

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):	Kirkheaton: St John the Baptist
1.b	Name(s) of parish church(es):	Kirkheaton: St John the Baptist Grange Moor: St Bartholomew
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish(es):	None
3.a	Are you linked formally or informally with any other parishes in the benefice (Y/N):	No
3.b	If Y, please give the name(s) of linked parish(es):	
4.	Deanery:	Almondbury and Kirkburton
5.	Population: <i>[Information as of 2021 census. Please indicate if and how this might have changed]</i> Changes due to deaths, age range differences and movement of population	Parish Population Under 20 3327 20 to 64 8217 Over 65 2974 Total 14519 Occupied Households 6279
6.a	Electoral Roll Number:	138

6.b	Date of Declaration:	24 th April 2025
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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 2023

Church	Service	Time	Number of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16 attendance
St John the Baptist	Sunday	9 a.m.	30	30	0
		10.45 a.m.	62	65	5
	Weekday/Monthly	10.30 a.m.	17	20	0
St Bartholomew	Sunday	10.45 a.m.	13	13	0
	Weekday	NIL			

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
St John the Baptist	9	0	4	12	1
St Bartholomew	0	0	0	0	1

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 <i>eg Youth worker, Administrator etc</i>	Churchwardens
St John`s Church St Bartholomew`s Church	In Vacancy	5 In total 2 of which are Emeritus Bill Weston Wylva Raby	Cathy Howarth (Parish Administrator)	Julie Booth Stephen Conley Robert Eabry Alison Leonard Irene Rodgers

		Nigel Codman Karen Atkinson Paul Brier		Christopher Sheard

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). (Taken from the 2021 Census information)	Parish Ethnic Heritage Profile <table><tr><td>Asian</td><td>839</td></tr><tr><td>Black</td><td>396</td></tr><tr><td>Mixed</td><td>614</td></tr><tr><td>White</td><td>12535</td></tr><tr><td>Other</td><td>135</td></tr></table> Parish Religious Profile <table><tr><td>Christian</td><td>6718</td></tr><tr><td>Buddhist</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>Hindu</td><td>57</td></tr><tr><td>Jewish</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Muslim</td><td>669</td></tr><tr><td>Sikh</td><td>98</td></tr><tr><td>Other</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>None</td><td>6124</td></tr></table>	Asian	839	Black	396	Mixed	614	White	12535	Other	135	Christian	6718	Buddhist	29	Hindu	57	Jewish	9	Muslim	669	Sikh	98	Other	40	None	6124
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1. b	Are there any specific issues you wish to highlight in relation to the above description (eg high unemployment)?	Population increases, due to large ongoing housing developments within the Parish																										

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)	3	Kirkheaton Primary School Dalton School, Junior, Infant & Nursery Grange Moor Primary School

Youth Centres		
Hospitals		The Kirkwood which is a Hospice
Nursing/elderly care homes		Tolson Grange Nursing Home
Local Businesses		There are various small and medium sized businesses. There are three Industrial Estates.
Neighbourhood initiatives (eg NWA)		Yetton Together Grange Moor Community Association Dalton Together
Local Associations (eg tourist groups, historic societies)		Kirkheaton History Group Firm Roots Cancer Support Grange Moor Brass Band
Other Christian Churches		United Church – Kirkheaton English Martyrs Catholic Church
Other Places of Worship		
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. <i>Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.</i>	
In 2018 – Civic Service for Inauguration of new Kirkkburton Parish Council Mayor		

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	Participation in Hope Huddersfield
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3.b	Please state any formal covenants held with other denominations	None
3.c	Please state any informal ecumenical contacts held by the parish(es)	Joint Services with United Church Kirkheaton have taken place in recent years

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:		
Congregation		
i	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	28%
ii	Briefly describe the demographic composition of the congregation (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity, gender).	14% Employed 96% White 66% Female 34% Male
iii	How would you describe the worship tradition at the church?	Strong historical evangelical tradition
Finance		
i	What is the average regular weekly giving by persons in the parish(es) 16 years & over?	£26.04
	What (if any) proportion of this giving is gift aided?	21.88%
ii	What is the date of the church's last stewardship campaign?	2019

iii	How does the church supplement direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	1. Receipt of rent from Yetton Together for Community Centre building. 2. Receipt of rent from external groups who rent spaces within the Parish Centre.	
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) <i>If N what was the estimated shortfall</i>	£2,082 Yes	
v	Please provide details of the amount of share requested and paid: - in last financial year - 2023 - in the current year - 2024 **in the next financial year 2025 via Monthly payments ongoing	Requested	Paid
		£73,468 £75,419 £77,084	£73,468 £75,419 **£35,000
	Please provide explanation for any discrepancy between requested and actual payments		
	Do you anticipate meeting this year's requested payment in full? (Y/N) <i>If N provide explanation</i>	Yes	
vi	Are there any ongoing capital projects? (Y/N) <i>If Y please give brief details of estimated costs and how these will be met</i>	No	
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 1. Tim & Kate Lee via CMS - £5,000 2. Jigsaw - £1,900 3. Paul & Petra Clarkson in Berlin - £2,000 4. ICFEM - £700	Total - £10,300	

	5. Sat 7 - £700	
ix	Please provide details of the any mission agencies and charities supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations 1. Bus Ministry - £5,000 2. C.A.P. - £1,100 3. C.P.A.S. - £700 4. Street Angels Huddersfield - £600 5. Discretionary fund - £600 6. Tree of Life - £400 7. Hand to Mouth - £400 8. Whitwam Trust - £300	Total - £9,100
• Buildings		
i	Please provide a general overview of the general state of repair of the church building and environs <i>This can usually be found in the 'Executive Summary' of the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report</i>	St John`s Church - Kirkheaton</b> Reordering took place during the year 2013 Building remains in good order <b>Parish Centre</b> Generally in a good state of repair <b>St Bartholomew`s Church Internal works have been completed. Remains in a reasonable state , however further repairs are needed.
ii	Please highlight any major maintenance requirements identified during the most recent Quinquennial Inspection	Quinquennial Inspection of St John`s Church is due this year. We are in the process of appointing a new Architect following the retirement of the previous Architect.

4. Church Education and Social Provision

1.a	Name(s) of Church School(s) if applicable:	None
2.	How is the school governance structure organised? eg aided, controlled, foundation	
3.	Approximately how many pupils are currently enrolled?	

4.	What is the level of engagement between the church(es) and the school(s)?	
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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	1. Christmas card delivery to every household in the parish. 2. START courses have taken place up to 2023. 3. Bus Ministry commenced 2025 in Dalton with weekly term time sessions after school and one Sunday afternoon service with plans for this to continue monthly.
1.b	How are you helping people find out about Jesus?	1. Kingdom Tots was a relaunch of the former Coffee Plus with an emphasis on sharing Christian message. 2. Bible Breakfast and Baptism preparation also aim to achieve this. 3. Links with the local community are good through social activities and the weekly Tea @2.30 p.m.
1.c	How are you helping people to grow in discipleship?	1. Strong emphasis on teaching programmes used in services. 2. House groups and Lent courses 3. POWER – (Prayer on Weekdays Enabling Revival) – time frames during which St John's church is open to encouraging prayer in Church
1.d	How are you helping people to grow in leadership?	Encouragement in participation in services including two people who have been approved to preach and another who is in training for LLM
2.a	Are there any overseas link(s) with the parish(es)? (Y/N)	Not directly with the churches
2.b	If Y, please give details:	
3.a	Do you have an organised system to provide outreach and welcome to new members of the community? (Y/N)	No specific system

3.b	If Y, please give details: However we do have:	1. A Welcome pack has been devised but has not been used recently. 2. Invitations to local walking group to complete their walk by coming into church for Tea @2.30 p.m. 3. Bereavement Drop In – monthly 4. Lunch Club – monthly 5. Mid week services – monthly 6. Young at Heart Group 7. Welcome team for Church services Invitation to remain after the services for refreshments and fellowship provided at both St John`s and St Bartholomew`s churches. 8. Toy Library – operated for anyone in the community to pick up items for children.
4.	What role do you play in meeting the needs of the local community?	Bus Ministry – Dalton. Kingdom Tots Bible Breakfast Toy Library Young at Heart Lunch Club Mid week service Transport is provided by volunteers on a needs assessed system Home Communion Pastoral Team visits to Care homes Parish Magazine 6 times a year which is hand delivered/available in both churches and available electronically Tea @ 2.30 p.m. Walking Group Table Tennis group Bereavement sessions and drop in Kinsugi group Firm roots group Annual Christmas Tree Festival

5.	How do you engage with young people outside of church-based organisations? <i>eg open youth work</i>	The Childrens` & Youth Pastor was involved in taking assemblies at the three primary schools and has in the recent past helped with Breakfast Club and lunchtime activities.
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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 (<i>eg Sunday School</i>) - Young People (<i>eg Youth Projects</i>) - Adults (<i>eg Alpha</i>)	Details	Approximate numbers
		Sunday Club	Less than 5 and irregular attendees
		Bible Breakfast	30 (Adult and children)
		Kingdom tots	30
		Bible Understanding Group (BUG)	5
		REGEN	6 – 8
		Krash Kids	10 – 15
		House groups	70
	Ladies Breakfast Mens Fellowship		
2.a	Please give details of any house/prayer groups	9 House groups Prayer groups in St Johns Church Monday and Wednesday mornings.	
2.b	Are these groups led by lay or clergy?	Lead by Lay people	

3.a	How would you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Strong Lay Ministers lead and preach most weeks covering the three services 1 at St Bartholomew's Church 2 at St John's Church
3.b	What is the source of lay leadership strength or weakness?	The Church has a history of lay leadership and this has been encouraged by successive Rectors and expected and welcomed by the congregations.

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?	1. St Bartholomew's Church - attendance is at a critical level. 2. Further development of the Bus Ministry 3. Need for an introductory course – a more structured approach to introducing people to the Gospel. 4. Re-appointment to the Children & Youth Pastor position.
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you would like your new priest to prioritise?	1. Involvement of young families and children in wider life of the church including Sunday services. 2. Grange Moor and 3. New housing estates in the parish.
3.	What are the biggest potential challenges which you and the new priest will need to	1. Grange Moor - with attendance at a

	address? <i>Name and elaborate on no more than three</i>	critical level 2. Ageing congregations at Kirkheaton.
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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.

It is felt that this will be covered in the Parish Brochure.

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.

In order to move us to the next stage of God's plan for the Parish we are looking for someone:

- Whose preaching, teaching and living are biblically and prayerfully based under the direction of the Holy Spirit.
- Whose aim is to see new people coming to faith in Christ and encouraging and challenging growth and commitment of both of new and established Church members.
- Who is committed to collaborative ministry and team building, whilst also having the capacity to challenge us and lead us through change.
- Who has leadership skills to support and encourage the many volunteers who are involved in of Church life.
 - Who has the skills and ability to manage the employed staff.
- Who possesses sensitivity and pastoral skills to minister to people as the incumbent. Who is

also able to support, lead and grow our pastoral teams, whilst recognising his/her own need for support.

- Who is both flexible and dynamic in helping us to maintain the balance between traditional, contemporary and alternative expressions of worship, reflecting the diverse nature of our congregation and Parish and who has the desire to encourage families to worship together.
- Who has a strong commitment to building up the participation of children and young people into the wider life of the church.
- With a commitment to continue to build on the already established links with our local communities. For example – community associations, schools, politicians, police and local media.

**Agreed by the PCC of
the Parish of Kirkheaton, Dalton and Grange Moor.**

On the 8th September 2025

Signed:

Print Name: Joan Dickinson

Office Held: PCC Secretary

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.

