

## 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:	Rothwell
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	Holy Trinity Church
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	We are a Team Benefice: Rothwell, Lofthouse, Methley with Mickletown and Oulton with Woodlesford
4.	Deanery:	South Leeds
5.	Population:  <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	Rothwell: 11500 Most likely more than this as there has been a significant amount of house building since 2011.

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	72
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	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
Holy Communion – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	9.30 am	38	42	4
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday – Jigsaw - in Parish Centre - informal service for all ages	9.30am	N/A	6	5
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday – Service of the Word	9.30am	N/A	7	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – All Age Intergenerational Service	9.30am	N/A		
Last Saturday of Month: Messy Café in Parish Centre	10 – 12noon	N/A	15	12
Sick communion in community Care home and individuals homes.	varying	6 - 10		

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
Holy Trinity	17	2	4	40	9
					4 burial ashes

## 9. Communications

*Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers and E-mail addresses for each church*

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell  Church Street Rothwell Leeds LS26 0QL		Joyce Blakey  Darren Clarke	<b>Parish Administrator:</b> (Paid post) Sue Franks  <b>PCC Secretary:</b> Ian Land  <b>Safeguarding Officer</b> Debbie Mann  <b>Disability Officer</b> Keith Lynch  <b>Environmental Officer</b> John Normington  <b>Director of Music</b> (Paid post) Richard Mayers	Virginia Lynch  Mark Wilkinson  <b>8 Assistant Church Wardens</b>

## 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.	<p>Holy Trinity, Rothwell: The information set out below is primarily based on statistics taken from 'Spotlight 2011'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approx. 11500 people living in Rothwell.</li> <li>• 60% of those people would identify as being (nominally) Christian</li> <li>• 25% state they have no religion</li> <li>• Broad mix of ages with 48% in the 45+ age range.</li> <li>• Commuter belt for Leeds, Bradford and Wakefield.</li> <li>• Residents primarily work in retail and service industries, administrative, managerial and professional jobs.</li> <li>• At least 10% of the population are in receipt of key out-of-work 'benefits'.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 95% white British small percentage accounting for mixed ethnic groups.</li> <li>• 99% of the population have English as their main language.</li> </ul> <p>Mixture of housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 large areas of Council owned property.</li> <li>• Housing association properties</li> <li>• Increasing amount of privately owned housing</li> </ul>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	<p>Rothwell ranks 2958 in the list of parish deprivation (amongst 12,307 where 1=most deprived)</p> <p>We are amongst the most deprived 25% of parishes.</p>
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools:</li> <li>• Youth centres:</li> <li>• Hospitals:</li> <li>• Nursing/elderly persons' homes:</li> <li>• Places of worship of other faiths</li> <li>• Local Businesses:</li> <li>• Neighbourhood initiatives:</li> </ul>	<p>Holy Trinity Rothwell C of E Academy is the 'church school'.</p> <p>Rothwell Primary School</p> <p>Cockburn Haigh Road Academy (infant 4 -7)</p> <p>Rothwell Victoria (junior 7 -11)</p> <p>*Outlon Academy and Rodillian Academy are just outside the Parish but serve it for 11-16+ education.</p> <p>Youth Centre in Rothwell located on Carlton Lane.</p> <p>library/one stop</p> <p>Local Food Bank (Blackburn Hall)</p> <p>Health centre, Several Doctors and Dentists</p> <p>No hospitals in Rothwell but easy access to: Pinderfields in Wakefield,</p> <p>Leeds General Infirmary</p> <p>St. James' Teaching Hospital.</p> <p>1 nursing home: Mulgrave House</p> <p>Other Churches in Rothwell:</p> <p>Rothwell Methodist Church</p> <p>Rothwell Baptist Church</p> <p>St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church</p> <p>2 large supermarkets: Morrisons &amp; Aldi</p> <p>Boots, B &amp; M, Savers, Subway, Specsavers, Card Shop, Pet Shop, 3 Chemists, Nat West Bank, Building Society, Hairdressers, Barbers, Nail Bar, 2 Fish &amp; Chip shops, 3 Estate Agents, several good pubs, restaurants and wine bars, Insurance Brokers, cafes, florist and newsagents.</p> <p>Rothwell Lions</p> <p>Rothwell in Bloom</p> <p>Rothwell Carnival Committee</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations eg tourist group:</li> </ul>	Rothwell Competitive Music Festival Rothwell Park Run Rothwell Working Men's Club Rothwell Cricket Club Rothwell Juniors Football Team
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul>	Leading the march from Church after service to War Memorial for Act of Remembrance. (Uniformed groups and Rothwell Temperance Band in attendance)

### III. Church Information

*Please give details for each church*

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	17%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>65% post 50 yrs</li> <li>60/40 split Women and men</li> <li>97% White Ethnicity</li> <li>3% Asian/Black Ethnicity</li> <li>Large proportion of retired managerial/professionals</li> <li>Working congregation largely managerial/professional middle class.</li> </ul>
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Central – Anglo Catholic Reserved sacrament kept Generally Albs worn at services
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	Approx. £625(2024) 30% Gift aided
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	2025 – Lent groups looked at time/talents
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Relentless fund raising! (events: Fairs, raffles, themed nights, lunches, coffee mornings etc) Rental income from a church owned property Rental income from Telecommunications mast in Tower Income from Parish Centre lettings 100 Club

4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£1067
(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?	All financial matters are monitored by Finance Committee and expenditure is a regular item on the PCC agenda each meeting.

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>last year?</li> <li>current year?</li> <li>next year ?</li> </ul>	<u>Share requested</u> 2024 : £52976 2025 : £38542 2026: ??	<u>Share Paid</u> Paid £47907
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Various building repairs	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	From trust funds	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	PCC Accounts for Jan – Dec 2024 as presented at APCM 2025.	
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church: Grade II Listed building requiring attention as per its age.</li> <li>Fabric generally good.</li> <li>All immediate issues dealt with from last quinquennial</li> <li>Medium term issues mostly dealt with – interrupted by Covid lockdown and lack of maintenance workers.</li> <li>Fabric committee has Church Maintenance Calendar which is updated monthly.</li> <li>Most of the lighting is LED/low energy</li> <li>Parish Centre: of 1970s construction: roof replacement scheduled for February 2023.</li> <li>Parts of the building need refurbishing and updating. Plans for this are already</li> </ul>	

		<p>in hand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underpew heating fitted in the nave</li> </ul>
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabric Committee oversee care of buildings:</li> <li>• Both Parish Centre and Church heating systems are old.</li> <li>• Heat loss survey done and report pending which will enable us to replace/update systems in favour of more efficient systems which will reduce our carbon footprint</li> <li>• We are awaiting a date from our water utility supplier to arrange for detection of a water leak.</li> </ul>

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GFS</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Communion</li> <li>• Visits to Care homes - Carol singing</li> <li>• Open Church</li> <li>• Walk of Witness</li> <li>• Pet -Service</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• School Governors</li> <li>• Park Run</li> </ul>
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday worship</li> <li>• Baptism Visitors</li> <li>• Marriage Prep</li> <li>• Messy Church</li> <li>• Good Friday Walk of Witness</li> <li>• Churchyard: Verses from scripture, hymns, prayers and information about the church put on trees by path used as short cut to the village by many of the community.</li> <li>• Easter: 'Stations of the Cross' on the trees, aimed primarily at younger people, but simple text and cartoon pictures appealed to all ages and we had positive responses to this.</li> <li>• Seasonal decorations placed there regularly.</li> </ul>
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	<p>Advent and Lent Groups Ascension to Pentecost Training for Administration of elements</p>

(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Lay worship leader course – 1 member completed. Introduction to Theology course -3 members of congregation completed. Training for Verger team Environmental Officer – Completed ‘Creation Salvation’ course and Eco Church Bronze award applied for. Disability Reps training Safeguarding training
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Financial support
(b)	How much is given annually?	What ever is raised in Christmas collections – part goes overseas. Positive response to DEC requests for funding for crises such as: Ukraine and Floods in Pakistan
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Children’s Society through Christingle service and individual home boxes Christian Aid – envelope giving Share of Christmas collections to local charities.
(b)	How much is given annually?	Dependent on collections: Christingle approx. £200, Other Christmas collections amounted to approx. £2148.
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?	Yes
(b)	If so, please describe:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism visitors for families wanting baptisms.</li> <li>• Welcome team in Church make sure Church warden and vicar knows when any new face is seen in the congregation.</li> <li>• Church Facebook page</li> </ul>



5.	What part does the church play in community care?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visits to care homes: Services , sick communion and Carol Singing.</li> <li>• Annual Rothwell Beer Festival with Rothwell Lions held in the Parish Centre.</li> <li>• Monthly Friendship Café.</li> <li>• All social events publicised and open to non-church members</li> </ul>
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6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	Jennifer Ward (Assistant Churchwarden) Joyce Blakey (Lay Reader)
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Girls' Friendly Society - Weekly Led by Jennifer Ward and a team of volunteers from the congregation. Messy Café – Monthly Led by Carol Cressall and volunteers from the congregation

## V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Churches Together in Rothwell has ceased but there are informal links with all churches in Rothwell  Good Friday Walk of Witness with soup & rolls after in Parish Centre.
(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:	Holy Trinity C of E Academy
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul>	Abbey Multi Academy Trust
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	160
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	<p>No financial support</p> <p>Present Y6 leavers with bibles Host services: Easter, Harvest and Christmas.</p> <p>School assemblies</p> <p>Visits to church as part of RE studies Eg- Looking at signs and symbols – How do children know that HTC is a place of Christian worship? History: Looking at the building and artefacts in our Heritage area</p>

## 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"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Adults</li> </ul>	<p>Children attend Sunday School during Parish Eucharists. On average there are 3-4 children who attend Sunday School each week.</p> <p>Adults: Advent courses 6-8 Lent Course 6-8</p>
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2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Coffee and Communion monthly
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Quite strong.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Clergy and Lay leadership see using every members gifts and talents in leadership and ministry as important.

## VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Outreach to young people/families Outreach to those between 20 + 45 yrs
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to sustain and grow our Team Identity – help us to overcome/see beyond the geographical obstacles.</li> <li>• Helping us to grow our church</li> <li>• Being a visual presence in the Community</li> </ul>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<b>In no particular order:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combatting the many secular distractions which compete for</li> </ul>

		<p>families' attention on Sunday mornings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach to young people and those between 20yrs and 45yrs</li> <li>• Extending our presence in the community</li> </ul>
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## 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 benefice needs someone with energy and ideas, who will help us all to be at the heart of our communities.

We realise there is a mismatch between the number in the parish who profess themselves to be nominally Christian and the number of people in the pews on any Sunday morning.

## X. The New Priest

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

In no particular order:

### SKILLS

- a LISTENER who LEARNS
- a UNIFIER
- a TEAM STRATEGIST
- a SPIRITUAL LEADER
- a PRACTICAL MANAGER of projects and resources
- an ENABLER of the priests and PCC's in his/her care
- a TEACHER and COACH, encouraging LAY MINISTRY

### EXPERIENCE

- would be helpful to have had experience in a TEAM/CLUSTER with a willingness to encourage CHURCH GROWTH and OUTREACH to young families, teenagers and those between 20 + 45 yrs.

## **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

- ENERGETIC
- HONEST, OPEN,
- INTEGRITY
- INCLUSIVE : WELCOMING of DIVERSITY IN PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES and WORSHIP
- OUTGOING
- DIPLOMATIC
- DISCRETE
- COMPASSIONATE
- SENSITIVE

In short, someone who is:

- A Team Builder
- An Energiser

Someone who has:

- Sense of Humour

Someone who will:

- Bring stability & progress – Build on what we have
- Leave the Parish better than they found it

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