

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:	Parish of Oulton with Woodlesford: St. John the Evangelist
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St John the Evangelist
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	All Saints' Parish Hall Woodlesford
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	The Rothwell, Lofthouse, Methley with Mickletown and Oulton with Woodlesford Team Informally
4.	Deanery:	Deanery of South Leeds
5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	2011 Census: 7,900 Smaller developments under construction which will increase population but not substantially

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	38
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	4 th May 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 – Sung Eucharist	11.00am	22	22	0
Thursday – Said Eucharist	10.00am	13	18	0
Morning Evening Prayer	6.00pm	0	2	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 John's (All Saints' Parish Hall)	0	0	1	0	

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens

St. John the Evangelist	Revd. Canon Mark Umpleby Holy Trinity Vicarage 1 Beech Grove, Rothwell. Leeds. LS26 0EF 07872 333127	Nil	Nil	Mr. Stuart Ward Mr Paul Ellis
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II. Parish/Community Information

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of the parish in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	1) High level of employment. 2) Minimal Ethnic Minorities. 3) Increase in a younger population with new house buyers. 4) Increase in an aging population. 5) Housing is mostly privately owned although there are pockets of Council housing. 6) Pockets of deprivation
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	No. – small areas of deprivation
2.	Please list for each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools: Youth centres: Hospitals: Nursing/elderly persons' homes: Places of worship of other faiths Local Businesses: 	1) Woodlesford Primary 2) Oulton Primary 3) Oulton Academy No Youth Centres in the Woodlesford & Oulton area. 1) Leeds General Infirmary 2) St. James's Hospital, Leeds 3) Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield 1) Oulton Manor, Oulton 2) Midland House, Woodlesford Oulton Hall Hotel, Oulton Golf Course, Rothwell Sports Centre, 2 Supermarkets, 2 Bakeries, 3 Hairdressers, 2 Bathroom Shops, 2 Opticians, Restaurant, Café, Takeaways, Coopers Ford Car Sales, Builders, Roof Repairers, Plasterers, Electricians, Shoe Repair Shop, Post Office, Car Spares, Butchers, Antiques Shop, 4 Pubs and Local Independent Financial Adviser.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood initiatives: 	1) Oulton & Woodlesford in Bloom 2) The Oulton Institute. 3) The Oulton Society.
Associations e.g., Tourist Group	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	Member of the Oulton and Woodlesford Neighbourhood Forum. Member of Oulton Institute.

III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	3%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	White and British. Mostly female. Predominantly a retired, aging congregation with no younger members. The re-introduction of Café Church post Covid 19 had provided to be challenge.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Central. Alb or cassock-alb and stole are usually worn. Vestments are often worn but not always.
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Mean average £5.50 65% is Gift Aided
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Last one 2023– various times during the 2023 education through sermons and prayer highlighting how much money is needed to run and provide mission.
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meets its financial needs?	Cash Collections, GASDS Claims, Limited Social Events, Occasional Service Fees, Parish Hall Income.

4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	To be confirmed
(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?	Yes

5(a)	<p>What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • last year? • current year? • next year ? 	<p><u>Share requested</u> <u>Share Paid</u></p> <p>Share has always been paid in full until 2022 despite church not opened and lack of fees from services Weddings etc</p> <p>2024 £31,334 £12,0000</p> <p>2025 £32,274 £5,000 paid</p> <p>Monthly payment of £1,000</p>
(b)	Will this year's be met?	No
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	No
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Sent under separate email
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	<p>Poor. Repairs needed:</p> <p>Roof repairs. Extensive work to be carried out inside the building once the church has dried out, e.g., plastering, kitchen and toilet facilities, improve seating (pews to be removed and replaced with more comfortable seating), update heating system. Improve access into the Church for the elderly and disabled. Parking facilities need improvement. Pathway to the church needs improving to make it safe. Large Churchyard to maintain.</p>
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	<p>Since the incident of a large amount of lead theft from St. John's roof in November 2014 the church has undergone major repairs to the roof.</p> <p>No quinquennial has taken place due to closure process.</p>

IV. Outreach and Mission		
1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Links are currently being re-established with Oulton Manor (Nursing & Residential Care for the Elderly). Also outreach to improve awareness of St John's and improve relations with parish through open days, fundraising activities and open meetings.
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Through Sunday worship, small Bible study group which take place throughout the year and relationships with local schools i.e. talks at assemblies.
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Planned Bible study group is helping people think this through. We also try to run an annual joint Lent course, discipleship or explorer course with the benefice
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Stuart Ward has taken a variety of courses through the diocese Lay Pastoral Minister/Occasional Preachers Course and will be commissioned as Lay Worship Leader on the 29 th May 2025.
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	None during 2022
(b)	How much is given annually?	Stated above.
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	PCC's Annual Giving: The Royal British Legion £60. There are also Children's Society Boxes & a Christingle Collection. The Brownies and Guides are also given free use of All Saints' Parish Hall.
(b)	How much is given annually?	Stated above.
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?	Only through contact with baptism families.

(b)	If so, please describe:	See above.
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Our church hall hosts a monthly coffee mornings in the Parish Hall coupled with a Friendship Group on a Monday afternoon and a Knitt and Natter group on a Thursday morning.

6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Stuart Ward takes home communion to any congregation members who are sick.
(b)	If so, who are they?	-
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Work through local schools –

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Involved informally with Rothwell Churches Together.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No.

2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	See above
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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 	<p>Monthly Bible Study for adults (4-6 people)</p> <p>At least one annual discipleship or study course, often joint with the benefice.</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	See above.
(b)	Are the leader's clergy or lay?	Lay, but clergy often attend.
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Strong Stuart Ward will take service of the word monthly and cover on a Thursday. Additionally, he takes weekly Morning/Evening Prayer services at St John's Church. Darren Clarke LLM from Rothwell will also take a monthly service.

(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	
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VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Please see brochure for more information on this section.
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	Pastoral Outreach Growth of people attending different services from different sectors of the community. Giving

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.

Again, please see the brochure for all relevant further information and up to date photographs.

X. The New Priest

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

Please see the brochure for more details of this.

Discussed at the PCC of

Oulton with Woodlesford

on

Signed: Stuart D Ward

Print Name: Stuart David Ward

Office Held: Churchwarden

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

***The Administrator for the Designated Officer
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She will circulate copies to the Patron, Bishop and Archdeacon

***Please keep copies of this form
and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.***