

PARISH PROFILE

2023



Parish

United Parish of Scorton, Barnacre and Calder Vale

Address

St. Peter's Church, Scorton
All Saints Church, Barnacre
St. John's Church, Calder Vale

Welcome

Welcome to the Parish Profile for the United Parish of Barnacre, Calder Vale and Scorton. We are one parish in three locations, sharing Christ and serving community. This profile aims to give you a glimpse of our Parish life as you consider the next steps in your spiritual journey and ministerial development.

We are delighted to be able to tell you about our beautiful and unique parish communities sited within the deanery of Garstang, the archdeaconry of Lancaster and the diocese of Blackburn. We hope that you can feel the love that we have for our churches and the communities they serve. We are proud of the diversity within our parish and welcome people from all backgrounds regardless of age, ethnicity, disability and sexuality. We do all we can to be a safe Parish with a proper commitment to safeguarding and health and safety.

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1. Introduction

Dear Sister or Brother,

The Diocese of Blackburn is passionate about the renewal of Parish life. Vision 2026 sets before the churches of Lancashire a profound belief in the power of the Gospel to transform lives and communities and expresses a firm commitment to maintaining clergy numbers and investing in the mission of the local church. We therefore seek clergy with a personal faith fiery enough to make new disciples for Christ, with a sincere commitment to the Parish as the heart of the church's mission and with the resilience and courage to bring growth and renewal to local churches. We don't want superheroes. Rather we are seeking authentic, prayerful priests of all traditions who share our passion for confident proclamation and generous service.

Lancashire is a wonderful place to minister, without doubt the most diverse and beautiful county in England. We can therefore offer an extraordinary range of contexts for ministry: from areas of great opulence to the most income deprived communities in the UK, from remote countryside to densely populated former industrial communities and from brightly lit coastal towns to elegant university cities. We have the most wonderful and precious family of church schools (95% of our headteachers are practising Christians) which offers both an evangelistic opportunity and the best possible start for clergy children.

People in Lancashire have high expectations of their priests who play a key role in the communities they serve. Ministry can therefore be hard work and so this is a Diocese which will offer all the support it can to its parish clergy. Bishops, Archdeacons and Area Deans do their best to know their clergy well, we offer supportive programmes such as our new five year Start of Ministry Course and the Parish Renewal Programme and there are close friendships and strong networks between clergy of all traditions.

We really hope you enjoy reading this profile and that it provides all the information you need. If this particular post does not feel quite right, please do get in touch about other parishes in the Diocese that are vacant.

Most importantly of all, please be assured of our prayers as you discern the will of God for the next stage in your ministry.

The Bishop of Burnley
The Rt Revd Philip North



The Bishop of Lancaster
The Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff



2. Diocesan Vision

Vision 2026 is an agenda for growth and change agreed by the Blackburn Diocesan Synod in 2015. It challenges our parishes to be healthy churches that transform their communities as we look ahead to our diocesan centenary in 2026. It also lays out four ways in which this over-arching goal can be achieved: Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Prioritising Children and Young People.

All that we do as diocese is focussed on the delivery of Vision 2026. To make disciples we are raising levels of prayer, helping regular patterns of bible reading to be established and encouraging generous giving of time, talents and treasures. To be witnesses, many parishes are setting up new local congregations at different times and in different places to reach out to new groups of people as well as showing God's love in action through projects that meet a local human need. New leaders are emerging as we seek to enable and equip those God is raising up in our midst for lay and ordained ministry. And our focus on children and young people is enabling creative thinking to raise up a new generation for Jesus Christ.



Over 85% of our parishes have a 'Vision Champion'. This is usually a lay appointment and the Champions' role is to encourage and support their parish leaders in pursuing the goals of Vision 2026 in a way that is appropriate for their local community.

Vision Champions from different parishes meet to share ideas and pray together.

In the Diocese of Blackburn we are inspired by confidence in the Gospel and are ambitious in our desire to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. We are committed to mutual flourishing, to maintaining clergy numbers and to investing in training for new curates.

Through prayer we see the grace and power of God who can alone bring renewal and growth. Our Diocesan Vision Prayer is:

*"Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses,
to grow leaders and to inspire children and young people.
Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen"*

You can find out more by visiting the Vision 2026 pages on our website: www.blackburn.anglican.org

Carolyn Barton, Director of Vision Delivery



3. We Look After You

If you come to Blackburn Diocese we will look after you...

- We have a great property department, who will do their best to ensure your house works for you and your family and is well maintained.
- We encourage all clergy to take their full annual leave entitlement, and also to use creatively the overtime we all put in to take an extra day off once each month, to enable you to have a midweek 'weekend' away.



We have a beautiful diocesan retreat house in the grounds of a ruined Cistercian abbey, where clergy are welcome to have personal reading days without charge (bring your own lunch).

Whalley Abbey Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer.

- We encourage all parishes in vacancy to consider how they will 'pastor' and support their new priest. The diocese has an anti-bullying and anti-harassment policy.
- We offer an Annual Conversation in which every licensed priest spends 90 mins with a Bishop or Archdeacon discussing ministry and wellbeing.
- If you are looking for a spiritual director or a mentor we have an excellent Warden of Spiritual Direction and have networks of people with whom we can put you in touch.
- We are always looking for ways for clergy to mix apart from work – including reading weeks, regular hospitality, a cricket team and a clergy walking group. Further suggestions are welcome.
- We offer first incumbents a mentor and participation in our 5 year Start of Ministry Programme.



Bishop Philip leads a clergy walk.

4. Executive Summary

Our United Parish, based on the edge of the Trough of Bowland is a growing and flourishing diverse ministry, sharing Christ and serving the communities of Scorton, Barnacre and Calder Vale.

Our Parish has three churches – All Saints Church at Barnacre - a picturesque early 20th century former Chapel of Ease, St. John the Evangelist's Church at Calder Vale - a tranquil 19th century church overlooking the village bordered by woodland and St. Peter's Church at Scorton - a beautiful 19th century sandstone building in the heart of the village.

The Parish also houses a vicarage - a spacious 4-bedroom house in the heart of Scorton, nestled between the church and school. The village is often referred to as the gateway to the Trough of Bowland and is known to be a rare example of a beautiful nuclear rural village. As such it has a large number of visitors each year. For a small village it boasts several eating establishments, shops and a thriving school.

Both Scorton and Calder Vale each have a small village school, which share a governing body, headteacher and the incumbent of the United Parish! The churches have a positive working relationship with the staff to nurture the spiritual needs of the young of the parish.

St Peter's Church is the largest of the three churches. It plays a vital part in the village life of Scorton, hosting a number of community activities which bring the villagers together.

Calder Vale is a small mill settlement with a vibrant sense of community. There is a loyal team of parishioners who work hard to ensure the future of St. John's Church.

Barnacre is a scattered rural farming community in which the All Saint's Church sits as a focal point since there are no shops, school or village centre as such. The worshipping community of Barnacre are distinguished by their unstinted dedication to their church.

Financially, all three churches have struggled to meet their respective contributions towards our Parish Share for some years. Whilst this situation is likely to persist for the foreseeable future, we are encouraged by the growth of new shoots within our worshipping communities which promise developing congregations and therefore improving finances.

We are a diverse parish who are looking for a adaptable leader who can support each church to flourish in their own unique ways.

5. The Parish and Wider Community

The United Parish is made up of three church communities within a close geographical area bordering/inside the Trough of Bowland Area of Outstanding National Beauty. It is a rural and picturesque area, with small villages, winding country lanes and close-knit communities. The nearest larger town is Garstang, a thriving town with excellent facilities, including four supermarkets, numerous independent shops, an excellent library, three primary and one secondary school and a sports centre and swimming pool, as well as many social organisations. It is a very friendly town and largely self-sufficient.

Both Scorton and Calder Vale are part of the Wyresdale ward of the Wyre District of Lancashire which has lower than the national average of unemployment but higher numbers of retired people. You can find more information about Wyresdale Ward which houses Scorton [here](#). You can find out more data about the ward of Calder which houses Barnacre and Calder Vale [here](#).

One of the exciting challenges of the Parish is balancing the needs of three different churches and communities. Scorton is a busy and vibrant church with many community mission ventures, Calder Vale is a quieter and more rural community and Barnacre is the smallest church with a loyal community and traditional views. The United Parish needs to continue to draw in new people to expand its congregations, particularly younger people who will carry the Parish into the future. It needs to balance this with the needs of the older generation who are often socially isolated living in rural areas without public transport.

There are 2 small rural schools in the Parish - one in Scorton and one in Calder Vale, both sharing a vicar and a headteacher! The schools have recently federated making one governing body. Scorton C of E Primary School is larger, with approximately 62 pupils across Key Stage 1 and 2 (infant and junior ages). Calder Vale St. John's C of E School is smaller with approximately 25 pupils and has a high proportion of children with Special Educational Needs who are lovingly supported by the staff. Both schools have a good reputation in the local area and have close links with the Parish.

Scorton

Scorton is a nuclear village with a central square and retains its local corner shop. It is unusual in that it has three churches of different denominations in such a small village, Church of England, Catholic and Methodist. It also has a number of reputable local eating establishments in close proximity, supported by a bustling tourist trade. There are also a number of small shops and garden centres close by. The village originally arose as housing for staff working for the local manor house which, while still being a residence for the owner's family, also holds events and houses a café and a number of small businesses. The tourist trade is the main source of local employment, although many residents travel to nearby towns or cities for work.

There is a sound community spirit in Scorton and the village holds a number of community events over the year, e.g. a Rose Queen festival, fun runs and seasonal events such as summer fairs and charity cream teas. There are also none denominational groups such as a toddler group and Mother's Union. Scorton is a much sought after place to live in the locality, with house prices being higher than the average for the area.

Barnacre

All Saints' Church, Barnacre is situated in beautiful, open countryside between The Forest of Bowland, an Area of outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB) and the historic market town of Garstang, with easy access to larger towns and the M6 motorway. Visitors often comment on the peaceful nature of the church and churchyard and welcome the fact that it is open during the day. Barnacre does not have its own school but does support those in Calder Vale and Scorton.

There is a Memorial Hall close to the church, which was given to the community by the Rushton family. Although it does not belong to the church, it is used and mostly maintained by its members. It is available to be let to the wider community.

Over the past few years we have regularly taken items such as groceries, toiletries knitted blankets, small Christmas cakes and Easter eggs to the Salvation Army in Preston.

Calder Vale

Calder Vale is a small mill town, nestled in the hills on the edge of the Trough of Bowland. The village is centred around a historic cotton mill and was developed as a Garden settlement by philanthropic Victorian owners. Surrounding the main village are a scatter of small hill farms.

Other than those working from home, the main employment in the area is Lappet Mill which makes Arabic head scarves. There is also a light industrial estate at the old paper mill in nearby Oakencloough, which makes sheds, feedstocks, bathroom capsules for hotels etc. There are no shops in the village, just a part time post office, but there is a strong community spirit with a Village Club, regular movie night, Church and Methodist Chapel socials. There are also a number of community groups, including WI, Cubs, committee for the recreational ground and Women's Institute.

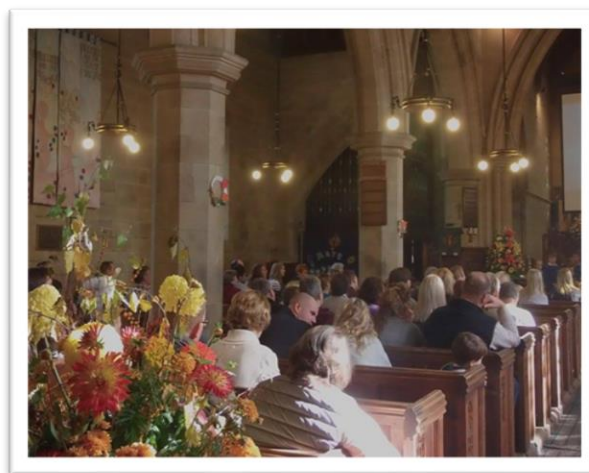
6. The Church Community

St. Peter's Church, Scorton



St. Peter's is a beautiful 19th century sandstone church in the heart of picturesque Scorton village. The spire of the church can be seen for many miles around and is known as a local landmark. The bells of the church can be heard regularly and the clock tower strikes the quarter hour through the village. The vicarage of the parish is a few metres away from the church and is a spacious detached bungalow, nestled on hillside next to the school.

At St. Peter's we are proud of the diverse range of parishioners who are part of our church community. We have close links with the local school and run a number of community groups aimed at ensuring that young people feel that the church is equally theirs alongside the older Parishioners. Our regular Sunday service is a Prayer and Praise service where children play a large part in the service and have at times steered the design of and led the entire service. We also host Holy Communion for the parish monthly.



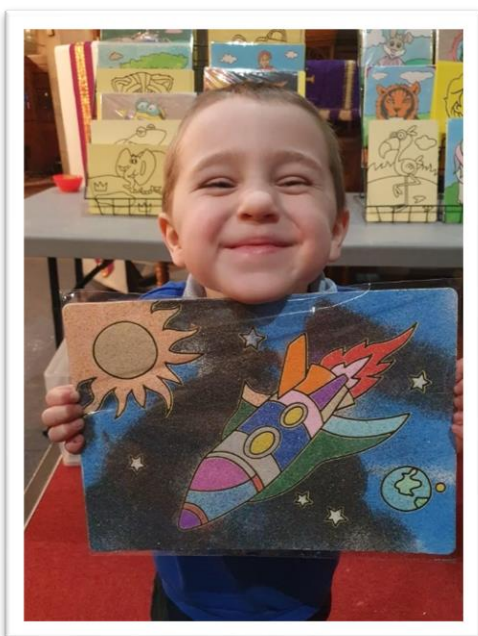
To support the incumbent we also have a group of enthusiastic, experienced and dedicated Lay Leaders who are currently leading our regular worship services alongside visiting vicars for special occasions such as weddings. St. Peter's also has a Verger who is proud to have been in role for almost 40 years and there is a recently appointed Church Administrator who works one day a week to support all three churches in the parish.

We have 2 churchwardens, 1 deputy church warden, 9 people on the DCC and a number of people enjoy taking responsibility for a specific need within the church such as bell ringing, church yard maintenance or health and safety issues.



There is a supportive pastoral care team who work alongside the incumbent to provide emotional and physical support (such as food distribution) to those in need who are vulnerable in the parish. Our Lay Leaders also lead a weekly worship club in Scorton School where they plan community worship which is held in church every half term.

We are blessed to have a bell tower with ring of 8 bells and a group of regular bellringers who play each Sunday and at special events. Our Parish organist retired last year, but we benefit from a number of local people who are happy to play for us. Alongside them we also have audio visual facilities in our church enabling live streaming of services and the use of a large screen for the vicar to lead the congregation in worship. This allows us to be flexible and responsive in the service content, e.g. playing videos which are child friendly and adding images and music which relate to current events. This also allows us to reach out to parishioners who are unable to attend in person, e.g. those who are ill or have moved to live out of area but still feel part of our community.



The church is very proactive in its mission to meet the spiritual needs of its parishioners and offers a number of initiatives and groups for the community. These are well attended and include a weekly community choir for all ages, a breakfast/warm hub, an over 12s youth space group and a monthly, faith themed community night which incorporates an under 12's youth group. The church community is very welcoming of new ideas and a number of other activities aimed at meeting the wellbeing needs of the community are in the pipeline.

All Saint's Church, Barnacre



Members of the church are largely drawn from the farming community, although some have retired into Garstang or Catterall, some have long-standing family connections to the area, while others have come to the area more recently and been welcomed whole-heartedly into 'the Barnacre family'.

Members are committed and sincere in their faith, take an active part in worship and express their faith in very practical ways, giving generously of their time and talents. The church belongs to a central tradition of worship but is open to new ideas, which will work and be appropriate in that community.

We have two Church Wardens, with 12 people on the DCC, five of whom attend PCC meetings. We have a small choir, who robe. We have a rota for roles on Sunday e.g. sides-people, reading lessons and intercessions, flowers etc. At the moment the pattern of worship is Communion one Sunday per month, with lay-led Prayer and Praise services on the other three. Just now, the Wardens are organising and leading these. On the fifth Sunday we have a joint service on a rotational basis with Calder Vale and Scorton. We have vestments for Communion services.

Our main event of the year is our Annual Exhibition and Flower Festival in the summer, which brings regular and new visitors from around the county but other events such as coffee mornings/evenings, Lent lunches and social evenings are also held during the year, bringing in many who do not necessarily attend services on a regular basis but wish to support the church. A display at the summer flower festival While we do not have a large number of children, those who do come are made very welcome and there is a Children's Corner in the Lady Chapel. Family craft afternoons are held during the year to encourage those with young children. Pastoral work is carried out informally, with the Wardens keeping contact with members, usually by phone and members contacting each other.



A display at the summer flower festival

St. John the Evangelist Church, Calder Vale

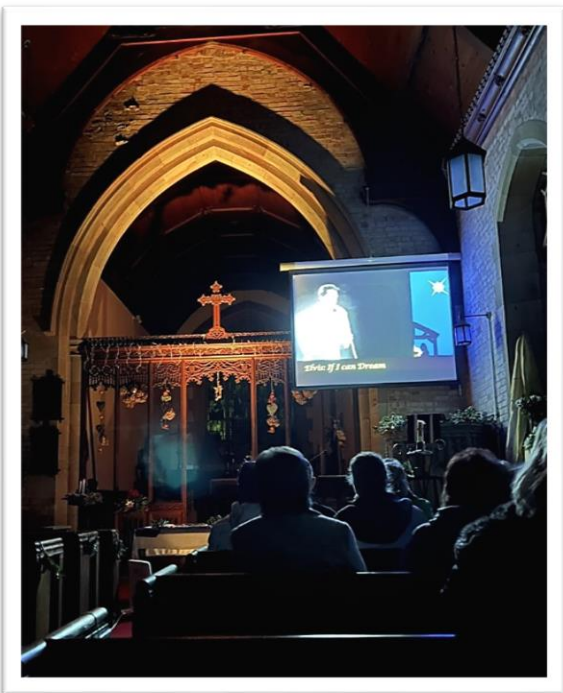


St. John the Evangelist Church is a beautiful 19th century sandstone church overlooking the tranquil village of Calder Vale, bordered by woodland next to the school.

Our regular Sunday service is a Prayer and Praise service and we also offer baptisms, weddings and funerals. We are broadchurch in style, our incumbent usually only wears robes when performing the Eucharist. Our church benefits from an audio visual system to live stream services.

We have 2 churchwardens, 2 deputy church wardens, a treasurer and 10 people overall on the DCC. We have an assistant Lay Minister, a number of keen readers and a number of volunteers skilled in manning the AV desk for services. Pastoral support is mostly via the Mother's Union.

There are no current courses running at St. John's but we have previously run a Faith Matters course and have a worship group.



In the summer we have run services outdoors in the nearby field and bandstand which were well attended and enjoyed by all. We were able to use the outside space of our Calder Vale school (which is directly adjacent to the church) for these special events.

The United Parish Mothers' Union

The three churches have had Mothers' Union branches since the early twentieth century. In 2000, they were joined together in a united branch, but retained their individual banners. Today, we have 18 members, most of whom attend meetings on a regular basis. We now usually meet in Barnacre Memorial Hall, as it has the convenience of being central to the parish, has easy parking, toilets, a kitchen and is warm.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month except in July and August. Speakers are usually arranged for five of these. In addition, we have our AGM in January, a Communion service in September, the MU Wave of Prayer service in October and in December, a special Christmas meeting with readings and carols. In June, we usually go out for a lunch. In April, we hold an afternoon tea to raise funds to help sponsor the education of a girl in Uganda.

In addition to branch meetings, members attend Deanery events such as an annual Quiet Day at Hynning Monastery, a Deanery Festival service, which we hosted at St. Peter's last year, and 'A Bit of a Do' lunch, raising funds for the Diocesan caravan, which provides Away From It All (AFIA) holidays for families facing adversity. Some members also attend Diocesan events. Recent activities have included knitting squares for blankets for the homeless, donations of toys and selection boxes for children of prisoners in Preston Prison, as well as knitting chickens for the children in the two schools at Easter.

CHURCH AND SERVICE		
Key – S = Scorton, B = Barnacre, CV = Calder Vale		
Electoral Roll		
Year	2022	
Number	Circa 130 (whole Parish)	
Age Profile of the Church		
0-17	36% (S), 13% (CV), 18% (B)	
18-69	41% (S), 22% (CV), 21% (B)	
70+	23% (S), 65% (CV), 61% (B)	
Occasional Offices, Celebrations etc.		
Baptisms	4 (S), 3 (B)	
Weddings	6 (S), 2 (B)	
Confirmation	Adult candidates	0 (S), 0 (CV), 0 (B)
	Under 16 candidates	0 (S), 0 (CV), 0 (B)
Funerals	in church	6 (S), 12 (CV), 5 (B)
	at Crematorium	0 (S), 0 (CV), 0 (B)
Normal weekly attendance	adult	20 (S), 15 (CV), 19 (B)
	under 16	8 (S), 0 (CV), 16 (B)
Festivals		
Easter 2022	Communicants	27 (S), 40 (CV), 22 (B)
	Attendance	27 (S), 45 (CV), 30 (B)
Christmas 2022	Communicants	0 (S and CV – not H/C), 28 (B)
	Attendance	65 (S), 60 (CV), 80 (B)
Our Services		
Each church hosts Holy Communion once a month on a rotational basis, all other services are lay led services of the word/Prayer and Praise. All our weekly services are held at 10am. On the 5 th Sunday of the month a united service is held on a rotational basis at one of the three churches. Previously we have had well attended evensong services and found these a good opportunity to bring a different group of worshippers into our churches.		

7. The Church Buildings

St. Peter's Church, Scorton



St. Peter's Church was completed in 1879 and is a grade II listed building. The ecclesiastical architects were Paley and Austin of Lancaster, who designed many beautiful local churches; they have 177 churches to their credit and a total of over 560 different commissions. It was consecrated on the eve of St Peter's Day, by the Right Reverend Dr. Fraser, Lord Bishop of Manchester. It can hold over 250 people and is the largest church in the United Parish.

Built of sandstone rubble with a tiled roof and shingled spire, it has a number of notable features including: several detailed stained glass windows; the roof of the tower decorated with a frieze of tudor roses; intricately carved font and cover; bell tower with peal of 8 bells and chiming clock; organ and a listed oak Victorian lychgate.

Alongside these beautiful traditional features, the church boasts a number of modern additions. There is an extended raised area at the front of the church to allow for better viewing by those in the pews – the church is used regularly by the school for worship and performances such as nativity. There is also a full audio-visual system with the capability of playing music throughout the church and with 2 “drop down” screens and Wi-Fi throughout the church.

The building is fully accessible to disabled visitors, with access through the main entrance and portable ramp for internal steps (up to the raised area at the front of church for example). There is a large disabled access toilet with rails and baby change facilities.

There has also been a small bar area created in the main body of the church known as “The Carpenter's Arms”, which allows pints to be pulled from casks and other alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks to be served during events.





The church is in overall good condition, thanks to the time and hard work of the wardens, e.g. there have just been 2 new heating boilers installed. The issues needing work are relatively minor in nature and the only main item of concern is the roof due to the nature of the construction materials, although recent reports state it is weathering well.

A dedicated team of volunteers (known as Holy Dusters) clean the church regularly and a named volunteer leads on health and safety issues alongside the church administrator. There is also a deputy warden acting as Churchyard Captain and leader of the bell ringing team who ensures maintenance and compliance in regards to health and safety in these areas. He is also working on a project to build more ecological diversity into the churchyard.

In addition to the church yard, there is also a church field which abuts the edge of the church yard. It is lovely to have ownership of the space surrounding the church and this has been used for events, although it is not possible to use this space to extend the church yard due to geological issues.



The church is opened most days between 10 and 5pm unless there is an event, such as a community group. The churchyard is always accessible. It is currently open to burials of ashes or into existing graves only due to the geology and topographical features of the area. St. Peter's does not have a church hall, instead the main body of the church is used for gatherings such as the village community night.

All Saint's Church, Barnacre



Designed by Austin and Paley of Lancaster, Barnacre Church was the gift to the tenants of their Estate from the Rushton family. It was built in 1905 from local stone and dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester to the memory of Thomas Henry Rushton. Initially a Chapel of Ease, it became a properly constituted parish with a Vicarage, also the gift of the Rushton family, in 1911. This was sold by the Diocese at the end of the 1990s. The Memorial Chapel on the side was added in memory of James Lever Rushton, who died in 1936.

The church is dedicated to All Saints and the stained-glass windows, designed by Shrigley and Hunt of Lancaster, depict a number of saints. The east and west windows depict seven Celtic saints: the east window shows St. Columba, St. Patrick, St. Kentigern and St. Aidan, while in the west window are St. Cuthbert, St. Oswald and St. Chad. More recent windows are the War Memorial window on the south side of the nave depicting St. Michael and St. George and the St. Augustine window opposite, in memory of a long-serving vicar, Rev. Maurice Sutcliffe. In the Lady Chapel are a rose window in memory of the above mentioned James Lever Rushton and a second War Memorial window to the Fallen but expressly to his heir Flying Officer T.J.L. Rushton.



The church organ dates from c.1880 and was moved from Barnacre Lodge into the church in the early years of the church. The building has been kept in good order. A new boiler has just been installed and work is planned to point the tower and address a leak in the chapel roof. Members work together to keep the church clean. Access for those with disabilities is good at the main entrance and a wheelchair is available for anyone in need of it. There is a sound system in place for those with hearing impairment.



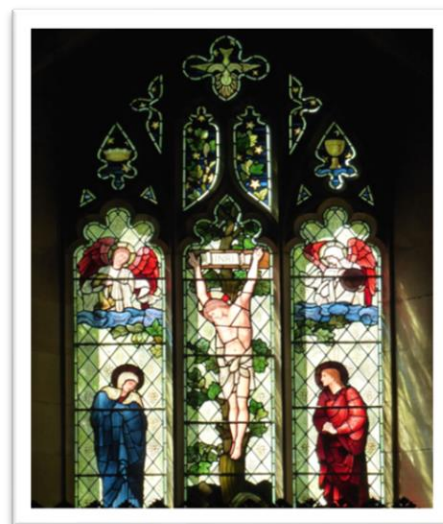
The church yard is also kept in good order, maintained by a small team of willing workers. Extra land for the graveyard was donated to the church before the Estate was sold in the 1990s. Barnacre Church front view – 1960's Barnacre Church 2021 Barnacre Church from the back with churchyard.

St. John the Evangelist's Church, Calder Vale

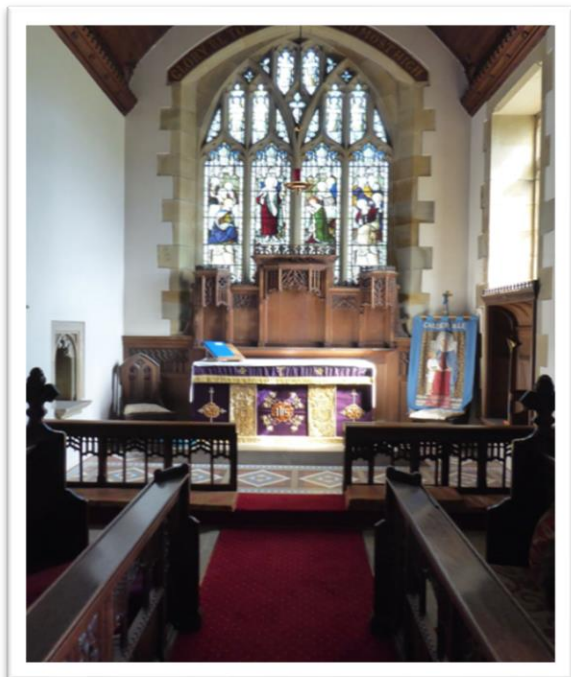


The Church of St. John's the Evangelist in Calder Vale, sits high above the village, accessible by road or through a woodland path. The first curate in charge was the Rev. Thomas Carter, who presided over the construction phase of the church and assisted at the consecration in 1863.

This picturesque Church has much of interest, not least the beautiful structure and stained-glass windows by William Morris, the organ built by Wilkinson of Kendal in 1888 and the carved choir screen. Most importantly it is very tranquil and a wonderful place for being at peace and to pray.



The church has also broadened its reach by the installation of superfast broadband which allows services to be streamed live on the internet.



The church does require ongoing maintenance, however we have achieved a lot over the last few years, with installation of a new boiler, large scale repairs to the roof and installation of a toilet. It is not open very often, mostly for services, but this can be reviewed by the new incumbent.

Mission Room (not pictured here)

The Mission Room in Calder Vale has been bequeathed to the church, however is in some disrepair. It is not currently used as the Village Hall next door has amenities which would make it more suitable for mission/outreach in the village. There is a decision to be made about the future of this resource – it is a possibility that it may generate an income through letting out.

The Vicarage

The vicarage is a large, detached house nestling in the hillside between St. Peter's Church and the school in Scorton. It has 4 bedrooms and 2 large reception rooms overlooking the side garden.

It has a large, detached garage and ample private parking on the drive outside. It has a well-established rear and side garden with summer house.

There is a separate Parish Office in the front of the bungalow and access to the remainder of the building can be locked, ensuring privacy for the incumbent's family.



8. The Church Finances

During the years 2020/2021 the Parish has suffered with respect to giving as there were long periods when the church was closed for services. 2022 has still been a difficult year as numbers attending services slowly increase.

We have not held any Stewardship campaigns during the last few years due to Covid/lockdown and now a very difficult financial situation facing everybody at the moment.

Apart from giving at services and donations paid directly into our bank accounts, each church holds several fund-raising events during the year.

Barnacre's main event is our annual 'Flower Festival and Exhibition' held at the end of June. Other events include coffee evening, Lent lunch and other fund-raising events held during the year.

Calder Vale's main event is the annual 'Bluebell Teas' held in May when the bluebells flood the adjacent landscape.

Scorton hosts a number of cultural/community events throughout the year as missional activities which also generate additional funds. These include an annual concert by the Lancashire Youth Brass Band, an annual recital by the Rawsthorne Singers, monthly community nights, film nights, football screenings etc.

Major current expenditure at Barnacre has been the replacement of our oil-fired heating boiler and pointing work as detailed in the last Quinquennial Inspection. Similarly, at Scorton a new hydrogen ready gas boiler has been installed and Quinquennial works to the Lych gate and elsewhere. Calder Vale has recently replaced the oil-fired boiler and has had significant roof repairs.



The United Parish of Scorton, Barnacre and Calder Vale pays the incumbent's expenses. These are paid by the United Parish Treasurer, who then bills each of the 3 church treasurers.

United Parish of Scorton, Barnacre and Calder Vale
Accounts for Year Ended 31 December 2020

	NOTES	Year ended 31 December 2020					Year ended 31 December 2019				
		Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total
Receipts and Payments Accounts											
Receipts	1	43,518	10,771	4,188	14,777	73,254	56,963	20,671	13,519	4,865	96,018
Payments	2	45,160	4,513	3,191	13,087	65,951	56,218	18,848	12,852	16,040	103,958
Surplus/Shortfall for the year before fund transfers		-£1,642	£6,258	£997	£1,690	£7,303	£745	£1,823	£667	-£11,175	-£7,940
Fund transfers	3	0	-3,600	-852	4,452	0	-4,208	-3,984	-3,654	11,846	0
Surplus/Shortfall for the year after fund transfers		-£1,642	£2,658	£145	£6,142	£7,303	-£3,463	-£2,161	-£2,987	£671	-£7,940
Cash and bank balances b/wd		16,221	91,268	18,092	3,402	128,983					
Surplus/shortfall		-1,642	2,658	145	6,142	7,303					
Cash and bank balances c/wd		£14,579	£93,926	£18,237	£9,544	£136,286					

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash in hand	3,829	EST	25			3,854	4,581				4,581
Current Account	4,612		6,569	2,371	9,544	23,096	6,253	6,934	2,226	3,402	18,815
Special Fund (Business Reserve A/c)			79,597			79,597		77,636			77,636
Churchyard Account (Building Society)			7,735			7,735		6,698			6,698
473D Sarah Williams Fund - FABRIC	2,343					2,343	1,607				1,607
576D Anderton Belfry Bequest	1,269					1,269	1,254				1,254
609D Harrison	100					100	100				100
1014D Newton Churchyard	263					263	263				263
1018D Anderton Legacy	2,163					2,163	2,163				2,163
CBF Organ Fund (not seen but per a/cs)				1,587		1,587			1,587		1,587
Church Roof Fund (not seen but per a/cs)				1,661		1,661			1,661		1,661
CBF General Deposit (not seen but per a/cs)				12,618		12,618			12,618		12,618
Cash and bank balances	£14,579		£93,926	£18,237	£9,544	£136,286	£16,221	£91,268	£18,092	£3,402	£128,983

Cash and bank balances at 31/12/2019 and 31/12/2020 have been reconciled to bank statements with the exception of Scorton cash in hand at 31/12/2020 (which is a balancing figure), and the three Calder Vale CBF accounts where no reference is shown (I may have seen these but returned them to the parish without copying)

Investments

006J Elsie Preston Fund 2020 = 647.85 shares	32,146				32,146	58,056					58,056
060S Scorton Fabric 325 shares	6,645					6,216					
522S Sarah Williams Fabric (7306.32) shares	149,390				149,390	139,740					139,740
843S Cliffe Ch & Church Yard (56.40 shares)	1,153				1,153	1,079					1,079
047F Barnacre Cross 1235 shares			2,089		2,089		2,019				2,019
343S Barnacre Freeman 47 shares			961		961		899				899
Total Investments where statements have been seen	189,334		3,050	0	0	192,384	205,091	2,918	0	0	201,793
Other investments per accounts											
CBF Fixed Interest Securities (not seen but per a/cs)				1,249	1,249				1,249		1,249
CBF Fund (is this already included??)			2,030		2,030		2,030				2,030
CBF Roof and Fabric Investment Fund (is this already included??)	12,313				12,313	12,313					12,313
Total investments (but may include double counting)	201,647	0	5,080	1,249	0	207,976	217,404	4,948	1,249	0	217,385

Investment statements on 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2020 have been seen for all investments above the yellow section. For those in yellow, the figures were taken from draft accounts from parish but the Scorton and Barnacre yellow figures may also be included in the detailed investments listed above and so may be double counted.

Where the funds are restricted and the restriction is apparent from the name, these have been shown against the descriptions together with the account number.

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		Year ended 31 December 2020					Year ended 31 December 2019				
	NOTES	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total
1. RECEIPTS											
Voluntary Receipts											
Incoming resources from Donors											
Planned Giving	4	5,902	4,172	0	0	11,074	6,282	9,531	0	0	15,813
Collections at services		1,404	172	2,870		4,446	3,549	147	6,948		10,644
Gift Aid recovered		1,430	4,393			5,823	3,044	500	0		3,544
		9,736	8,737	2,870	0	21,343	12,875	10,178	6,948	0	30,001
Other giving/voluntary receipts											
Donations		0	1,708	1,237	0	2,945	1,522	1,559	1,000	269	4,450
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0					0
Sundries		0	0	0	0	0		332	336	1,760	2,428
		9,736	10,445	4,107	0	24,288	14,497	12,069	8,284	2,029	36,879
Incoming resources from Operating activities											
Wedding/funeral fees		284	0	0	6,517	6,801	4,258	2,324	1,810	0	8,392
		284	0	0	6,517	6,801	4,258	2,324	1,810	0	8,392
Activities for generating funds											
100C		0	0	0	934	934	0	0	0	2,836	2,836
Fundraising activities		34	70	12	0	116	2,329		3,343	0	5,672
Coffee evening		0	85	0	0	85	0	655	0	0	655
Exhibition		0	0	0	0	0	0	4,602	0	0	4,602
Lent Lunches		0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	105
Sundries (Plant demo)		0	0	0	0	0	0	801	0	0	801
		34	155	12	934	1,135	2,329	6,163	3,343	2,836	14,671
Bowling Club rent		0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	200
		34	155	12	934	1,135	2,529	6,163	3,343	2,836	14,871
Income from Investments											
Bank interest		0	69	0	0	69	0	82	0	0	82
Building Society Interest		0	7	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	7
Investment income		0	95	69	0	164	2,200	26	82	0	2,308
Withdrawn from investments	5	33,464	0	0	7,326	40,790	33,479	0	0	0	33,479
		33,464	171	69	7,326	41,030	35,679	115	82	0	35,876
Total Receipts											
		£43,518	£10,771	£4,188	£14,777	£73,254	£56,963	£20,671	£13,519	£4,865	£96,018

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		Year ended 31 December 2020					Year ended 31 December 2019				
	NOTE	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total
2. PAYMENTS											
Activities directly related to the work of the church											
Ministry costs	6	15,565	0	0	5,254	20,819	16,026	12,845	4,550	7,630	41,451
Charitable donations	7	0	0	0	740	740	167	729	884	1,009	2,789
Church running expenses	8	18,489	2,499	3,131	2,021	26,090	21,215	2,827	6,558	1,159	31,759
		<u>34,064</u>	<u>2,499</u>	<u>3,131</u>	<u>8,015</u>	<u>47,649</u>	<u>37,408</u>	<u>16,401</u>	<u>12,392</u>	<u>9,798</u>	<u>75,999</u>
Salaries and support costs											
Organist		2,213	0	0	75	2,288	2,660	0	0	1,500	4,160
Bell ringers and vergers		0	0	0	0	0	660				660
Administration	9	714	0	0	2,897	3,611	1,381	0	0	1,982	3,363
		<u>2,927</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,972</u>	<u>5,899</u>	<u>4,701</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,482</u>	<u>8,183</u>
Major Capital Expenditure	10	<u>8,016</u>	<u>1,933</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,949</u>	<u>11,449</u>	<u>1,947</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,396</u>
Cost of generating funds											
Fundraising expenses		213	0	0	0	213	2,660	500	460	0	3,620
Envelopes		0	81	60	0	141	0	0	0	0	0
100 Club		0	0	0	2,100	2,100	0	0	0	2,100	2,100
		<u>213</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,454</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>5,720</u>
Governance costs - Accounts Fee		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>
Total payments		<u>45,160</u>	<u>4,513</u>	<u>3,191</u>	<u>13,087</u>	<u>65,951</u>	<u>56,218</u>	<u>18,848</u>	<u>12,852</u>	<u>16,040</u>	<u>103,958</u>
3. FUND TRANSFERS											
Transfers from individual DCCs to United Parish General Fund		0	-3,600	-852	4,452	0	-4,208	-3,984	-3,654	11,846	0
4. Planned Giving											
Planned giving		6,902	4,172	0	0	11,074	6,282	0	0	0	6,282
Tax efficient planned Giving		0	0	0	0	0	0	7,289	0	0	7,289
Other planned giving		0	0	0	0	0	0	2,242	0	0	2,242
		<u>6,902</u>	<u>4,172</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,074</u>	<u>6,282</u>	<u>9,531</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,813</u>
5. Withdrawn from investments											
Sale of shares - Elsie Preston Fund		20,000	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	0
Roof and Fabric Fund shares		10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Williams Fabric Fund		3,464	0	0	0	3,464	12,713	0	0	0	12,713
Sales of shares		0	0	0	0	0	20,766	0	0	0	20,766
		<u>33,464</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,464</u>	<u>33,479</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,479</u>
6. Ministry costs											
Parish Share paid		15,000	0	0	0	15,000	14,889	12,698	4,594	0	32,181
Clergy expenses	11	565	0	0	5,093	5,658	669	0	0	6,286	6,955
Locum vicars		0	0	0	0	0	0	111	269	0	280
School		0	0	0	0	0	285	0	0	0	285
Sundries		0	0	0	161	161	182	36	187	1,344	1,749
		<u>15,565</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,254</u>	<u>20,819</u>	<u>16,026</u>	<u>12,845</u>	<u>4,550</u>	<u>7,630</u>	<u>41,451</u>
7. Charitable donations											
Charitable donations		0	0	0	200	200	167	729	884	459	2,249
Donations MAF		0	0	0	540	540	0	0	0	540	540
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>884</u>	<u>1,009</u>	<u>2,789</u>

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	Year ended 31 December 2020					Year ended 31 December 2019				
	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total	Scorton	Barnacre	Calder Vale	United	Total
8. Running Expenses										
Church running expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,827	6,558	1,159	10,544
Insurance	2,194	1,548	1,335	0	5,077	2,198	0	0	0	2,198
Gas	7,850	0	0	0	7,850	7,743	0	0	0	7,743
Electricity	1,018	154	802	0	1,974	962	0	0	0	962
Mission room energy	0	0	0	2,021	2,021	0	0	0	0	0
Water	276	64	0	0	340	244	0	0	0	244
Vestry materials	564	0	15	0	579	1,300	0	0	0	1,300
Repairs & renewals	3,617	733	979	0	5,329	8,070	0	0	0	8,070
Festoon Lighting	0	0	0	0	0	598	0	0	0	698
Burton Water	2,920	0	0	0	2,920	0	0	0	0	0
	18,439	2,499	3,131	2,021	26,090	21,215	2,827	6,558	1,159	31,759
9. Administration										
Parish Administration	695	0	0	652	1,347	1,381	0	0	0	1,381
Telephone	0	0	0	934	934	0	0	0	0	0
Photocopying	0	0	0	971	971	0	0	0	1,204	1,204
Stationery/postage	0	0	0	23	23	0	0	0	110	110
Deanery Synod	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
The SEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	153
Service Sheets	0	0	0	262	262	0	0	0	425	425
Friends of Blackburn Cathedral	0	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	30	30
IT Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
Bank charges	19	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
	714	0	0	2,897	3,611	1,381	0	0	1,982	3,363
10. Major Capital Expenditure										
Lamps	0	0	0	0	0	990	0	0	0	990
Fant Chain Inspection	0	245	0	0	245	0	0	0	0	0
Graveyard work	0	938	0	0	938	0	1,947	0	0	1,947
Unistage	8,016	0	0	0	8,016	0	0	0	0	0
North aisle screen & organ monitor	0	0	0	0	0	7,751	0	0	0	7,751
Clearing roof space	0	0	0	0	0	1,694	0	0	0	1,694
Quinquennial inspection	0	750	0	0	750	1,014	0	0	0	1,014
	8,016	1,933	0	0	9,949	11,449	1,947	0	0	13,396
11. Clergy expenses										
Clergy expenses	333	0	0	1,200	1,533	0	0	0	1,800	1,800
Vicarage Council Tax	432	0	0	3,220	3,652	0	0	0	3,200	3,200
Vicarage water rates	0	0	0	673	673	0	0	0	1,386	1,386
	565	0	0	5,093	5,658	0	0	0	6,286	6,286

9. Our Schools



Our Church School Family

St. Peter's Church is an important part of our school family and we work very closely together.

The current period of interregnum has provided us with a lovely opportunity to get to know members of the St. Peter's community better and to forge links with other local churches. We are very lucky to know Jo Selwood-Taylor, St. Peter's Church Warden and Lay Preacher. Jo, leads our school worship club and is a regular visitor to school. Jo runs regular community nights and events for our children and their

families to get involved with, together with the wider church and village community. We are also very grateful to Rev. Michael Hutchinson, the vicar from St. Thomas's Church in Garstang, who joins us every Monday to lead worship. The local 'Open the Book' Team visit us on a regular basis to worship with us and we have close links with NISCU (Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union) who share worship with us every week via video and often visit us to lead worship. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the new incumbent into our school family where we:



Reach Up

We reach up to God to show us the way



Reach In

We reach inside for the courage and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, to help us reach God's goal for us

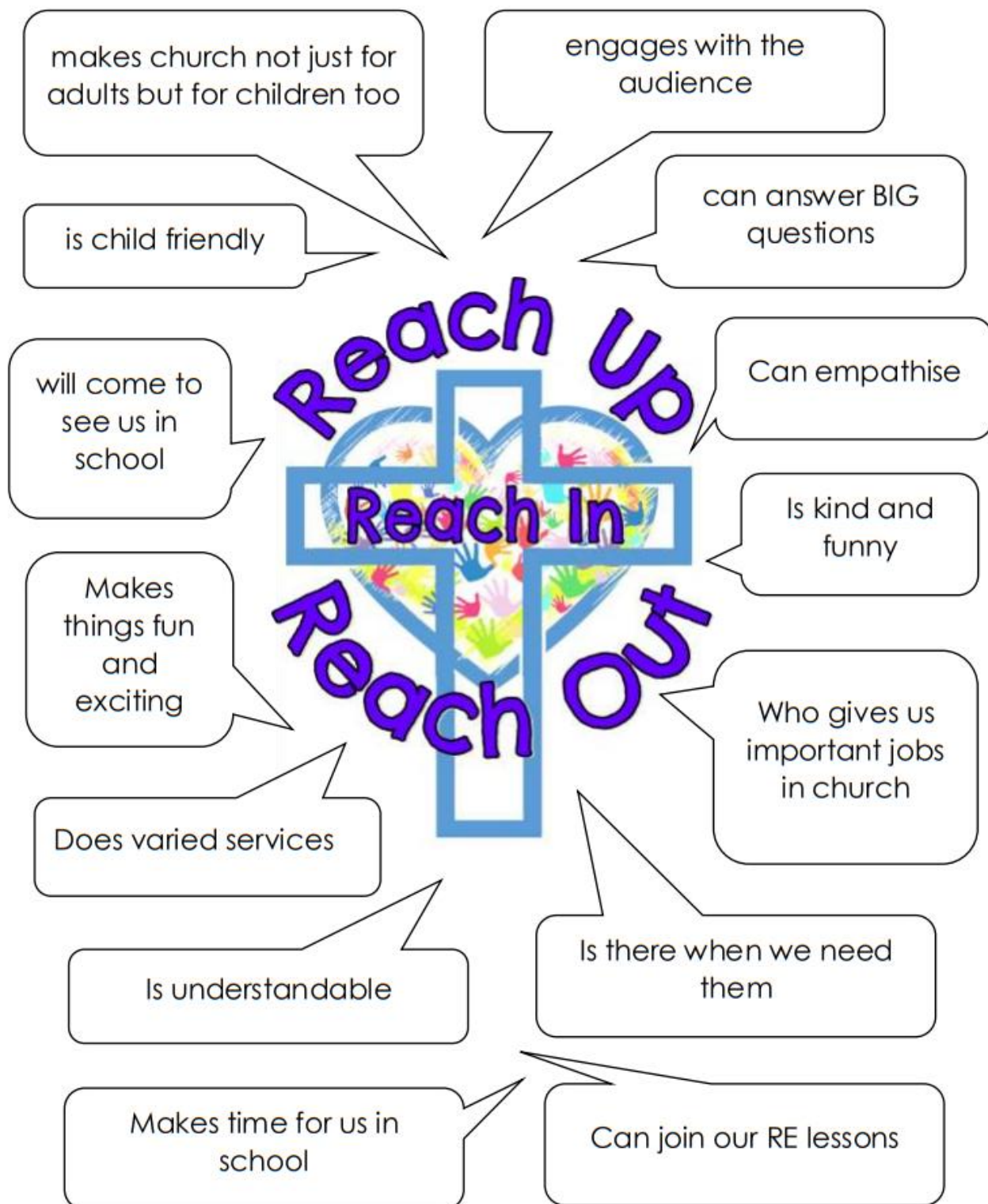


Reach Out

We reach out to everyone with the kindness and compassion of Jesus



Our new vicar should be someone who...



10. Our Links into the Wider Community

As there are more elderly people in Wyre than the national average, we have more provision for their care locally with a number of residential and care homes. The nearest hospitals in the area are sited in Preston – Royal Preston Hospital – and Lancaster – Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

We have been successful in securing a grant from Lancashire Council to provide a Warm Space for vulnerable people such as the elderly in Scorton. The Pastoral Care Team also support a number of elderly and vulnerable people in the local community with additional physical, emotional or mental health needs and distribute food from local suppliers to people in need in the Scorton community.



In addition to the 2 schools of the parish, there are many other local village schools. There are strong links between the schools and the parish with lay leaders reaching into Scorton School (left) to support the Worship Team (a group of pupils who have volunteered to lead school worship in school and at church). The incumbent sits on the governing body of the schools. The local children have a strong presence in worship at St. Peter's in particular, with children co-facilitating the Sunday service. There is only one secondary school locally – Garstang Community Academy – although children also travel to secondary schools further afield. St. Peter's aims to support this group of the church

community with it's over 12 Youth Space and Community Nights.

In Scorton, families are encouraged into church via the services and a weekly community choir. A particularly popular event is the faith themed monthly community night at St. Peter's where there is food and alcoholic/non-alcoholic food available, pool, art workshops, videos and music, prayer station and crafts for the younger children. It is a busy night with attendees averaging 50-60, of these approximately 22-27 are young people under the age of 18.

Calder Vale has very few community resources in the form of support for the elderly, vulnerable or young people in the village, however the church has good relationships with the Methodist Chapel and the Women's Institute. Although the congregation there is small there is an incredible amount of support from within the wider community for church activities and events: blue bell teas (pop up café for visitors to the beautiful blue bells in the nearby woodland – left, path from the village to the church); photo exhibitions; concerts; gardening; help with maintaining the fabric of our church and grounds. There are many walkers & visitors who come to see the church and there is an opportunity for mission if we can make the church more accessible (increase times when it is open).



11. Our Vision

The United Parish is working hard to reach out to the community to build its strength and secure its future. We expect that the new incumbent will share our vision to expand our mission across the diverse communities of Scorton, Calder Vale and Barnacre. We believe that our churches are made of people, not bricks.

We are looking for an incumbent who will:

- Maximise the potential of Scorton as a tourist centre and place of outreach.
- Encourage each village to develop its sense of USP and mission plan.
- Look to build on vacancy work in Scorton school and potential for a 'formal' New Local Congregation
- Lead across the parish in embedding turnaround of finances.
- Seek to develop and grow the three communities spiritually and numerically.
- Bring an innovative and creative approach to helping the churches work together in line with the Diocesan Vision 2026.
- Work with lay and ordained colleagues on the joint Ministry team to develop worship, mission and ministry across the area.
- Develop and strengthen the ministry to schools, especially to the two Church schools in the Parish and work with the Head, staff and volunteers to grow and nurture the Christian faith.
- Inhabit the strengths of existing patterns of worship whilst looking for opportunities to innovate and refresh through a diversity of worship styles.
- Work with others to develop strategies to build on community mission particularly those of permanent and temp residency, who are lost or of non-faith.
- Listen and respond to the pastoral needs of the congregation and community, developing lay pastoral ministry and advocating for rural/local issues.

12. What We Offer

Being the incumbent for the United Parish offers many benefits and will be a challenging and rewarding role.

The Parish boasts a lovely vicarage - a 4 bedroom detached house with separate vicarage office, with gardens, set in the picturesque village on the edge of the Forest of Bowland and in an area of outstanding beauty.

All three churches in the parish are beautiful and sited in historic rural villages, friendly communities and idyllic countryside. The role will require the incumbent to move between these through the picturesque Trough of Bowland – it would be a lovely drive to work! The Lake District is only half an hour's drive away and the larger town of Garstang and 2 cities of Lancaster and Preston nearby offer further amenities and good public transport links. It is easy to access as far afield as Scotland or London by train, which means this location offers the best of both worlds!

The incumbent at United Parish would be supported by an active team of church wardens, volunteers and lay leaders. There is also a vergers at St. Peter's Church and a Parish administrator to support the team. The PCC is dedicated and there are a growing number of volunteers working to support the mission of the churches. There are many opportunities for reaching out to our communities and several initiatives are already in place and thriving. There is the opportunity to work with a wide range of ages as well as in-reaching to the schools, to impact upon the future spiritual life of our young villagers.

13. Who is God calling?

The United Parish is looking for someone with a calling to bring their gifts and talents to help us continue to build and grow our church community.

We need a person of vision and outreach, open to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit who is able to bring God's love to the heart of our communities, speaking to the lost or not of faith with self-assuredness, enthusiasm and warmth. They must be a confident, imaginative and wise communicator who will enthuse the congregations.

This person must have demonstrable, strong leadership skills, using sensitivity, collaboration, flexibility, creativity and humility to balance the needs of the three distinct church communities while keeping the parish united. This role calls for a person with a pragmatic and forward thinking outlook, who has the vision to further shape our mission and discipleship into the future, sensitively bringing about change. In order to thrive, this Parish needs a person who enjoys working with different generations and with whom they can identify both pastorally and using shared language. It is essential that we maintain the strong links with the schools and communities to bring the next generation into our churches and secure the future of our congregations.

We are looking for someone to be an effective Christian presence in the community, promoting the church as a welcoming, open and inclusive place. They will have spiritual maturity and be confident of his/her beliefs and values but tolerant of others and open to discussion. They will bring an innovative, imaginative and creative approach to leading a diversity of worship styles.

As an effective teacher of the faith, this person would be equally comfortable leading both traditional and contemporary worship, formal and informal, in person and online, across the three distinct parish communities. They will also enjoy interfaith working, with all other denominations, and developing existing links with other community organisations.

Our future incumbent will be engaged in the life of the community with an awareness and understanding of rural issues and the importance of visiting in rural areas and working with the people in the community.

A servant leader who will be alert to discerning gifts and talents, vocation and ministries of others. They will listen, collaborate, enable and delegate to people to follow their calling and bring their gifts. There is a huge opportunity to harness the potential of our parishioners to make the church stronger and help us achieve our mission.

They will work closely with the church wardens and PCC to develop strategy and ensure that structures and resources for parish organisation are appropriate, including clear boundaries and accountabilities of roles.

Our new incumbent will have God at the centre of all they do, to be prepared to take risks for the benefit of the parish and to appreciate all who are on their own spiritual journeys.