons' homes (within Skipton area): Places of worship of other faiths Local Businesses in the town: Neighbourhood initiatives: Associations eg community groups: 	<p>Skipton General Hospital (outpatients only) Airedale General Hospital (nearest A+E, in-patient wards)</p> <p>The Dales Draughton Abbeyfield (supported living) Craven Nursing Home – not within the parish Mill House Care Home – not within the parish</p> <p>Mosque (within parish of Christ Church)</p> <p>Skipton Building Society Compuserve 3 Supermarkets Market stalls Small business High Street chains Independent shops Skipton Agricultural Auction Mart</p> <p>FoodBank link Link with Skipton Ambassadors and Skipton town council Skipton BID Canal basin tourism Craven Museum Embsay to Bolton Abbey Steam Railway Skipton Castle Woods</p> <p>Skipton Community Orchestra – concerts in church, hire vestry rooms on alternate Tuesdays (term time) Craven U3A – interest groups hire rooms occasionally, members within the congregation Skipton Brass – concerts in church, provide music for occasional services, i.e Palm Sunday, hire vestry rooms on Mondays Skipton Ukulele Club – concerts in church, hire vestry rooms on Thursdays Slimming World – hire vestry rooms on Wednesdays Skipton Castle (neighbours) Scouts – attend for special services, i.e. St George's Day Parade Service.</p>
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	Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:	Royal British Legion Chaplain Padre 264 Air Cadets Chaplain to Skipton Auction Mart Regular communication with the Town Council Remembrance Day Service Armed Forces Week (both planning and officiating) Chair of Sylvester Petyt Charity Chair of St Thomas Charity Trustee of Raikes Road Burial Ground
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III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	40%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Majority over 50 Retired or employed Predominately White British 60/40 female/male
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	HT - Middle Current practice is alb and stole, but previous clergy have worn choir dress. We are open to the choice of the Rector. Holy Trinity holds a service of Holy Communion with hymns, psalm and two readings each Sunday at 9.45am. Music, from a wide range of traditions, forms an important part of our worship. We have a small but enthusiastic group of singers and instrumentalists Eucharistic tradition with sung or said response Draughton - Low St Augustine holds a Dales Family Service of the Word or Holy Communion on the first Sunday of

		the month and a traditional service of BCP Holy Communion on each third Sunday.
(b)	What is the regular average monthly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£70.00 per month 81% gift aided
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	We have not had a stewardship campaign in the past 5 years, however, the congregation at Holy Trinity and St Augustine's have been encouraged to switch to the Parish Giving Scheme. This has been largely successful.
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Café is our most important source of revenue Shop Visitor donations Annual fundraisers eg: Christmas Markets, Sheep Day Fete
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	None were claimed by the previous incumbent.
(b)	Were these met in full?	See above. The PCC are willing to meet working expenses for a new incumbent.

(c)	Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	Yes
5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> last year? current year? next year? 	2023: share requested £140,658 Paid £86,000 2024: share requested £121,406 Paid £86,000 2025: share requested £129,925 Paid: £89,000 (projected)
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Partially – we expect to pay £89,000
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Yes – Carbon Neutral Heating and Accessibility Project at Holy Trinity Skipton At the end of 2022, the heating system in the church building broke down. The body of the church has been unheated since. To honour the vision of the Church to go Carbon neutral by 2030 (North Yorkshire by 2040) and to care for

		<p>creation, the PCC took the bold step to go carbon net zero through the installation of a new heating system. That system has been developed to provide new heat emitters in the church and the cafe, and Air Source Heat Pumps to the west of the church.</p> <p>Permissions for the faculty and planning were granted in autumn 2023 and autumn 2024 respectively. In addition, we intend to improve accessibility with fixed wheelchair ramps from the nave to the chancel in the south aisle and central nave aisle, and a handrail on the south aisle; creation of a space in middle of nave pews for wheelchairs/prams and increasing the access doorway to the cafe to allow wheelchair access to the cafe and to disabled WC.</p> <p>In the future, projects could include provision of solar panels on the church roof, the installation of a Changing Places toilet and repositioning the freezers for the café at ground floor level from the cellar.</p>
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	<p>The estimated total cost is £756,380 incl VAT. That is not a firm cost as we are waiting to receive firm tenders.</p> <p>£291,414 has already been secured towards that cost, leaving an unsecured balance of £465,999.</p> <p>Awaited is a decision from the Church of England Demonstrator Project (can make an award with the Benefact Trust up to £86,000). LPWG scheme should provide £25,000. We are preparing a bid to NHLF for up to £249,999. That has yet to be submitted. We are working on a funding strategy which will include applications to other grant-making bodies and local fundraising events.</p>
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	2024 accounts
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	<p>HOLY TRINITY Main body of church unheated since pipe ruptures in November 2022. Link passage and hall remain heated as on separate pipe system.</p> <p>Consequent damp on walls and roof of church though no significant damage to fabric. Damp</p>

		<p>has affected functioning of the organ and the shop. Details of the plan to install a carbon-neutral system in capital project section. Otherwise, a watching brief is required to two areas of roof, one on north aisle, one on south aisle, where underlying boards are spongy. Erosion of the hood over the window in NW corner also requires watching, as do some mullions on the south clerestory windows. Current non-heating projects in planning stage include repointing areas on the hall roof; new lighting in the Tower staircase; provision of a floodlight over the external tower door; and repair of the pinnacles on south aisle. Spring and summer bat surveys by a Natural England surveyor are pending, two droppings were found in church in the winter survey though no-one has ever seen a bat in the church itself. Surveyor suspects a roost in south aisle roof.</p> <p>ST. AUGUSTINE'S</p> <p>Roof of chancel and nave insulated in 2023. Damp noted prior to that is drying out. Repainting will be needed in future, as will new guttering although this is currently functioning satisfactorily. (See QI below.) Weather bar and lower portion of front doors has deteriorated, repairs by carpenter are in progress. Otherwise in good state of repair. Current electricity bills are higher than expected, which is under investigation.</p>
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	<p>HOLY TRINITY: QI 2021 24</p> <p>The items identified as needing addressing within the quinquennium were not classified as major or minor. Of the 24 items, the most urgent were roof repairs to north and south aisle and north transept, completed in summer of 2022. In total, 17/24 items have been completed; three are due to be addressed this summer; and one was found unnecessary ('check and ensure gaps around belfry and tower staircase windows are filled to prevent bird entry', as no birds were entering). In one the architect subsequently revised his opinion, advising monitoring of the spongy areas on the north aisle roof instead of lifting the lead to inspect. This has just been revised again in March 2025 to revert to lifting the lead, planned</p>

to be addressed in 2026. The outstanding item is to 'Engage a conservator to inspect and advise on the conservation of the mural in the south aisle '. This wall painting was viewed by the conservation advisor during the DAC visit in August 2023 who said she would issue a report and send a copy. This has recently been chased and we are awaiting reply.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S: QI 2023

Eleven items, major and minor, identified as needing addressing during the quinquennium. Seven have already been addressed; three turned out to be unnecessary; leaving only the issue with re-sealing some leaking gutter joints. Builder employed to address these as part of other repairs subsequently advised during the work advised that it would be better to replace the whole guttering. This has not yet been addressed.

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<p>Civic involvement including services and appointments as Padre/ Chaplain for various organisations</p> <p>Warm Welcome</p> <p>Youth Café</p> <p>Café</p> <p>Shop</p> <p>Children's Club (during 9.45am service)</p> <p>Peace Justice Environment Group</p> <p>Prayer and Pastoral Group</p> <p>Home Communion/ Care Home Visits</p>
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	<p>Outreach at local organisations by clergy and lay people, i.e. chaplain to auction mart and air cadets.</p> <p>Welcoming visitors to the church and café</p> <p>Being With course</p> <p>Lent and Advent courses</p> <p>Dales Family Services</p> <p>Parish School Collective Worship</p> <p>Children's Club including Godly Play</p>
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	<p>Lent/Advent Courses</p> <p>Being With course</p> <p>Parish Quiet Days</p> <p>Encouraging involvement with Diocesan-led study groups</p>
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	<p>Involvement with Diocesan-led courses and events – i.e. a member of the parish was supported to complete the Lay Worship Leader training pathway in 2023.</p> <p>Experienced volunteer leaders mentor and encourage newer team members to be fully involved in church activities and take on increasing responsibility (if they wish to). The Children's Club, Youth Café, Shop, Church Café and Flower teams are all volunteer led with support from the Rector and Curate.</p>
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	<p>Leprosy Mission</p> <p>Christian Aid</p> <p>Sudan Link (Mission partner)</p>

(b)	How much is given annually?	2024: £807.00 in total via separate collections throughout the year.
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Martin House Hospice, Manorlands, Parkinson's UK, Sense, MS Society, Arthritis Research, Prostate Cancer UK, Children's Society, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Skipton Brass Band, Royal British Legion. Mission Partners – St George's Crypt, Martin House
(b)	How much is given annually?	2024: £986.00 in total via separate collections throughout the year
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	Yes
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	Sudan Link via Diocese.
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Yes
(b)	If so, please describe:	Team of welcomers New families with children are contacted to invite to Children's Club/ Youth Cafe
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Regular visits to the Dales Nursing Home Draughton and Abbeyfield, Skipton Martin House, WI carol services Church is open daily and available for quiet prayer and contemplation Café open 4 days a week. The café also provides food and drink to those unable to afford it and is known among the homeless community as a safe space Home communion Warm Welcome provides a warm space and free refreshments on Tuesday mornings Youth Café available to young people 11-16 on Wednesdays in term time 3.30pm-5pm

6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	One member of the Prayer and Pastoral Group is trained to do Home Communion. They are supported by other members of the group who visit alongside.

7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Clergy led assemblies weekly at Parish Church School Air Force Cadet Link Scouts Employ young people in the café 6 th form community work experience/D of E placements in the cafe School visits to Holy Trinity (local and further afield)
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V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	The local Skipton Churches together was legally dissolved due to a lack of lay office holders. The Skipton Ministers Forum replaced this.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Skipton Ministers Forum meets every 2 months Lent and Holy Week services held jointly with other churches in the town, i.e. Palm Sunday procession with worship at Holy Trinity, Good Friday Procession and open-air Service

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Parish Church Primary School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aided? Controlled? Foundation? 	Voluntary controlled
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	231

(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	N/A The Rector is an Ex-Officio Foundation Governor
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VII. Lay Education and Participation

1.	What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Young People • Adults 	Safeguarding training – all those with volunteer roles Food Safety – Café and Youth Café Volunteers First Aid – mostly Cafe Leaders, Youth and Children's Volunteers, Clergy
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	None
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	N/A
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Good.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	The emergence of lay leaders has been supported and encouraged by the previous incumbent. There is a strong team supporting the volunteer team leaders during the vacancy including; the Churchwardens, Curate, Parish Administrator and Safeguarding Officer. The team meets fortnightly to share information and support one another.

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>Town links</p> <p>Overseas links and awareness</p> <p>Broadening the demographic and age group of the congregation</p> <p>Pastoral ministry</p> <p>Further development of the church's commitment to peace, justice and the care of God's creation.</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<p>Encouraging young people and families into church, with the intention of growing the church community</p> <p>Prayer and Pastoral Ministry, including work to develop and strengthen the prayer and pastoral group.</p> <p>Development of existing outreach activities - warm spaces/ youth café.</p>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>We need to continue rebalancing the age distribution of the congregation with particular emphasis on the 30-50 age group.</p> <p>Delivery of the new carbon neutral heating and linked accessibility project.</p> <p>To maintain a healthy equilibrium between serving the busy town centre church of Holy Trinity and the attached rural community of St Augustine, Draughton.</p>

IX. 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.

We are known as and keen to remain as 'The Church at the top of the High Street'. This monicker reflects our geographical location at the top of Skipton's high street, our history within the community and our continuing position as the Civic church.

St Augustine's Draughton is a small but important and valued part of our parish. A link we work hard to preserve and develop.

We expect the new Rector to continue to develop our current links with civic, charity and military organisations in the town.

Our café is an important outreach resource welcoming residents and visitors alike. For some it is a safe place to spend time where they know they will be welcome and not judged.

Experienced and skilled team of volunteers running all aspects of church life including café, shop, youth café, warm welcome and children's club.

Holy Trinity benefits from the employment of a part time administrator, two days per week.

A well supported and talented team of bellringers.

Concerts by choirs and bands are held in the church.

We hold exhibitions of work in the cafe from, amongst others, Craven College, Parish Church School, local artists.

The church hosts several special services eg: Craven College Graduation Service, Ermysted's Founders Day, Parish School Harvest Festival, Martin House Light up a Life, WI regional carol service,

X. The New Priest

List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest.

In simple terms our new Rector will be approachable, compassionate, adaptable, able to relate to people of all ages, race, gender and belief, an excellent communicator, and confident leader.

Relates to Holy Trinity's vision of mission: Open Doors, Open Spaces, Open Minds.

In practical terms the Rector will need to demonstrate these qualities by evidencing that they:

Have the ability to support and encourage growth in practical Christianity within Holy Trinity, the wider community, both individuals and groups, of all ages and backgrounds.

Can encourage the spirituality and prayer life of the congregation, by preaching the Gospel and relating it to their lives and experiences.

Continue to develop the life of our church community by fostering positive innovation with empathy, whilst recognising the traditions that bind us together.

Embrace and encourage the contribution of volunteers in all aspects of church life.

Can handle meetings efficiently and effectively.

Strong stewardship skills in respect of church administration and finances.

An understanding of the importance of Holy Trinity's civic function within the community of Skipton; and engage with relevant stakeholders.

Have an awareness of the needs of the rural community especially with reference to and support for St Augustine's Draughton.

Build on our growth, presence and position as the "church at the top of the high street" in this vibrant market town.

Agreed by the PCC of

Holy Trinity

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on 2025

Signed:

Print Name:

Office Held:

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

Chloe Drummond
chloe.drummond@leeds.anglican.org

She will circulate copies to the Patron, Bishop and Archdeacon

Please keep copies of this form
and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.