



The Good Shepherd and St Barnabas, Manchester



PARISH PROFILE 2017

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Welcome



Welcome to the Parish Profile of the Church of Resurrection and St. Barnabas in the Parish of the Good Shepherd & St. Barnabas, in the Ardwick Deanery of Manchester Diocese. We hope you will find the information outlined in this profile useful as you seek the Lord's guidance for your future place of ministry.

Our Parish is situated in the central east area (Eastlands) of Manchester, this means that we are well placed within two miles radius of Manchester City Centre, close to all public transportation system, shopping amenities, businesses and social life.

We are a welcoming and vibrant church, diverse in age, ethnicity and church tradition. We are blessed with many excellent lay people to support our ministry and clergy. Prayer and worship is central to all we do, that we may be united and rooted in Jesus Christ as we seek to serve our community and the wider world in building up the Kingdom of God.

As in our interregnum prayer, we ask God for heavenly wisdom to choose a new incumbent who is a wise and gentle shepherd of people, ready to serve us with joy, build us up in faith and lead us by example. We are looking for someone to offer clear spiritual direction and strong and effective leadership as we seek to expand our ministry and outreach within the parish.

May you be blessed in the service of the Lord and his people, Amen.

Vision

Our current vision statement is:

- Living and sharing God's love in this place.
- We do that by our worship, by sustaining a life of prayer and by our community projects.

This is currently being reviewed as part of our Mission Action Planning process, which we are in the middle of presently.

In terms of numbers our church has grown significantly over recent years and continues to do so. Our life of prayer and worship is central to all we do.

Although not yet finalised, it is likely that our renewed vision statement and Mission Action Plan will reflect the following things that are important to us:

- that, as the Parish Church, we are at the heart of the area with good community links and continuing to be part of the regeneration of Eastlands;
- that the significant growth of the church that we have seen over the recent years continues;
- that we are family orientated and continue to be welcoming and caring;
- that we play a part in the spiritual development of Church and Community.
- that we facilitate appropriate social events to help encourage people to come to Church.

One of the challenges we currently face, which will need to be addressed in the near future, is the limitations of our church building. Although it is not old, the growth has been such that we are struggling for space both for worship and to enable us to serve our community in the way that we want to.

What we are looking for

We would like our next Incumbent to be:

- someone able to engage with people from diverse backgrounds and across all ages;
- someone who can reach above social and economic barriers in order to build the Church with Jesus Christ at the centre;
- someone who can lead us spiritually and practically in building up the Kingdom of God.

What we offer

We can offer our next Incumbent:

- a welcoming and diverse church family with a variety of age groups;
- a church that is open to new ideas and initiatives;
- support from a Lay Ministers;
- established links with C. E. School of the Resurrection (Aided) and St. Barnabas CE Primary Academy;
- accommodation in St Barnabas' Rectory, located on South Street, Manchester, M11 2EY, approximately 1 mile from the church building and in the Lower Openshaw part of the parish. The detached property has a private front and enclosed back garden and a separate garage. Downstairs comprises a hallway, cloakroom, study, living room, separate dining room, kitchen and utility room. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and a family bathroom.



About us

Church Building



Ours is a new church building that opened in 2011, with an approximate seating capacity 120. Our church building contains a small café area and the main worship space is flexible enough to be used for a variety of purposes in addition to worship. There has been no Quinquennial Inspection to date although one is due imminently.

Location

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Local Community

The local community can be described as an inner city area of Manchester. The area, still developing, has benefited from massive investment from local and international business organisations, thereby pulling in professionals from across the United Kingdom and worldwide. Hence, the population continues to rise and has a mix of ages from varied social and ethnic backgrounds.

There are social-economic challenges for the community such as poverty, lack of qualifications, and lack of sustainable employment, deprivation and low male life expectancy. There is a lot of social housing as well as new houses and flats, which are privately owned and let.

There are large numbers of industrial buildings within our parish and an array of institutions situated within the local community (although not all within the parish) such as the Etihad Complex, Manchester College – Openshaw Campus, Asda Eastlands, and a few shops, pubs and take away restaurants.

There is good engagement from the local community through various outreach work by the Church such as our Community Café and shop, 'Growing in the City' community garden and Men's Shed project and assorted social groups. We also host regularly community meals and, since 2015, have provided Christmas lunch free of charge on Christmas day to anyone who needs somewhere to go and something to eat. For the past two years we have been part of the Greater Manchester Winter Night Shelter, providing hospitality and overnight accommodation to homeless men.

We have two Church of England Primary Schools and this creates a number of links with members of our local community.

The population of our parish is approximately 9,500.

Worship



Our current worship pattern is as follows.

Sunday	10 am	Sung Eucharist Service (Common Worship Order 1)
	12 noon	Holy Baptism (as required)
	2 pm	'Afternoon Church' at St Barnabas Academy (once a month)
	7.30 pm	We have recently introduced 'alternative' evening worship in a range of styles including 'prayer and praise', Taize, and BCP choral evensong (once a month)
Wednesday	12 noon	Said Eucharist (Common Worship Order 1)

In addition, Morning Prayer is said in church each day, led by a mixture of clergy and lay people. This takes place at 9.30 am Monday – Friday and at 8.30 am on Saturday and Sunday.

Lay people as well as clergy take Communion to the sick and housebound on a regular basis.

Robes are worn by the clergy (alb and stole for sacramental worship, with chasuble on Sundays) and by the serving team, which is comprised of a crucifer, acolytes and servers.

Our worship has a strong liturgical flavour whilst also holding together the diversity of traditions and cultures represented within the congregation.

‘Afternoon Church’ is a sacramental fresh expression that began in 2016, taking place once a month in the hall at St Barnabas Academy, in the Lower Openshaw part of the parish. The identification of a need for a worshipping presence in that part of the parish and seeks to combine the traditions of sacramental worship with an accessible and interactive contemporary approach.



Congregation

Our congregation is diverse in many ways: gender (approximately 30% male and 70% female); age (a full range of ages, with about 1/3 being children or young people); ethnicity (British, African, West Indian and Chinese); and church tradition (there are those who would identify as 'catholic' as well as those who would identify as 'evangelical').

There are currently 71 on our electoral roll of which 34 live in the parish. Of those that do not live within the parish, many have a strong historical link with the church (or one of her predecessors) that they have chosen to maintain despite moving out of the area.

The total average weekly attendance from 2015 – 2017 inclusive is 78. This figure has risen from 67 in 2015, to 81 in 2016 and 86 in 2017.

The average weekly attendance of children and young people under 16 has also risen in recent years from 22 in 2015, to 26 in 2016 and 29 in 2017.

Statistics for the past 12 months are as follows:

Baptisms	21
Admission to Holy Communion before confirmation	17
Confirmation	2
Marriages	3
Funerals	11 (6 took place in church)
Christmas communicants (all services)	185
Easter communicants (all services)	231

Ministry Team



In addition to the Rector we currently have a stipendiary curate, Revd Katy Cunliffe, (although she is due to leave us in 2018) and one non-stipendiary priest with Permission to Officiate across the Diocese, Revd Lorraine Cooke.

Over recent years, the lay ministry at our church has begun to develop significantly, both informally and formally. We currently have four Authorised Lay Ministers who, together with our clergy, form a Ministry Team. This is still in its infancy and needs further development.

One member of our congregation has recently left us to begin training for ordained ministry and others are currently exploring whether God may be calling them to ordained ministry. We are a parish, which has welcomed people on placement for short or long periods, and we have had a CEMES volunteer recently.

Schools

Schools work as an important part of our ministry. We have the following schools situated within the Parish: C. E. School of the Resurrection (Aided); St. Barnabas CE Primary Academy; Ashbury Meadows Primary School; St Brigid's RC Primary School; St Anne's RC Primary School; East Manchester Academy; Connell Sixth Form College; The Manchester College Openshaw Campus; and Manchester City Football Academy.



We are actively involved in C. E. School of the Resurrection (Aided) and St. Barnabas CE Primary Academy through:

- regularly leading Collective Worship in both schools;
- leading termly Eucharist services with both schools, sometimes held in school and sometimes in church;
- 'Back to School Sunday' service in the Parish Church for both Schools;
- foundation governor presence on the Governing Body of both Schools;
- facilitating pupils from both schools to visit the Church for educational visits as well as worship;
- both schools contribute to and participate in Church events such as the Christmas Carol service, posada, Christmas Fair, and Easter worship;
- monthly 'Afternoon Church' held at St Barnabas Academy;
- we have also been involved in running an after-school 'faith club' at St Barnabas Academy although this is not happening currently;
- preparation for admission to communion in both schools with year 3.

Church Activities and Groups

The social and spiritual life of the Church meets with the community through various Church based groups and activities:

- Our community café and shop, offering a space for community, friendship and socialising (currently open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings).

PRICE LIST
2.50 BREAKFAST: - 1 BACON, 1 EGG, 1 SAUSAGE, BEANS, TOMATOES, TEA/COFFEE & 2 TOAST
Any extra items 40p each
Bacon Sandwich £1.30
Sausage Sandwich £1.30
Cheese on Toast £1.30
Egg Sandwich 90p
Beans on Toast 90p
Toast 25p per slice
Tea 40p
Coffee 60p
Hot Chocolate 50p
Soft Drinks 50p / Cans 65p
Cappuccino 60p



- Growing in the City community garden and Men's Shed project with opportunities for learning new skills and to help each other to improve and safeguard men's wellbeing (Wednesday and Thursday daytimes).



- Regular community Meals, including Christmas dinner on Christmas day for those needing somewhere to go or something to eat



- For the past two years, we have been part of the Greater Manchester Winter Night Shelter, providing hospitality and overnight accommodation to homeless men. Although we are not able to host this this year, we hope that we will do so again in the future.



- 'Tuesday Club' meets every other week offering friendship, games and refreshments



- Our Sunday class for children and young people take place during the main service each week, except for the last Sunday of the month. They share with us what they've been doing at the end of the service.



- Our youth group, for those in school year 6 and above, meets each Sunday evening and is joint with St Cross Church in Clayton and St Cuthbert's and Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting.



- Church Brigade meets weekly, in church, on Friday evenings.
- Our Ladies' group (formally the Mothers' Union) meets monthly on Tuesday evenings.
- The craft group meet each week on Thursday daytime.

- Bible study groups take place during Advent and Lent; there is scope to develop this further.



- The Christmas Fair is a regular event for both our church and community. We have regular trips out as a parish (most recently to South port) and occasional community fun days.



Ecumenism and Neighbouring Churches

We work in an informal mission partnership with St Cross Church, Clayton and Church of the Apostles with St Cuthbert's, Miles Platting. Together, we have gained funding for a project called 'Growing East Manchester' which enables us to employ a Community Development Worker to work across our three parishes, helping us to collaborate on projects that serve our communities such as the Greater Manchester Winter Night Shelter, and Friday Fellowship with Food and Friends at Church of the Apostles.

Our clergy meet regularly to pray together and support one another and we are currently working together to offer joint confirmation preparation for young people. Links with the churches in Miles Platting have, historically, been stronger and we have traditionally had some joint services (Easter Vigil and All Souls).



Together with the churches from Miles Platting and Christians from local Nazarene churches, we are part of an occasional gathering called 'Reflection Lounge', which meets at Costa Coffee for live music, a quiz, testimony, and sharing.

There is a strong Roman Catholic presence in the area as well as a number of Pentecostal churches. There are no formal links with either.

Kingdom Family Pentecostal Church uses our Church building for worship.

We have an informal twinning relationship, through members of our congregation, with St John's Anglican Church in Ghana.

Communication

To keep in touch with our church family and the wider community we employ a variety of communication media such as a weekly notice sheet which details Sunday Service Readings, Collect, up and coming events and notices

The Good Shepherd and St Barnabas website contains a wealth of information regarding the parish past and present and as an up to date diary, administered by one of our congregation and can be found at www.resurrectionstbarnabas.org.uk.

We also have a Facebook page under the name of The Good Shepherd and St Barnabas, and a twitter page [@ResurrectionStb](https://twitter.com/ResurrectionStb), which is full of information on what events are taking place.

Finances

We have always paid the Parish Share and met the expenses of the Incumbent in full. We make regular donations to our associated Schools, Church Organisations and Christian Charities. This is necessary to support the home and overseas mission work. Our last stewardship campaign was in 2015. There is room for improvement with our regular giving but people are good at making additional contributions throughout the year when an appeal is made for specific needs.

Contacts

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