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Diocese of Leeds

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. Please check all pre-populated data carefully and provide any corrections if needed. Additional information may also be appended.

1. Parish Information

1.a	**Name(s) of parish(es):**	Batley: All Saints
1.b	**Name(s) of parish church(es):**	Batley: All Saints
2.	**Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish(es):**	
3.a	**Are you linked formally or informally with any other parishes in the benefice (Y/N):**	Y
3.b	**If Y, please give the name(s) of linked parish(es):**	St Thomas's St Andrews St Pauls's Hanging Heaton
4.	**Deanery:**	Dewsbury and Birstall
5.	**Population:** *[Information as of 2021 census. Please indicate if and how this might have changed]*	Parish Population Under 20 1321 20 to 64 2593 Over 65 482 Total 4396 Occupied Households 1787
6.a	**Electoral Roll Number:** *2026 data*	53

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6.b	**Date of Declaration:**	15 October 2026

7. Worship Attendance

Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.
October count 2025

Church	Service	Time	Number of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16 attendance
All Saints	Sunday	11.00	20	27	5

8. Occasional Offices

Please provide figures for the last 12 months. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy
All Saints	3			4	

9. Communications

Please only include names and contact details that can be shared when this document becomes public. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Church	Clergy	Licenced Lay Ministers	Lay staff *eg Youth worker, Administrator etc*	Churchwardens
All Saints				Richard Martin 07906156679 Richardmartin01@btinternet.com

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2. Parish/Community Information

1.a	**Briefly describe the demographic composition of the parish(es) (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity).**	Parish Ethnic Heritage Profile Asian 2004 Black 59 Mixed 148 White 2131 Other 54 Parish Religious Profile Christian 1121 Buddhist 3 Hindu 14 Jewish 0 Muslim 2016 Sikh 3 Other 10 None 998
1. b	**Are there any specific issues you wish to highlight in relation to the above description (eg high unemployment)?**	All Saints is situated within one of the most highly deprived neighbourhoods in the country.

2. Other local institutions

Please provide information and details (if known) of other important local institutions. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Institution	Quantity	Details
Schools (Primary and Secondary)	**Batley Parish CE Academy** **Upper Batley High School**	Primary Secondary (boys)
Youth Centres	**Young Batley Centre**	

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Hospitals		
Nursing/elderly care homes	**Linson Court**	
Local Businesses	**Multiple businesses and Retails outlets In the town Centre**	
Neighbourhood initiatives (eg NWA)		
Local Associations (eg tourist groups, historic societies)	**Batley History Society**	
Other Christian Churches	**Salvation Army Central Methodist St Mary's RC Church Batley Christian Fellowship**	
Other Places of Worship	**At least one Mosque**	

2.b **Do the clergy hold any civic responsibilities in relation to the above institutions or within the wider community? If so, please provide details.**
Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Governor (ex-officio) of Batley Primary Academy.
Previous incumbents have been invited to be Chaplain to RAFA Association (Batley Branch)

3. Local religious partnerships
Please provide information on the parish(es) relationship with local religious groups. Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

3.a	**Please state any involvement in local Churches Together**	Yes
3.b	**Please state any formal covenants held with other denominations**	
3.c	**Please state any informal ecumenical contacts held by the parish(es)**	Member of the North Kirklees Inter-faith Network.

3. Church Information

Please give details for each church individually by copy/pasting the table below or by repeating the information on a separate sheet.

Church name:		
A. Congregation		
i	**What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?**	95%
ii	**Briefly describe the demographic composition of the congregation (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity, gender).**	The majority of the congregation are retired (mainly professional occupations) and over 65. We have between 5 and 7 children who attend Sunday School. There are a couple of families of mixed ethnic background.
iii	**How would you describe the worship tradition at the church?**	Low to Middle.
B. Finance		

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i	**What is the average regular weekly giving by persons in the parish(es) 16 years & over?** **What (if any) proportion of this giving is gift aided?**	£11.95	
ii	**What is the date of the church's last stewardship campaign?**	2025	
iii	**How does the church supplement direct giving in order to meets its financial needs?**	Dame Eleanor Asheton Trust support the church. Events – Church Fairs incorporating gift days	
iv	**What was the amount of working expenses paid to the clergy in the last financial year?** **Were these needs met in full? (Y/N)** *If N what was the estimated shortfall*	£1,396 Yes	
v	**Please provide details of the amount of share requested and paid:** • **in last financial year (2024)** • **in the current year (2025)** • **in the next financial year**	Requested • £21,521 • £16,855 •	Paid • £21,521 • £16,855 •
	Please provide explanation for any discrepancy between requested and actual payments		
	Do you anticipate meeting this year's requested payment in full? (Y/N) *If N provide explanation*	Yes	
vi	**Are there any ongoing capital projects? (Y/N)** *If Y please give brief details of estimated costs and how these will be met*	Yes. £250 000 as a result of the Quinquennial inspection (2023). Initial phase £60 000 have funds allocated from donations, Trust Fund and a small Diocese grant. Remaining funding being sought from Historic England (Churches) and Kirklees Historic Building's Trust.	

vii	**Please append a copy of the last PCC accounts.**	
viii	**Please provide details of the any overseas work supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations**	The congregation supports the Nyamongo Porridge Fund (£852) and Education Fund (£900) through the Diocese Tanzanian link. The church supports the building of a new church in Marito, Tanzania. £250 pa) from the Harvest Appeal as well as donated gifts to Batley Food Bank and Batley Drop-in Centre.
ix	**Please provide details of the any mission agencies and charities supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations**	Christian Aid (500 pa) Benefice collection The Kirkwood £100 Batley Drop-in Centre £400 Church Army £50 Bible Society £50 Embrace £50 Nyamongo £300

C. Buildings

i	**Please provide a general overview of the general state of repair of the church building and environs** *This can usually be found in the 'Executive Summary' of the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report*	Multiple repairs needed to the roof and walls, particularly the south side of the church.
ii	**Please highlight any major maintenance requirements identified during the most recent**	Deteriorating stonework leading to penetrating damp.

	Quinquennial Inspection	

4. Church Education and Social Provision

1.a	**Name(s) of Church School(s) if applicable:**	Batley Parish Church of England Academy
2.	**How is the school governance structure organised?** *eg aided, controlled, foundation*	Foundation Governors appointed by the Diocese usually on the recommendation of the PCC
3.	**Approximately how many pupils are currently enrolled?**	210
4.	**What is the level of engagement between the church(es) and the school(s)?**	School uses the church for end-of-term services, harvest and educational visits.

5. Outreach and Mission

Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.a	**Please provide details of any regular mission and outreach activities**	Individual members of the church are involved in a variety of outreach activities eg visiting the elderly, drop-in centre, foodbank.
1.b	**How are you helping people find out about Jesus?**	Sunday School Lent Group Benefice Together Group Invitations to activities Benefice Choir for occasional services

1.c	**How are you helping people to grow in discipleship?**	As above
1.d	**How are you helping people to grow in leadership?**	To be involved in the activities of the church and take responsibility.
2.a	**Are there any overseas link(s) with the parish(es)? (Y/N)**	Yes
2.b	**If Y, please give details:**	Diocesan Link with Tanzania
3.a	**Do you have an organised system to provide outreach and welcome to new members of the community? (Y/N)**	No – but all newcomers are made welcome. Weekly posting on Facebook of church services with an invitation to attend
3.b	**If Y, please give details:**	All newcomers are made welcome. There are weekly postings on Facebook of the Benefice church services with an invitation to attend. There is a mixture of types of service to suits most needs and preferences. Events are posted on Batley Matters Facebook page. Community groups and Businesses are invited to participate dependent on the event.
4.	**What role do you play in meeting the needs of the local community?**	Volunteers at local groups. The church is open for use by local community organisations
5.	**How do you engage with young people outside of church-based organisations?** *eg open youth work*	N/A

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6. Lay Discipleship and Participation

Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.	What are your education and training provisions for: • Children (*eg Sunday School*) • Young People (*eg Youth Projects*) • Adults (*eg Alpha*)	Details Sunday School twice per month Lent course Benefice Together Group	Approximate numbers 5 6 from All Saints 6 from All Saints.
2.a	**Please give details of any house/prayer groups**	None	
2.b	**Are these groups led by lay or clergy?**		
3.a	**How would you rate the strength of lay leadership?**	One Reader who is very involved across the Benefice and support by a second Reader. Church is supported by a Churchwarden, two Deputy Churchwardens and PCC	
3.b	**What is the source of lay leadership strength or weakness?**	The members of the lay leadership team work well together. Communication and commitment are strong. Time constraints, age and other interests mean limited resources are available.	

7. Mission

In this section you are encouraged to consider your future priorities and aspirations. You are invited to contemplate areas you feel need addressing, evaluate any limitations which may prevent you from addressing them, and envision what your new priest's role could be to help you achieve your ambitions. Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.	**Which areas of church life do you feel would benefit from further development in future?**	**Mission and Outreach** **Youth**
2.	**What are the main areas of mission that you would like your new priest to prioritise?**	**Education – local schools** **Home visits** **Quality and engaging worship**
3.	**What are the biggest potential challenges which you and the new priest will need to address?** *Name and elaborate on no more than three*	**Church growth** **The needs of an ageing congregation** **Youth ministry**

8. Additional Information

Use this space to record any other information which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to be aware of regarding the conditions, needs, or traditions of the parish(es). Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

We are very proud of the music tradition which is being developed for this church and the Benefice by the Director Music.

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9. The New Priest

Use this space to identify and list the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Continuation of the music tradition.
Personable
Innovation.
An enabler who will encourage others to develop and take on leadership roles.

For further details, please see page 5 of the Benefice Brochure.

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Agreed by the PCC of **All Saints Church, Batley**……..

On the (date) ..... **(month)** ..... **(year) 20** .....

Signed: .....

Print Name: .....

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Office Held: .....

Once completed and signed as agreed by the PCC, this form should be sent directly to the Archdeacon's office and to Gemma Shearwood:

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Copies will be circulated by the office to the Patron and Bishop

Please make sure copies all PCC members retain a signed copy of this form for their records.