

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:	Battysford
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	Christ the King
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:	N/A
4.	Deanery:	Dewsbury & Birstall
5.	Population:	7,632
	<i>The 2021 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	Since 2021 little change. Only one major additional residential development.

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	111
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	6 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 Eucharist	10:00	65	72	7
Third Sunday each month (said)	08:00	12	12	N/A
Second Sunday – Family @ 4	16:00	N/A	15	12
First Sunday – Celtic Service	17:00	N/A	10	N/A
Wednesday Eucharist (said)	10:00	24	24	N/A

8. Occasional offices

Number for last 12 months in each church

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy/LLM not in church
At CtK	5	Nil	1	4	4
In Monastery Chapel	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	N/A

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 Both with PTO	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
CtK	vacancy	Ian Grange 9 Crowther Road MIRFIELD WF14 9RE 01924 493108 Stephen Carden 15c Trinity Street Mirfield WF14 8AD 07866 382 569	Barbara Hornby <i>Unpaid Parish Administrator</i> 93 Stocks Bank Road Mirfield WF14 9QB 07920 107 844	John Hornby 93 Stocks Bank Road Mirfield WF14 9QB 07732 627 604 John Beevers Bank House 10 Bank Street Mirfield WF14 9QF 07854 596 802

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.	The housing in Battysford ranges from high end multi-roomed houses to one-bedroom cottages/apartments. The population is 93% white. Other ethnicities: 3% (Asian), 1% (Black), 2.5% (Mixed). The London Park area of the parish is a large council estate built in the mid-twentieth century. Owner occupied property is 65% (slightly above national average.) Serves as dormitory/commuter location for people working across West Yorkshire and beyond; excellent motorway access.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	Overall deprivation level ranks parish 3817 out of 12239, where 1 is the most deprived parish. Unemployment is slightly above national average.
2.	Please list for each - Local Schools: - Youth centres: - Hospitals: - Nursing/elderly persons' homes: - Other Christian churches - Places of worship of other faiths - Local Businesses: - Neighbourhood initiatives: - Associations eg tourist group: - Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:	Local schools Mirfield Free Grammar and Mirfield College. Battysford CE (VC) Primary School. Old Bank Academy. Youth Centres. None Hospitals None in the parish Care homes: The Radcliffe Fieldhead Park No places of worship of other faith in parish or Mirfield <i>Other CofE churches in Mirfield:</i> St John, Upper Hopton & St Mary, Mirfield <i>Other denominations in the town:</i> St Aiden's R.C. Church St Andrew's Methodist Church Trinity Methodist Church Zion Baptist Church Wellhouse Moravian Salvation Army Church & Community Centre Mirfield Evangelical Church Local Businesses There is a diverse range of businesses in the area with many small firms in a number of industrial units off the A644. Largest employer in parish is John Cotton Group (bedding textiles) Currently one LLM is Honorary Chaplain to the Mirfield Branch of the Royal British Legion.

III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	43%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Age range on Sundays is from 0 and 90+; average is over 60. A small number of younger families, some of whom are College of Resurrection student spouses and children (numbers vary year by year). Family @ 4 service for families and children The Wednesday mid-week Eucharist and Sunday 8 o'clock congregations are almost all retired. Mostly white working- and middle-class, more women than men. Some former professionals. Those still working mainly have managerial and admin/clerical roles.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Worship is gently catholic. Altar hangings change with liturgical seasons. Chasuble worn by President at the Eucharist; acolytes also wear vestments, LLMs/Readers are robed, as is a mixed voice choir.
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Average giving is £1,023 per week Gift Aid accounts for 96%
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Last full campaign in 2017.
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Church lettings Fund raising by an active social committee '50 for the Future' was an initiative to increase giving during the church building's 50th anniversary year 2023/24 Legacies and one-off gifts for specific expenditure
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	None.
(b)	Were these met in full?	N/A

(c)	Is there an annual discussion with the clergy about their level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	Yes								
5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: - last year? 2023 - current year? 2024 - next year ? 2025	<table><tr><td><u>Share requested</u></td><td><u>Share Paid</u></td></tr><tr><td>£50,710</td><td>full</td></tr><tr><td>£52,290</td><td>full</td></tr><tr><td>£51,827</td><td>plan to meet in full</td></tr></table>	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>	£50,710	full	£52,290	full	£51,827	plan to meet in full
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(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes, plan to meet in full								
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Heating boiler replacement								
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	Estimated cost is currently £13,500 for the replacement boiler. Intend using £5,000 from a legacy given for environmental projects, by fundraising and from unrestricted general funds. We also hope to receive a grant from the BDF once we have been granted a Faculty.								
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	See attached								
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	Good								
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	None								

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Pastoral visiting Tuesday Café and Drop-in sessions Caterpillars for pre-school children & carers on Friday afternoon during termtime. Link to Issenye Secondary School in Mara Support to Food Banks: Mirfield Salvation Army and St George's Crypt, Leeds School Shoe Buddies Use of Community Hall and church space for a variety of activities. Until recently operated a 'welcome space' for refugees and asylum seekers housed in local hotel.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Adult: Preachers deliver good, clear and concise sermons that teach the faith and are relevant. Copies of NRSV Bibles in pews. Children: CtK Kids – Sunday teaching sessions Family @ 4 & Family @ 10 All Age services Vicar leads collective worship and some RE in primary school. School visits to CtK
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Adult: Fortnightly house group and one Start Course each year. Baptism, Wedding and Confirmation prep. Lent courses Parish pilgrimages to Iona – 3 in last 9 years Local Mirfield Anglican Churches pilgrimage in 2024 Children: Confirmation preparation: <i>Faith Confirmed</i> CtK Youth
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Identify people for roles – succession planning Use of diocesan lay ministry courses. Over last 2 years 3 members of the church have begun ordination training
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church (not individual members) for work overseas:	Registered as a Fairtrade Church Issenye Secondary School, Mugumu Safe House and other project in Tanzania link dioceses
(b)	How much is given annually?	2024 - £1,312 to Mugumu Safe House in Mara
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Children's Society* Christian Aid Kirkwood & Forget Me Not Children's Hospices** Mirfield Salvation Army Food Bank St George's Crypt, Leeds Teams 4Us – Christmas Shoebox Appeal School Shoe Buddies

(b)	How much is given annually?	*£683 in 2024 **£2,000 Lent 2025
4(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	Yes
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	Issenye Secondary School and Isseco Health Centre in Mara Diocese, Tanzania In recent years also regularly supported Mugumu Safe House
5(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Clergy, LLMs, churchwardens, and those on 'Welcoming' duty engage newcomers in conversation and take contact details. Visitors are given a copy of Weekly News.
(b)	If so, please describe:	People are invited to sit with a regular worshipper and stay for coffee/tea after service. Those new to CtK, especially families with children are told about and invited to Family @ 4 services.
6.	What part does the church play in community care?	The church runs the Tuesday Café. A weekly morning coffee and light lunch open to all. Generally this attracts older people and offers an opportunity for social interaction; many of the regulars live alone and, in some cases, are isolated. Thursday afternoon Drop-In session. Tea and cakes, socialising, with some crafting and technology support. Pastoral Visitors Group (7 at present) led by an accredited Lay Pastoral Minister.

7(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes. Communion taken once a month to the housebound and those ill at home. There is a service of HC (using reserved sacrament) held monthly in one of residential care homes in the parish.
(b)	If so, who are they?	Members of PVG (including 2 LLMs with PTO & a retired priest with PTO)
8.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Vicar has led collective worship in local primary schools on a regular basis. CtK Youth is for young people (associated with the church of high school age) to meet socially.

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Represented on Churches Together in Mirfield and District (CTMD) by vicar and 2 lay people. Throughout each year there are occasional ecumenical services & other events take place. There are also joint ventures with other local Anglican churches.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	A number of local Methodists attend events and special services at CtK and have joined us for the mid-week Lent Study.

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Battysford Church of England (VC) Primary School
(b)	• Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation?	Controlled – 2 governors appointed by PCC/diocese plus incumbent ex-officio.
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	400
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	N/A

VII. Lay Education and Participation

1.	What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers): • Children • Young People • Adults	Confirmation preparation as and when. CtK Kids is a junior church session held most weeks during the Sunday Eucharist. Children join at communion following this ½ -¾ hour session. Aged 5 – 11. (Approx 5 weekly) Confirmation preparation Start Course (6)
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2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	House Group / Bible Study group meets twice each month in people's homes. (9 people)
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Both
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Strong. CtK has traditionally had a strong laity who carry out duties within the church.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	A number of the people have experience of leadership roles inside & outside the church. Current and past leaders mentor new people taking on new roles.

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Growth of newcomers. Develop strategies and practices so that we continue to be a church that is open and welcoming for all. More volunteers – especially younger people – willing to fill various roles & responsibilities. Ministry with children, young people & parents/carers. Support for current projects, and new initiatives in link dioceses in Tanzania.
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	Pastoral care for the whole community of CtK, with especial concern for socially isolated and vulnerable. Outreach and welcome. Develop strategies to improve effective communication within the congregation and the wider church and parish communities.
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage	Greater commitment by more people in voluntary roles. Succession planning. Ministry to children and families. Investment in church infrastructure (eg new boiler) to reduce environmental impact to meet diocesan and CofE net zero targets.

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.

The Eucharist is at the heart of worship at CTK. Clergy, 2 LLMs with PTO, and acolytes wear vestments or robes. We have an excellent and versatile mixed voice robed choir accompanied by Clavinova. The church also has a pipe organ which is usually used at one service each month. A group of instrumentalists form the church music group that plays about once a month at the All-Age Eucharist.

Other special/seasonal/occasional services include the following:

Annual 'In Memory' service – particularly for families who have had funerals taken by vicar or LLM.

All Souls' Day Eucharist

Toy Service (early December) – in recent years toys given for distribution by Barnardo's & Salvation Army
Choir Carol Service

Battysford Primary School hold Easter, Christmas & Harvest services in church.

Christingle (4pm on Christmas Eve – 177 attended in 2024)

Midnight Mass

In Lent: Wednesday 10am Eucharist – followed by Lent Study Group and soup lunch. Tuesday evening Lent course

Palm Sunday: Palm Procession around the church grounds and down the road

Various services (including Celtic, Taizé, Evening Prayer) held Mon-Weds of Holy week

Maundy Thursday: evening Eucharist with Watch

Good Friday: Last Hour service 2-3pm

Easter Eve: Easter Vigil and renewal of Baptismal Vows

Pentecost – often an All-Age Parish Eucharist

Harvest festival - produce given to food banks

Feast of Christ the King kept as Patronal Festival

The Scouting and Girlguiding groups who meet in our building are invited to all age services during the year: Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival & Toy Service.

A house group/Bible study meets twice a month in various peoples' homes.

The church building is modern and well maintained. Movable pews and other furniture (including the font) enable easy re-arrangement of seating in church to facilitate worship in various forms and styles. This also enables the worship space to be used for a wide range of other activities and events.

CtK currently holds the A Rocha Silver Award.

The church pays its full parish share quota and intends to continue to do so.

X. The New Priest

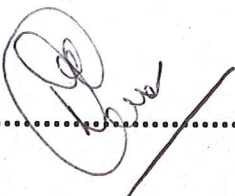
List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest.

- We hope you will be a warm, caring and experienced spiritual leader who will teach and inspire us. We are looking for a well-rounded person who is a great communicator, with a sense of humour, and with your own interests.
- We would like you to encourage us in prayer and spirituality and build on existing strengths and traditions. We trust that you will be able to exercise strong and effective leadership, tempered by a readiness to build on the collaborative ministry established at Christ the King over the years.
- We hope you can work with all age groups, but we attach particular importance to our efforts to engage with the wider community, families, children and young people.
- We want you to manage your time effectively and be willing to delegate; we will support you in this. We need a leader who will motivate us and minister to our strengths and also to our weaknesses.
- We wish to grow and seek nurturing, for ourselves and others new to faith, into deeper discipleship.
- Christ the King accept the priestly and episcopal ministry of women. In 2024 the PCC voted unanimously for the use of Prayers in Love and Faith during the time of divine service should any couple ask for this occasional pastoral office.

Agreed by the PCC of

BATTYEFORD

on 14th MAY 2025

Signed: 

Print Name: DEREK M. GARNER

Office Held: LAY CHAIR of PCC

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.***