

## 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.

*Please write in black ink*

### I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Saint John, Roundhay
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	Oakwood Church - a Methodist-Anglican Partnership
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	none
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	The Benefice of Gipton (Church of the Epiphany) and Oakwood
4.	Deanery:	East Leeds
5.	Population:  <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	5,416 - census numbers
6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	50 This is an LEP (see below) and there are also 143 Methodist members (14 people are on both lists). There is also a list of Church contacts, including both denominational lists and some others who have requested to be included, which totals 246 people.

(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	2023-05-09
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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
Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)	10.15	58	54	9
Parade/ All Age Worship	10.15		53	16
Morning Worship (4th and 5th Sundays)	10.15		34	4
Holy Communion (2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays)	16.00	12	12	
Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thursday 09.15		8	

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
Oakwood Church (services led by CE priest)	6	1 (joint)	0	3	1
Oakwood Church (Services led by Methodist Minister)	1	1 (joint)	1	6	2

9. Communications

*Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers and E-mail addresses for each church*

Church	Clergy	Licensed Lay Ministers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
<a href="http://oakwoodchurch@oakwoodchurch.info">oakwoodchurch@oakwoodchurch.info</a>	Methodist Minister - Rev'd Dr George Bailey, tel. 07566 795204, <a href="mailto:george.bailey@methodist.org.uk">george.bailey@methodist.org.uk</a>	Paul Spencer <a href="mailto:paulinزان@hotmail.com">paulinزان@hotmail.com</a>	Administrator - Naomi Polson <a href="mailto:office@oakwoodchurch.info">office@oakwoodchurch.info</a> 07305 170979  Youthworker (employed by Missional Generation) - Ollie Greenwood Tel: 07964781169 <a href="mailto:ollie@missionalgen.co.uk">ollie@missionalgen.co.uk</a>	Anne Bond email: <a href="mailto:pa.bond@outlook.com">pa.bond@outlook.com</a>  Chris Clarke <a href="mailto:chris@cheesethe-monkey.co.uk">chris@cheesethe-monkey.co.uk</a>

## 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.	A fairly even mix of ages, 60-70% white, mostly employed.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	There are more acute social problems in neighbouring parishes (Gipton, Harehills and Seacroft) and this is reflected in charities which the church supports financially, practically (e.g. regular food collections) and through members' personal involvement in projects.
2.	Local Schools	Roundhay St John CE VA Primary Roundhay School, Primary Campus East SILC John Jamieson special school
	Youth centres	
	Hospitals	
	Nursing/elderly persons' homes	Elmwood, Southlands, Park Lodge, Park Avenue, Aberford Hall, Oakhaven
	Places of worship of other faiths	Ratnasambhava Kadampa Buddhist Centre
	Local Businesses	P.O., Newsagents, Travel Agents, Opticians, Estate Agents, Solicitors, Hairdressers, Fish and Chip shop. Cafes, pubs, bars, restaurant, pet shop, McDonalds, two Golf Clubs
	Neighbourhood initiatives	Oakwood Traders and Residents Association Roundhay Environmental Action Project
	Associations eg tourist group	Friends of Roundhay Park
	Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have	Church school governor - for last 8 years the ex-officio role on the governing body has been filled by a lay person by Archdeacon's Appointment, instead of by the vicar. The Methodist Minister is currently Chair of Governors.

### III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	approx. 50%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age - All decades from birth to 90s represented. About half over age 65</li> <li>● Mainly professionals with university education</li> <li>● Mainly white British. Some members with African and Asian heritage.</li> <li>● Approx even split male/female</li> </ul>
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	<p>Ecumenical - every service is jointly Methodist and Anglican. Most communion services use specially agreed ecumenical liturgies, based on <i>Common Worship</i> and <i>Methodist Worship Book</i>. Hymns are a mixture of older and more contemporary, mainly using <i>Singing the Faith</i> (Methodist hymn book 2011). All Age Worship and Morning Worship vary depending on Methodist or Anglican person responsible for that service.</p> <p>Priest has generally worn cassock and stole.</p>
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	<p>To Oakwood Church: £445          To Roundhay Methodist: £438          To St Johns: £260          Total: £1,133 of which ~87% is gift-aided</p> <p>People can choose which route of the three to give to. Money given to 'Oakwood Church' is shared between the two actual church accounts.</p>
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	October 2022
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	<p>Room Rentals          St John's Reserves</p>
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£585.32
(b)	Were these met in full?	Yes
(c)	Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	No, expenditure has always been reasonable and thus no issue.

5(a)	<p>What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● last year?</li> <li>● current year?</li> <li>● next year ?</li> </ul>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border: none;"><u>Share requested</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; border: none;"><u>Share Paid</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="border: none;">£16671</td> <td style="border: none;">Paid in full</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">£1833 Up to date with equal month payments</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">No information</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>	£16671	Paid in full	£1833 Up to date with equal month payments		No information	
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(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes								
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	No								
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.									
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	✓								
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	<p>The property is owned by the Methodist church and the Methodist Church Council are the managing trustees. There is a Sharing Agreement in place between Roundhay Methodist Church and Roundhay St John's. All property issues are shared in the Oakwood Church Council, and managed in detail by the Resources Team.</p> <p>The property is in a good state of repair and no major projects are underway at present, just regular maintenance issues. We are concerned to improve the environmental efficiency and sustainability of the building in coming years.</p>								
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	<p>As detailed above, there is no responsibility for upkeep of buildings as they are not owned by St Johns.</p> <p>Historically St John's have provided monetary support to the Roundhay Methodist for upkeep of the buildings.</p> <p>The church council agreed this year that this will no longer be based on any preset formula but on annual negotiation regarding the income, outgoings and reserves of both church accounts.</p>								

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Please see Appendix
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Courses for “seekers” as and when there is interest. There have been 5 in the last 10 years.
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Weekly Bible Study House Groups Lent Courses WIC (Women In Christ) - Small group scheming meeting half-termly, began September 2022. Will be re-forming this September.
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	No specific scheme, but there is encouragement to become more involved as people grow in the church. Access to training is available from both denominations.
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Christian Aid Leprosy Mission All We Can A charity is also chosen each year as part of an Easter Appeal. This may be overseas, or local.
(b)	How much is given annually?	In recent years, the church has been raising awareness and encouraging givers to donate directly. This allows use of charities’ own donation systems and eases the recovery of gift aid. As such it’s very difficult for us to put a number on this. The charity giving team organises various events throughout the year to encourage giving and raise awareness of the charities we support.
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	H.E.L.P. (Harehills English Language Project) WYDAN (West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum seekers Network) Winter Nightshelter based in the Gipton Methodist building The Children’s Society Action for Children MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Kidz Klub Leeds
(b)	How much is given annually?	See above. Various members of the church also provide support to local charities, helping run shelters, teach non-native English Speakers and running activities for children.
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	

4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Church links
(b)	If so, please describe:	New people can join our pastoral link system and a church link is assigned to keep in touch.
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Luncheon Club - weekly on Thursday for older people, with a particular focus on bringing in those who are more isolated. A team of drivers and servers are involved.
6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	A small team of people engage in this ministry. At present two people are regularly active - one authorised by the CE (the LLM) and one by the Methodist Church, and others are willing if needed.
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	The church sponsors 10 uniform groups.

## V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Churches Together in Gipton and Oakwood has not been operating since the pandemic.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	Oakwood Church began its life on 1st December 2013. Roundhay St John's CE Parish and Roundhay Methodist Church moved together through a first covenant in 1998. A Sharing Agreement was established on the Methodist building in 2007. A new covenant was agreed in December 2013 establishing a wholly united congregation with joint worship and mission. This is not though a 'Single Congregation LEP' in the legal sense with a new single trust body. Both churches continue to appoint church councils separately within each denomination's polity and hold separate finances, but these two church councils only ever meet together, forming Oakwood Church Council.
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Roundhay Ecumenical Church - REC does not want to pursue formal links but personal links are maintained if possible.

## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Roundhay St Johns CE VA Primary School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aided?</li> <li>● Controlled?</li> <li>● Foundation?</li> </ul>	Aided
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	210 + 52 nursery places
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	Not financially. Several church members are foundation governors. One acts as church school link. There are 5 regular school services in church.

## VII. Lay Education and Participation

1.	<p>What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children</li> <li>● Young People</li> <li>● Adults</li> </ul>	See appendix.
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	See appendix.
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Mostly lay leaders. Anglican Priest and Methodist Minister involved in some groups.
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	A reasonably significant proportion of lay people hold different offices. There are a mixture of ages in leadership roles. There are diverse skill sets throughout the church.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	The two church councils for a single church council, and a number of teams hold narrower responsibilities. This structure and the diversity and breadth of people within it, provide resilience and support throughout.

## VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>The church council set new priorities for the church in June 2023. These were arrived after some consideration of where we should be focussing our efforts.</p> <p><b>1. Exploring worship – trying out new ways for worship</b> We will be exploring how we might develop our worshipping life together, building on all that is good in our current patterns, trying new ideas, and seeing how different people are called to help in leading our worship forward.</p> <p><b>2. Outreach – beginning with an audit of church life and community life</b> We want to discern how we can intentionally be more outward looking in our service to the communities around us, and in our sharing of faith and discipleship. In the near future, this priority will be about listening to the communities around us to hear people’s ideas and needs. Only after that will we discern what God is calling us specifically to work on.</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	See above, we expect the new priest to work in partnership with the Methodist Minister and the lay leadership.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>Since the pandemic, as with many churches, there has been a reduction in the number of people regularly attending church events. Consideration should be given as to how we re-engage past members and encourage new membership.</p> <p>This does however tie into the two church priorities above.</p>

## IX. Additional Information

We believe the above sections and the attached appendix cover any additional information that might be required.

## X. The New Priest

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

- Willingness to work ecumenically and collaboratively, in partnership with the Methodist Minister.
- Be welcoming to all ages and backgrounds and able to adapt to changing congregations.
- Be understanding of the many and diverse shapes of faith within the congregation.
- Able to offer sensitive pastoral care to a range of people.
- Supportive of the exploration of worship that is one of the churches current priorities.
- Supportive of the ongoing efforts within the church to engage with the local community.
- Clarity and understanding of their own skill set and where your strengths lie, in order to be able to support in those areas and ask for support in others.
- Strategic leadership skills to assist with our ongoing mission planning.

**Agreed by the PCC of**

**Roundhay St. John**

**on 2023-08-01**

**Signed:**



**Print Name: Christopher Daniel Clarke**

**Office Held: Churchwarden**

**This form, duly completed, should be sent to:**

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Deborah Thorley  
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She will circulate copies to the Patron and Bishop

**Please also send a copy directly to the Archdeacon's office**

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

# Appendices

## Church Groups

Group name	Description	Frequency	Children	Adults
Weekly Bible Study	Open Zoom meeting led by presbyter	weekly term times		avg 5 (varies which 5!)
St Catherine's House Group	house group	fortnightly		12
Montagu House Group	house group	fortnightly		6-8
Oakwood Kids	Children's discipleship group mainly for under 8s, alongside main Sunday worship. Led by team of lay people on a rota, 2 per week - 4 are sessions leaders and 6 session supporters.	Sundays, except 2nd in month	avg 5	
4Cs	Christian group for age 8-11s. Led by Youthworker + rota of church volunteers	weekly term times	avg 6	team of 5 on rota

SYNC	Christian group for high school years 7-13. Led by Youthworker + rota of church volunteers	weekly term times	avg 8	team of 3 on rota
Monday Cafe	Open café run by church volunteers	weekly term times	avg 20	avg 30
Silent Prayer	Silent prayer meeting – hosted and introduced, followed by coffee	monthly		avg 4
Toddler group	Toddler group run by church volunteers	weekly term times	avg 30	avg 30
Book Club	Joint with LCI, though since lockdown, only Oakwood people attending. Someone introduces a book for discussion. Books purchased and circulated in advance	monthly		avg 4-5
Indoor Bowls	open bowling club	weekly		avg 8 – numbers reducing in last year
Snooker	small group of men	twice weekly		avg 5
Scottish Dancing	caller leads dancers, occasional other socials	fortnightly		avg 12

Morning Prayer	Open Zoom meeting	weekly		avg 8
Luncheon Club	Team of volunteers host and drive. Lunch for older people	weekly in term times		team avg 8 guests avg 20
Men's Fellowship	Social meeting at pub	monthly		avg 8
Friday Cafe	Open café run by church volunteers	weekly term times	avg 15	avg 20
Art Group	Open art club session	weekly		avg 8
Walking Group	Monthly walks led by church people. Twice yearly weekend trips to Keswick. Some church members plus others from community.	monthly		20-25