

Parish Fact Sheet

Incumbent



This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy to help it find an appropriate incumbent. 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 a Parish Profile document.

PARISH: Holy Trinity Gee Cross DATE: 14 October 2025

DEANERY: Mottram

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 1
2. Population. approx 7,500
3. Number on electoral roll. 86
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)
under 16 years of age: _____ 16 and over: _____
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £ 69,338.49
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 25.00

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: Rev. Canon Helen Scarisbrick
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*): Rev. Gillian Goodwin (Retired Cleric)
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
Wendy Stockton (Reader), Wendy Slinger (Pastoral Worker) and Katy Jones (Pastoral Worker)
4. Name(s) and office of any other staff (*such as Church Army Captain, community worker, administrator*) employed. Please state number of hours worked per week:

None

THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural?

Urban

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? Static

(b) settled or mobile? Mainly settled.

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families?

Varied

(b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed?

Varied

(c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

Around 94% of the parish are White (British), with small numbers of other ethnic groups.

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 61% <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/demographic-information>

(b) local authority: 21%- "

(c) privately rented: 18% - "

5. Please list:

(a) number and types of schools in the parish:

There is a VC controlled school linked to the church and then a community primary school and a community high school.

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes 2

(c) any youth centres? None

(d) any community centres? One

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: None

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:

None

7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?
None
8. Are there any links with local industry?
None
9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
None

CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition? Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label?
middle course between the Anglo-Catholic and Evangelical traditions
2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

Our main weekly service is held at 10.30am. We celebrate Holy Communion twice a month, hold an All Together Worship service once a month, and on the remaining Sundays we have Morning Worship.
3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please State? Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: Book of Common Prayer
- Is there a traditional use of
- | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| eucharist vestments? | Yes/ No | <u> </u> |
| coloured stoles? | Yes/ No | <u> </u> |
| scarf and hood? | Yes /No | <u> </u> |
4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

Mission Praise however a screen is used so some worship songs are not in Mission Praise
5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 40%
 (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation? Mainly elderly
6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:
45

7. Numbers during the last year
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| of baptisms: | 12 |
| of confirmation candidates: | <u>3</u> |
| of weddings: | <u>2</u> |
| of funerals in church: | <u>5</u> |
| in crematoria: | <u>1</u> |
8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? ~~Yes~~/No
Yes
 If so, how many children were admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation during the last year? 2

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. Name of the parish church: Holy Trinity, Gee Cross
 Year(s) built: _____
 Date of last quinquennial inspection: _____
 List any urgent repair work still to be done:

There is no urgent work required

2. Other C of E churches (*mission church/daughter church/chapel of ease*) in the parish: Name and condition of repair:

None

3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/ replacement? ~~Yes~~/No _____
4. What other buildings (*e.g. church hall, curate's house*) and land (not churchyard) does the parish own? (*Give addresses, use and condition*)

Church Hall - the hall is owned by the PCC and sits by the church this is in need of maintenance/upgrading - it is used by church on a Sunday for refreshments and is hired by a number of groups during the week

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/~~No~~ _____
 Is it still in use? ~~Yes~~/No _____
 How many new graves were opened last year? 0 _____
 How many re-openings were there last year? 0 _____
 Estimate how many years are available for new graves: 0 _____
 Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? Yes _____

FINANCE

1. Please e-mail (or send) a copy of last year's accounts and last year's annual report of the PCC.
2. Does the church have a stewardship, thanksgiving or planned giving scheme? Yes _____
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

A number of fundraising activities are held including a "love your church" event in Spring and a "strawberry tea" in the summer

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
 incumbent £ 4,559.69 _____ assistant clergy £ 0.00 _____
 (b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not
Information not available _____
 (c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed
reimburse actual expenses _____
 Is a claim form used? Yes (via online ~~system~~) _____
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 77,605.00 _____
6. In the last financial year, did the PCC meet its financial obligations to the Diocese in full for payment of its Parish Share? Yes/~~No~~ however is no longer able to do so _____
 If not, what amount was paid: £ _____
 In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share?
 Yes/~~No~~ _____
7. Is there any capital project in hand at the moment? ~~Yes~~/No Installation of new heating system _____
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.

Installation of new heating system in church and a monitoring system for future work. Donation received Dec24 to cover heating/roof project correct expenditure for heating £23,558.25 further costs for additional heating once monitoring has been assessed

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/~~No~~

Yes

Is it controlled or aided? Yes/~~No~~

Voluntary Controlled

(b) Number of children on roll:

210

Is the number static/rising/falling?

Static

(c) What relationship/links are there between church and school?

There is a church volunteer who is a Governor of the school. Additionally our Vicar has been a Governor and we would hope that that would happen again.

(d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?

The school is VC and the buildings are in good condition.

2. What provision is made by the church for teaching:

(a) children:

We have Sunday Club on three Sunday's during the main service.

(b) young people:

On the 2nd Sunday of each month we have a "youth happening"

(c) adults

We have a Monday evening small group Bible study in the church hall

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:
- (a) children: Sunday Club - 17 on register
- (b) young people: Youth Happening
- (c) adults: Thursday Club and Monday small group

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Monday small group in hall, occasional prayer breakfast and some prayer triplets plus a WhatsApp prayer chain

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? Lay

DISCIPLESHIP AND LAY MINISTRY

1. How do you rate the strength of lay leadership in the parish? To what do you credit the strength or lack of it?

We have a number of committed lay leadership who have kept the Church and all services running smoothly during our vacancy

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). on occasion ran by the previous Vicar
3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

None

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

1. State involvement in local council of churches, if any.

None

2. Is there a formal covenant with any other denominations?

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

Shared service at the annual village fete with the now closed Methodist church Lay Minister

OUTREACH AND MISSION

1. Please give details of the support of the Church overseas. How much is given annually?

None

2. Give details of the support for home missions and charities.

We are a collection point for Teams4U shoeboxes each November and have an annual Christingle service.

3. Is there an organised system of evangelism in the parish? If so, please describe it.

n/a

4. Is there an organised system of follow-up to baptisms, weddings, funerals? If so, please describe.

An annual Lights of Remembrance service where all who have held a funeral service or burial of ashes are invited.

5. What part does the church play in community care (e.g. the unemployed/homeless/ drug addicts/disabled)?

None

6. Is there an organised system of care for the sick and elderly? If so, what?

We arrange home visits for parishioners when required and offer Home Communion.

7. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (e.g. open youth work)?

None

PUBLICATIONS

1. Is there is a history of the church/parish? If so, please e-mail (or send) a copy.
~~Yes~~/No _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current goals to achieve for the next 5 years?

Renovating the church hall and ongoing church maintenance Growing our church family through deeper community engagement and improved communication Expanding our prayer life Strengthening our work with schools within the parish Working with and sharing resources with other churches Encouraging more people to volunteer in the life of the church Growing our Sunday Club, Youth Happening, and family involvement

2. List the areas of church life which you consider are in most need of development.

Our financial position and Congregation numbers

Signed on behalf of the PCC: _____

Office held: _____

Copies of this form, duly completed, should be sent to the following:

1. The Bishop of Chester, Bishop's House, Abbey Square, Chester CHI 2JD. (Hard copy)
2. The Suffragan Bishop (Hard copy and electronic copy)
3. The Archdeacon (Electronic copy)
4. The Patron (if the Bishop is the patron, he need not be sent a second copy)
5. The Designated Officer (Mrs E A Geddes, Church House). (Hard copy)
6. The Rural Dean (Electronic copy)
7. The Deanery Lay Chair (Electronic copy)
8. The PCC representatives