

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:	Methley with Mickletown
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Oswald
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	St. Margaret's Hall (used for midweek Eucharists and Messy Church)
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	Rothwell Team – with Rothwell Holy Trinity, Oulton with Woodlesford St John and Lofthouse Christ Church
4.	Deanery:	Leeds South
5.	Population:	4560
	<i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	An estimate based on a 10% increase v 8.1% in the 2022 census for Leeds and taking account of a major new housing development is 2018

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	57
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	22nd 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
Eucharist or All age service	11am	30	28-40	4-0
Tuesday Communion	10am	12-15	12-15	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 Oswald's	13	0	5	14	?

9. Communications

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

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens

	Rev Mandy Rhodes	Charlotte Taylor	Mrs Jill Potts (Brownies and Rainbows)	Stuart Davies
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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.	<p>Large ex-mining village with small pockets of deprivation but with residents mainly in employment predominantly commuting to Leeds, Wakefield and beyond (near junction of M1 and M62)</p> <p>97% White British 67% Christian 29% No religion/not stated</p> <p>Age 0-4 7% 5-9 7% 10-19 12% 20-29 9% 30 -44 25% 45 -59 20% 60-75 13% 75+ 7%</p> <p>Housing mainly owner occupied. Rows of miners cottages. Post war semi detached. Some large detached. Few bungalows or flats. In recent decades the old village has extended with three new housing developments.</p>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	None
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools: Youth centres: Hospitals: Nursing/elderly persons' homes: Places of worship of other faiths 	<p>Methley Primary School (feeding Secondary Schools outside the Parish)</p> <p>None</p> <p>Methley Park Hospital (privately owned by Spire Group) Nearest NHS Hospitals in Pontefract and Wakefield. The Cedars Residential Care Home Oaklands Residential Care Home Stockhill (sheltered care for disabled) Mexborough Grange – private assisted accommodation for over 50's</p> <p>Methley Methodist Chapel now closed but church community active online</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Businesses: • Neighbourhood initiatives: • Associations eg tourist group: • Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>Small businesses such as Ladybirds Nursery, Post Office, convenience store, 2 public houses, 2 licensed clubs, café, pop-up café hairdresser, garage, builders, farms</p> <p>Residents Association, Methley and Mickletown in Bloom, Scarecrow Festival, Archive Local History Group, Melodia Ladies Choir sports clubs for Cricket, Football, Rugby League, Bowls, Methey Mites playgroup</p> <p>None</p> <p>Services in Cedars Residential Homes School liaison/ vicar is being worked on. Regular assemblies and occasional church visits.</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?	28% of the electoral roll live outside the parish
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<p>All of White British ethnicity, 65% Female . Approximately 50% in paid employment and aged 18 –69. 50% retired from largely professional employment, many of whom are active as volunteers either in church or the community.</p> <p>we are an Inclusive Church with a wide spread of cultural backgrounds</p>
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Middle Anglican, Traditional, more liberal at monthly All Age Services.Clergy and Readers are always robed in albs , with vestments worn on feast days or when appropriate.

(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£243 in 2025; 75% is gift aided.
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	2010 but explored time/talents in Lent groups in 2025
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Loose plate collections, fees for weddings and funerals, net surplus from the church hall, income from a property that is leased to a nursery provider.
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£274
(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

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 ? 	<u>Share requested</u> £32174 in 2024 £32525 in 2025 Not known	<u>Share Paid</u> In Full £ 0 in first 3 months
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Yes. A major reordering scheme of which Phase I is planned to start as soon as possible	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	Phase 1 comprises level access through the South Porch with some restoration of the structure, relaying of tiles floor on nave aisle and West Nave, removal of pews from West Nave, installation of kitchen and servery in base, storage for tables and chairs in base of Tower. Latest estimate around £ 160k excl VAT plus fees estimated from fundraising and grants	
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>	A Grade 1 listed medieval church which is showing its age through various cracks in its masonry, but which had its roof replaced in the 90's with a stainless-steel system. The building is in generally good order.	
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Conservation report on all monuments. 9.8 Check fixings and repair of wooden louvres in Tower 9.1 Rolling programme of stone fabric and repointing works 6.0 Repairs to clerestory windows 7.1 N.B. other recommendations e.g.condition of South Porch and tiled floor are included in the Reordering proposal. A proposal for heating, draught exclusion and LED lighting are in development by the Eco Church Group of the PCC.	

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Two Christingle Services attract over 400 people . Messy Church Events – band and choir concerts Annual Arts Festival Heritage Open Weekends, and occasional Open Days plus regular access to the church for one or two afternoons per week
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Contacts with Primary School need to be reestablished – assemblies, church visits, Nativity play and worship Messy Church
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Bible Study group restarting soon Lent and Advent Groups Training to administer the sacrament
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Encouraging new members to the PCC. Rota for Bible reading, interceding etc. EcoChurch Group formed to lead Zero Carbon and sustainability initiatives and achieved Silver Award. Reordering Project Group with strong lay involvement - LLM in training.
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Financial contributions are decided annually by a Giving Committee of the PCC. The aim is to distribute a total of £3,000 of church funds to overseas and home missions and charities. The balance between the two categories will change each year depending on which charities are selected for support. In addition we hold a monthly coffee morning at our church hall, the proceeds of which are distributed. Occasionally we hold specific collections in church, usually for Christian Aid, the Royal British Legion, and for the Children's Society.
(b)	How much is given annually?	£ in 2024
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Financial contributions are decided annually by a Giving Committee of the PCC. The aim is to distribute a total of £3,000 of church funds to overseas and home missions and charities. The balance between the two categories will change each year depending on which charities are selected for support. In addition we hold a monthly coffee morning at our church hall, the proceeds of which are distributed. Occasionally we hold specific collections in church, usually for Christian Aid, the Royal British Legion, and

		for the Children's Society.
(b)	How much is given annually?	£ in 2024
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?	No
(b)	If so, please describe:	
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Visits to the sick of the Parish and Residential Homes

6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	Jackie Davis and Elaine Wiliams
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Brownies and Rainbows Use of Hall by young people for dance classes, Mother and Baby group etc.

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	None
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(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Links with Rothwell Churches for events such as Good Friday Walk of Witness

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

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

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 • Adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messy Church 10 children (see above) • Lent study courses (10 adults)
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2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Weekly Bible Study group is being reestablished
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	There is a strong tradition of lay leadership but the decline in numbers and increase in age of the laity means that this falls on a faithful few.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	A succession of Rectors and Vicars who have fostered it. Self-reliance developed during Vacancies

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Work with young people Growing contacts with schools
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Childrens and Youth work Profile in Community Growing more confidence in church members.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	Getting more involved in the community Encouraging lay leadership and development How to engage with children and young people

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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.

Methley with Mickletown since 2015 has been a member of the Benefice of churches along with Oulton with Woodlesford, Lofthouse and Rothwell parishes. The development of Team working has grown over the last few years with more colloravative working from lay and ordained members together.

X. The New Priest

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

The first priority of the next Team Vicar must of course be to continue the ministry of building the congregations of St Oswald, Methley and Christ Church Lofthouse - as well as partnership with the Team Rector across the benefice in faith, ministry and numbers. We hope however that he or she will have the ability and energy to continue and grow the Team approach among the clergy and the laity across the four parishes. A gift for and experience in Youth Work would be most helpful in meeting the common needs of the churches in the Rothwell Team.

Agreed by the PCC of

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Signed:

Print Name:

Office Held:

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

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She will circulate copies to the Patron and Bishop

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

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and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.***