

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.

I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Stanley
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Peter's Stanley
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	N/A
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	North Wakefield Benefice
4.	Deanery:	Wakefield
5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	Stanley and Outwood East 2021 – 16806 Population growing

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	65
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	Number prepared ahead of APCM 27 April 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
Sunday morning service	10.45am	34	33	1
Monday Morning prayer	9.30am	4	4	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
St Peter's	10	0	0	10	2

9. Communications

Please give names and contact details BUT only include details that can be shared when this document is made public

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
St Peter's		Vicky Wilson David Greenwood-Haigh	Eleanor Plant (Church Administrator) Dave Florence (Occasional Preacher)	David Sunderland Jason Plant

			Andrea Pickup (Chef)	
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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.	Majority White, Christian (90%), next largest groups Asian, Muslim Wide mix of housing within the village
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools: Youth centres: Hospitals: Nursing/elderly persons' homes: Other Christian churches Places of worship of other faiths Local Businesses: 	<p>St. Peters CofE Primary School Stanley Grove Primary School Kingsland School catering for children with special needs</p> <p>Cross Keys Youth Centre – not currently running</p> <p>Pinderfields hospital just on the boundary of Stanley Fieldhead Hospital Wakefield Hospice is within the parish</p> <p>Hepworth House Care Home</p> <p>Zion Church, Aberford Road</p> <p>Co-op shop, Gledhills butchers, chemists, sandwich shop, hairdressers, barbers, dry cleaners, several newsagents, pubs and</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood initiatives: • Associations eg tourist group: • Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>takeaways</p> <p>Active residents group : Stanley Residents Group</p>
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III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	30%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	The congregation is predominantly in the baby boomer generation, though there is a mix across all ages. The ethnicity, gender mix mirrors the local area.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	We have an inclusive and welcoming approach with a mixture of traditional and modern elements of worship and music. Some services are quite informal. Vestments are not elaborate.
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Average £14 per person per week. The majority is gift aided.
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	We have a regular campaign aligned with generosity week each year.
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	We hold a number of community events throughout the year, coffee mornings, galas/fairs and run a successful village pantomime each year.

4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£238
(b)	Were these met in full?	Yes
(c)	Is there an annual discussion with the clergy about their level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	No

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">last year?current year?next year ?	<table><thead><tr><th><u>Share requested</u></th><th><u>Share Paid</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2023: 38,853 (29,453)</td><td>38,853</td></tr><tr><td>2024: 36,910 (30,107)</td><td>35,000</td></tr><tr><td>2025: 35,065 (31,010)</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The figure in brackets is the calculated amount, this isn't reflected in the actual due to the Diocese cap on reductions per annum</p>	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>	2023: 38,853 (29,453)	38,853	2024: 36,910 (30,107)	35,000	2025: 35,065 (31,010)	
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(b)	Will this year's be met?	We budget a conservative budget and forecast as of March would be no, but for the last two years income and grants have exceeded budget.								
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.	N/A								
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>	In good repair								
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	All completed								

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IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Our Lighthouse Café runs every Monday and Wednesday 10am-12pm offering a warm space and refreshments. We run a senior citizens lunch club every Tuesday. Through these initiatives we offer support and friendship. We run a weekly "Children's Ark" baby and toddler group.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Prayer, Mission Prayer, Prayer groups, Outreach eg lunch club, Knit and Natter. We invite people to church for special events through Facebook and Website, Living by example.
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Weekly study groups in conjunction with other Churches in the Benefice
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Support of training of LLM
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church (not individual members) for work overseas:	
(b)	How much is given annually?	St Peter's church supports various local, national and international charities every year depending on need. In the past year we have supported a Girls' safe house in Tanzania, and a DEC appeal.
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	We ringfence 10% of the income we receive from donations every year to give to charity, this is about £3,000 every year. So a portion of this goes to international charities depending on need.
(b)	How much is given annually?	We give regularly to local and national charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Salvation Army, the Cross Project (working in local schools), Wakefield Hospice and CAP Care (supports homeless people in Wakefield). A portion of our charitable giving goes to local charities each year depending on need.
4(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	Yes
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	Sahawa Parish in Tanzania as part of the Leeds Diocese Link

5(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Informal
(b)	If so, please describe:	Meet and Greet and refer on if needed
6.	What part does the church play in community care?	<p>The church works closely with the Stanley Residents Group (SRG). We promote each other's activities, or join together to organise community events. They use our premises for special events.</p> <p>The local library holds lots of regular events for the local community and we help promote each other's activities.</p> <p>We have a good relationship with our local community support officers and local councillors, all regularly visit our community events to meet people.</p>
7(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Readers do help with taking communion to the sick
(b)	If so, who are they?	
8.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	<p>We encourage the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies who meet at our church to attend our church parade services which are held several times each year. We try to involve them in the planning and delivery of the service.</p> <p>Children sometimes come on a school visit to help at our senior citizens lunch club e.g. by playing games. They are also involved in our annual pantomime.</p> <p>Our church administrator visit Stanley Grove school every fortnight to lead hymn singing and to hold termly Christian assemblies.</p>

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Our last vicar led the ecumenical Council of churches until his retirement February 2025. Our associate priest is involved but not in charge.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	Yes we have a formal covenant with the Methodist Church.
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Stanley St Peter's
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Voluntary Controlled.
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	250
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	n/a

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"> • Children • Young People 	Safeguarding training, all PCC and church members (10+), safeguarding office at Stanley helps across the benefice too
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults 	
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	We have a regular house group meeting in a church member's house. We also hold short Bible course in church during the year e.g. Lent, bereavement, Advent
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Very good
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Wide pool of committed members, support of clergy, training, skills available to draw on

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>Making the church relevant for young people and families.</p> <p>More involvement from youth services, eg Scouts and Brownies</p> <p>Outreach.</p> <p>Developing connections and positive relationships.</p> <p>Consolidating the church community.</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Outreach to families and children of school age.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>1). Outreach to families and children of school age.</p> <p>2). Discipleship</p>

		3). Pastoral Care
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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.

As detailed in our brochure, St Peter's is a Church that puts the local community at the heart of our thoughts. It is vital that everyone connected to us feels a part of something truly special... a place they can always be themselves, allowing their faith to help others flourish within this unique parish.

This 'group-thinking' mentality allows for an inclusive feel at every level, from those faces we see regularly to the people who dip in & out of our lives when they need support most.

Our new vicar must take on board this 'everyone counts' mentality - helping those content within their routines to continue enjoying St. Peter's as they always have – whilst allowing their distinctive personality & skills to invigorate our daily worship. They should show us new ways to understand Christ and how he remains the anchor that a modern community can relate to, now and for the rest of our lives. All without ever losing sight of the paths we've already taken to arrive where we are today.

Life here is one of joyful worship, where a welcoming and open congregation awaits.

X. The New Priest

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

Agreed by the PCC of

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Signed:

Print Name:

Office Held:

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

***The Mission and Pastoral Secretary
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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.***