

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: St John the Evangelist, Norley DATE: 24th June 2025

DEANERY: Frodsham

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 1
2. Population. 1254
3. Number on electoral roll. 42
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)
under 16 years of age: 4 16 and over: 63 Benefice
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £ 27268
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 10.50

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: Rev Ron Iveson
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
Rev Hilary Merrinaton (SSM) Rev Jane Parry (SSM)
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers: Ministry Team in Benefice do help
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:

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THE PARISH

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

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? static

(b) settled or mobile? settled

3. Is the population

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

retired / middle aged

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

Yes

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

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 80% - 90%

(b) local authority: 5% - 10%

(c) privately rented: 5% - 10%

5. Please list:

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

Norley C of E Academy

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes 1

(c) any youth centres? No

(d) any community centres? Yes

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: _____

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

7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?

No

8. Are there any links with local industry?

No

9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?

No

CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition? Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label?

Central

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

1 Family Communion on 1st Sunday in month

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion - if both, please State?
Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: Common Worship

Is there a traditional use of

eucharist vestments? Yes/No Yes

coloured stoles? Yes/No Yes

scarf and hood? Yes/No No

4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

Hymns Old and New

Mission Praise (by screen projection)

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 10%

(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?

Yes - the elderly.

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:

20

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms: 2
of confirmation candidates: 0
of weddings: 2
of funerals in church: 4
in crematoria: 1

8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? Yes/No

No

If so, how many children were admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation during the last year? _____

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. Name of the parish church: St John the Evangelist

Year(s) built: 1878

Date of last quinquennial inspection: 2021

List any urgent repair work still to be done:

Roof and gutters
Chancel floor tiling

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

3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/replacement? Yes/No No. No Parsonage House

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, adjacent to the Church car park. Good Order. Used by Church and rented out Car Park adjacent to churchyard - Reasonable condition.

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No Yes
 Is it still in use? Yes/No Yes
 How many new graves were opened last year? 2
 How many re-openings were there last year? 1
 Estimate how many years are available for new graves: 5
 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?
No _____
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

Classical Concert
Christmas Meal.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
incumbent £ _____ assistant clergy £ 1080
 (b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not
YES
 (c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed
Actual Claimed
 Is a claim form used? Yes
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 20264
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 Yes
 If not, what amount was paid: £ _____
 In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share?
 Yes/No Yes
7. Is there any capital project in hand at the moment? Yes/No Yes
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.
Dry Rot in Chancel floor. To be advised. Met by local appeal

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 Academy
(b) Number of children on roll: 105
Is the number static/rising/falling? static

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

One short Service each week in school led by clergy.
At three weekly intervals on a Thursday morning a Communion service is held in Church and is attended by the school top class.
School attend Church for Christian Festival services and a school leavers service.
Church organises some experience events - Easter Christmas etc. The school has four Church foundation Governors.

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

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

(a) children:

Monthly family service
In conjunction with other churches in the Benefice:-
Second Sunday @6
4th Sunday Family event

(b) young people:

In conjunction with other churches in the Benefice:-
Second Sunday @6
4th Sunday Family event
Weekly Youth Club

(c) adults

In conjunction with other Churches in the Benefice:-
Weekly Study Groups
Lenten and Advent studies.

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: _____

(b) young people: Youth Club 15

(c) adults: Mother's Union

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Benefice prayer group every Monday.

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?

Strong lay leadership. Strength through teamwork.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). No

3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

Encouragement and support to become involved in readings, prayers and bible study

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Good relationship with the Norley Methodist Church.

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

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

Clergy to Methodist 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.

Runcorn Food bank
Premature Baby blankets and bonnets for local hospital

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

No

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

Yes. Follow up to the fifth Anniversary
Post funeral follow-up when appropriate

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

Pastoral visits and home Communion.

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

Yes. Pastoral visits

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

Remembrance Services to include Scouts, ATC etc

PUBLICATIONS

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

To be financially viable and so be able to keep open for regular worship
To increase congregation
To reduce congregation age profile

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

Young families and schools

Signed on behalf of the PCC: 

Office held: WARDEN.

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

1. The Bishop of Chester
2. The Suffragan Bishop
3. The Archdeacon
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).
6. The Rural Dean
7. The Deanery Lay Chair
8. The PCC representatives