

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: *Doddington*
2. Name of Parish church(es) *St Mary & St Michael*
3. Name of other C of E churches/centres for public worship in the parish *None*
4. Group of parishes in which you work (formally or informally): *Cheviot Benefice*
5. Deanery: *Bamburgh and Glendale*
6. Population: *166*
- 7.(a) Number on Electoral Roll *19*
- (b) Date of APCM at which this number was declared: *27 April 2025*
7. Attendance at worship at each church:

Average Sunday Communicants *6*
Average Sunday attendance *6*
Average weekday Communicants *0*
Average weekday attendance *0*
8. Occasional Offices:

Number of baptisms in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of persons confirmed in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of weddings in the last 12 months: *0*
Number of funerals in church in the last 12 months: *2*
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:
A mixture of ages in a rural community predominantly White European
- (b) Are there any special social problems, e.g. high unemployment? *No*

2. Please list:

Local schools: *None in Doddington*

Youth centres: *None in Doddington*

Hospitals: *None in Doddington*

Nursing/residential homes, sheltered housing: *None in Doddington*

Places of worship of other faiths: *None in Doddington*

Local businesses: *Doddington Dairy and local farms*

Neighbourhood initiatives: *None*

Local associations: *Parish Council and Golf Club*

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? *60%*

(b) Describe the congregation in terms of age, employment, culture, ethnicity and gender: *A mixture of ages and genders, aged from 8-90, retired, working and at school predominantly white European*

2. Please describe the tradition of your church and give details of robes/vestments worn by officiants: *BCP, low rural church, formal dress*

3. Give details of Sunday services with times and form of service used: *Second Sunday Morning Prayer usually BCP Fourth Sunday BCP Holy Communion*

4. Give details of weekday services: *None*

5. List any authorised ministers (e.g. Reader, Church Army Officer, Ordained Local Minister, Non-stipendiary Minister, Curate in training, retired Clergy): *Reader*

6.(a) What is the average weekly giving of those aged 16 years and older, and what proportion of the giving is gift aided: *£55 collection plate*

(b) When did the parish last have a stewardship campaign: *2024*

7. How does each church supplement direct giving in order to meet financial needs (eg fundraising events, hall lettings, occasional offices, investments): *Fundraising*

8.(a) Give details of expenses paid to the incumbent, and state whether this covers them in full. *Paid in full Benefice fund for expenses*

(b) Is there an annual discussion about the level of expenses as part of the budgeting process: *Draft circulated to the Treasurers*

9. What amount of Share has been (a) requested and (b) paid:
 Last year: £2016
 Current year: £2,200
 Next year: £2,420
- 10.(a) Is there any capital project in hand at the moment: *Quinquennial works*
- 10.(b) If so, please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met: *Estimate in the region of £75,000 funded by grants to be applied for*
11. Please attach a copy of the latest statement of accounts. *Attached*

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

- 1.(a) What is the general state of repair of the churches: *Quinquennial report available*
- (b) Please give details of any major maintenance needed following the last Quinquennial Inspection: *See report*
2. Please give details of church halls and any other ancillary buildings (and an indication of the level of their use). *None*
3. Is there a churchyard to maintain and who is responsible for its maintenance? *Yes. PCC responsibility*

V. Outreach and Mission

- 1.(a) What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish: *Annual quiz and supper*
- (b) What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus: *Inviting people to church*
- (c) What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship: *Deanery Development plan*
- (d) What are you doing to grow people in leadership: *Invitations given to join PCC and take office*
- 2.(a) Please give details of support for the church overseas: *None*
- (b) How much is given annually: *£0*
- 3.(a) Give details of support for home missions and charities:
- (b) How much is given annually: *£0*
- 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:
- (b) If so, please describe: *No*
6. What part does the church play in community care: *Doddington Residents keep in touch with the community*

- 7.(a) Are there Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick:
- (b) If so, who are they: *Reader takes home communions*
8. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work): *N/A*

VI. Ecumenical Relationships

- 1(a) Involvement in local Council of Churches *N/A*
- (b) Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination? *No*
2. What informal ecumenical contacts are there? *Reader has links with URC*

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: *0*
Young People: *0*
Adults: *0*
- 2.(a) Give details of house/prayer groups: *None*
- (b) Are the leaders clergy or lay:
- 3.(a) How do you rate the strength of lay leadership: *Essential*
- (b) To what do you credit this strength or the lack of it: *As above*

IX. Mission

1. List areas of church life which you consider in need of development: *Increase congregation*
2. What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry:
Engagement with local community

3. In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage:
Numerical, Financial, Building

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. *See brochure*

XI. The new parish priest

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