

DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) MEASURE 1986

Statement prepared by the P.C.C. describing the Church's ministry and mission within the parish

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.

I. Parish Information

1. *Name of Parish:* Beadnell

Name of Parish church(es) St Ebba

name of other C of E churches/centres for public worship in the parish none

Group of parishes in which you work (formally or informally): Beadnell, Ellingham North Sunderland

2. *Deanery:* Bamburgh and Glendale

3. *Population:* 500 (permanent residents, 416 at last 2021 census) increasing to 2000-2500 during holiday periods through holiday/second home (70% of houses), 3 caravan sites and 1 camp site.

7.(a) *Number on Electoral Roll* 47

(b) *Date of APCM at which this number was declared:* 27/05/2026

4. *Attendance at worship at each church:*

Average Sunday Communicants 25

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Average weekday Communicants 18

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5. *Occasional Offices:*

Number of baptisms in the last 12 months: 2

Number of persons confirmed in the last 12 months: 0

Number of weddings in the last 12 months: 2

Number of funerals in church in the last 12 months: 3

Number of funerals taken by clergy not in church in the last 12 months: 0

II. The Local Community

1.(a) *Briefly describe the population in terms of any predominant age and/or social groups, the ethnic mix etc:*
Predominantly retired white permanent population but 70% of houses are second/holiday homes

(b) *Are there any special social problems, e.g. high unemployment?* No

2. *Please list:*



Local schools: None in village

Youth centres: None

Hospitals: None

Nursing/residential homes, sheltered housing: None

Places of worship of other faiths: none

Local businesses: one hotel, one public house with food catering and some letting rooms, three cafes, one retail shop.

Neighbourhood initiatives: Village Volunteers raising funds to benefit community; 'Beadnell in Bloom' tending to floral boxes situated around the village and maintenance of selected footpaths..

Local associations: Sailing Club, Women's Institute

Any civic responsibilities of local clergy: None

III. The Church Community (please give details for each church)

1.(a) *What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?* 5%

(b) *Describe the congregation in terms of age, employment, culture, ethnicity and gender:* Retired (90%) white (100%) male (25%) female (75%)

2. *Please describe the tradition of your church and give details of robes/vestments worn by officiants:* traditional Anglican

3. *Give details of Sunday services with times and form of service used:* Sung Holy Communion 9.00am. Joint Benefice Service every 5th Sunday

4. *Give details of weekday services:* Said Holy Communion Wednesdays 10.00am

5. *List any authorised ministers (e.g. Reader, Church Army Officer, Ordained Local Minister, Non-stipendiary Minister, Curate in training, retired Clergy):* Revd Paul Scott, Revd Jane Scott, Revd. Robert Chavner , Revd Phillip Bourne all retired clergy

6.(a) *What is the average weekly giving of those aged 16 years and older, and what proportion of the giving is gift aided:* £ 20 70%

(b) *When did the parish last have a stewardship campaign:* 2022

7. *How does each church supplement direct giving in order to meet financial needs (eg fundraising events, hall lettings, occasional offices, investments):* Summer exhibitions in Church (open daily during daylight hours until 6pm) displaying photographs and other memorabilia on village life and history which encourage visitor attendance and donations. Annual fete plus two coffee mornings to raise funds. Occasional Music events, Stall on the Wall

8. (a) Give details of expenses paid to the incumbent, and state whether this covers them in full. Travel, Vicarage Rates
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(b) Is there an annual discussion about the level of expenses as part of the budgeting process: No

6. What amount of Share has been (a) requested and (b) paid:
Last year: 100%
Current year: 50% so far (June 30th 2026)
Next year: anticipated 100%

10.(a) Is there any capital project in hand at the moment: No

10.(b) If so, please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met:

11. Please attach a copy of the latest statement of accounts.

IV. Church Buildings (please give details for each church)

1.(a) What is the general state of repair of the churches: Good

(b) Please give details of any major maintenance needed following the last Quinquennial Inspection: None requiring professional work.

2. Please give details of church halls and any other ancillary buildings (and an indication of the level of their use). None applicable

3. Is there a churchyard to maintain and who is responsible for its maintenance? Closed churchyard adjacent to church building maintained by Local Authority

V. Outreach and Mission

1.(a) What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish: Financial support to Fishermen's Mission, Christian Aid, Children's Society, Kids Kabin Newcastle, British Legion and Children's Cancer North. We assist our local historian by promoting her research and recording of the history and past life of the village.

(b) What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus: Our outreach work and we have leaflets and information in Church

(c) What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship: We have a 'Cross on the Coast' Lent Course and we have lots of Community involvement.

(d)

(d) What are you doing to grow people in leadership: We encourage Lay Participation in all Church activities

2.(a) Please give details of support for the church overseas: We have supported one off appeals like eg Haiti. We support Christians in Turkey through a member of the congregation's connection with a Charity in Turkey.

(b) How much is given annually: Varies annually from £100 upwards

3. (a) Give details of support for home missions and charities: Fisherman's Mission, Childrens Society, Local Food Banks through Services, Carol Singing and collections.
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- (b) How much is given annually: £300
- 4.(a) Does the parish have an overseas link: No
- (b) If so, please state where/who
- 5.(a) Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families: Yes Informally
- (b) If so, please describe: In a village it is relatively easy to identify and contact new residents
6. What part does the church play in community care: The Church is active and has close contacts with the Community. When needs are identified we make contact often using our ALMs
- 7.(a) Are there Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick: Yes
- (b) If so, who are they Lorna Llewelyn , Lynne Angus
8. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work): None

VI. Ecumenical Relationships

- 1(a) Involvement in local Council of Churches Yes
- (b) Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination? No
2. What informal ecumenical contacts are there? Cooperation through the incumbent with local Methodist! R.C. and U.R.C churches. Encourage membership of Faith Groups within Benefice and in Seahouses Methodist Chapel

VII. Church Education and Social Provision

- 1.(a) Name of Church School(s), if applicable: N/A
- (b) Aided?
Controlled?
Foundation?
- (c) Number of pupils on roll (approx.):
- (d) If aided, does the PCC support the school:

VIII. Lay Education and Participation

1. What education and training work takes place in the church for the following (give approx. numbers):
- Children: None
Young People: None
Adults: We conform with present C of E advice and regulation

2.(a) Give details of house/prayer groups: 9 None

(b) Are the leaders clergy or lay: Combination of both

3.(a) How do you rate the strength of lay leadership: Strong

(b) To what do you credit this strength or the lack of it: Encouragement from Clergy PCC and Congregation

IX. Mission

1. List areas of church life which you consider in need of development: Need to encourage a broader age group Encourage younger people to involve themselves in Church Life
2. What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry: Maintain traditional Christian Values in the Parish and develop new ideas for Mission.
3. In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage. As above

X. 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 have strong Lay Leadership within the Parish. We have, at present) 2 very experienced Churchwardens, safeguarding officers, with other PCC officers and members with many years of experience and talents. St Ebba's Church is an important focal point within the village. It is a well loved and cared for church which provides a safe space for both residents and visitors in the centre of the village

XI. The new parish priest

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

A good listener and communicator. Someone who can continue the style and form of worship that has been created in St Ebba's over the years and which suits the age and temperament of our regular congregation. Our resident congregation is an aging one, however, our holiday visitors bring a range of ages and ideas. We use their skills and talents in a variety of ways to the glory of God and the benefit of the Church. We would hope our new vicar would maintain and develop this potential area of growth.