

# Parish Profile

## Mission Statement

*Walking with Jesus, loving each other, learning together.*

*All rooted in worship, prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit.*



# All Saints

## Liverpool

### Growing God's Kingdom

Discipleship | Community | Justice | Sanctuary.



Parish Church

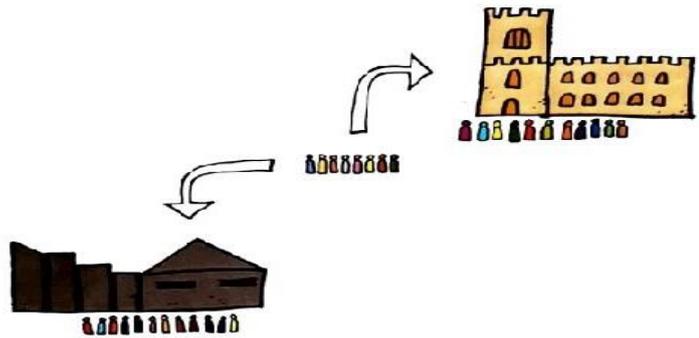


Worship Centre



**OUR STORY:** We are a church family who recognise our place on the 'frontline,' resourced through community with the Holy Spirit and each other; always looking for new ways to serve and display God's love.

The population of this parish is **21361**.



We are an 'inner city' parish ; a place of mission with a commitment to serve those on the margins and beyond ; a mixed economy church ; a

diverse cultural mix; 0 to 90 years of age ; a church community that always seeks to grow in numbers and faith ; committed to working ecumenically ; we

It ranks **125** out of **12382**, where 1 is the most deprived This means that the parish is among the most deprived in the country.

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share our love of Jesus, thereby inviting all into a relationship with Him, this is intrinsic in all we do.



Recent developments have brought new housing investment into the area. This alongside the development of the Royal Liverpool Hospital and a growing number of student homes gives many new opportunities to serve.



## WHO ARE WE?

We are a single benefice with four buildings born as a result of closing parishes moving from a place of maintenance and survival to mission and service.

We are open evangelical, charismatic renewal with membership of the New Wine Leaders Network.

We are also a 'Frontline' church as identified by LICC. This means identifying the primary place of mission as that which we spend most of our time, our 'frontline,' resourced through the community of Church as a place of support and evangelism.

Our goal is to reach everybody in our community who is under oppression from people, systems and addiction. We believe that through the good news of Jesus Christ lives can be transformed.

We are situated within a community where some wrestle with addiction to drugs and alcohol, and sex workers operate outside one of our church buildings. People struggle with poverty and poor housing conditions. There are a number of hostels (3 male, 1 female) providing support to the homeless and a large number of shared or supported accommodations.



## THE PARISH SETTING

All Saints Liverpool is an inner-city parish and it covers the Liverpool areas of L6 and L7, specifically Kensington, Edge Hill, and Fairfield.

We have areas of established housing built in the 1860's, 1930's and areas of regeneration led new build. The parish includes a number of junior schools and one senior academy. The area is poorly served by community resources, which makes the church hall a key resource.

The people of the area are a mix of families, transitory students at the city's universities, immigrants and asylum seekers, waiting for final rights to stay in the UK.

The parish is close to Liverpool city centre, the river Mersey, the Royal Liverpool Hospital, Anfield and Goodison football stadia, two cathedrals and 3 university campuses.

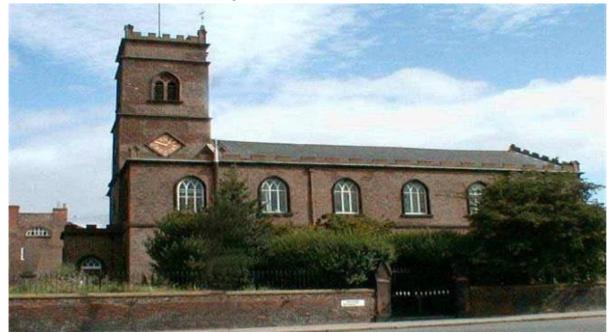
Liverpool has easy access to North Wales and the Lake District.

### The Vicarage and Office:

The vicarage is situated on Lockerby Road and is a few minutes walk from the Hub. It is a four bedroom detached family home with gardens to front, side and rear. It includes a utility room, dining room, living room, study, garage and off-road parking. Viewings can be arranged.



Personal office space is provided at The Hub which includes an office for both incumbents and the curate as well as Community Pastors.



Through the opportunity given by lockdown we have been thinking about the future and believe God is calling us to invest in the following:

- **A Church that socialises and laughs together**
- **Church wide mentoring scheme**
- **New Children's Worker (paid)**
- **Re-establish schools ministry**
- **New Horizons Community Pastor**
- **New Shop Manager within church plant.**



## CAN YOU HELP US...

in fulfilling the post of Vicar at All Saints Church?

The parish has two full time Vicars who work within an equal partnership and across a non-hierarchical structure. **This means that the relationship between the current Vicar and the holder of this post is key.** This structure reflects our different cultures and gives equal value to all people.

Can you be part of a conversation to bring greater **understanding and equality** within the cultural and worshipping life of the church?  
Are you excited by the possibilities of **transforming lives** struggling in addiction and working alongside the Community Pastor to develop new ministries for recovery?  
Will you journey with those who wrestle through the injustice of our asylum system?

## WE CAN OFFER YOU.....

a journey with God supported by a family that is diverse, full of humour, willing to serve and together wants to transform this community in Jesus name.

opportunities for planting new congregations

The chance to see lives changed and new people coming to faith

life-long friendships

## As part of our team can you help us discern.....

- Our response to deepening economic hardships;
- Discipling and mentoring a diverse congregation;
- Pioneering new congregations (including ministry amongst those in addiction and sex work; a community based around a shop; new children and youth work) in the face of huge changes;
- in a post lockdown environment reaching those excluded communities and help manage the church under the ever changing and challenging restrictions;
- developing new and exciting relationships with partners in evangelism and mission?

Can you recognise God at work in the most amazing way and challenging places and be prepared to walk alongside people in the hardest and chaotic of journeys, experiencing God in places often untouched by church.

Be the lead into re-establishing a creative and real schools ministry working particularly in 3 local non-church schools developing after school time as church?



**Meet Mike** the current 'other' vicar, considered to be mission minded driven by God to confront injustice and work for fairness within the community. He has a passion in, the fight for Climate justice and is a Christian Aid speaker.; In the rights of asylum seekers, and in issues of justice locally. He is someone who has planted missional communities in a variety of settings and looks for an intentional cultural representation across the church ministries.....

He is completely committed to equal partnership in this ministry recognising that this equal relationship between the clergy is key. This will not be suitable for all but is considered an essential ingredient to the leadership roles within this parish.

He seeks the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire and would look to develop and grow the relationship through prayer Bible study and the odd beer! He loves to worship through contemporary music even playing a bit of guitar himself hindered by dodgy singing! Married with grown up children and grandchildren he offers the support of his family to settle and grow in ministry. He is part of the New Wine leaders network.

He says, 'if you are looking for 'nice' and 'comfortable' a church with 'proper' liturgy and 'order,' then we are not the place for you. If you seek challenge and mess and chaos and revel in church being real through creativity and courage. If you are prepared to walk emotionally draining journeys to see Gods kingdom grow and transform lives then maybe you are the person for this job. What we can promise you is God in action in the most amazing ways and a belief that as a team committed through our love of Jesus to each other we can transform this community.'

This is a place where you can develop gifts and skills knowing you would have the support to discern creative and courageous ministry.

Normally a church may say we would like you to lead and develop this that or the other and whilst we hope you could lead on the church plant development at ASK and re-establish children and youth ministry alongside developing a church wide discipleship programme, we would want to hold onto the possibility that Gods plans would overshadow ours and that you could introduce us to 'new' ways of being church to seek growth and discipleship.





The Hub is the place of administration and includes a part time administrator and offices for staff.

ASK is a community shop for pre-loved clothing and is a Church plant.



The Worship Centre includes well used Community rooms and has the Hub within its grounds.

The Parish Church, built in 1812 and a second place of worship for the parish.



Worship is relaxed and contemporary, services are supported through the use of a projector, sharing Gods word is central alongside modern music. We celebrate at any opportunity whilst still taking the struggles in life head on in prayer.



## MISSION IS WHAT WE DO!

**New Horizons:** A fringe community including those with addiction, homeless and sex workers or for whom 'normal' Sunday worship is more difficult to attend. With a leadership team led by a Community Pastor and supported through Joshua Centre money. Now holding a regular Friday worship time with food.

**Pardis:** A Farsi and Kurdish congregation with a leadership team led by a Community Pastor and supported by the Joshua Centre. It had a good online presence through COVID restrictions via Zoom and now has returned to weekly worship each Friday.



**ASK** (All Saints Kensington) is our community shop and church plant. It is the home of a weekly 'Pantry' (a community shop) and gives value for money on re-used clothes. It has a part time Shop manager (paid) and holds community building events such as crafts and an informal Communion service. A part of this role would be to lead on further developing this as a church community.

### ECO,‡ CHURCH

**AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT:** In response to the world emergency of climate change we examined all aspects of church life obtaining a silver award from Eco Church. A public declaration recognising the climate emergency drives all our decisions seeking to be carbon neutral in 5 years.

**MITE:** (Mission in the economy) involving a local chaplaincy to Local Solutions, a charity supporting individuals, families and communities with a primary focus on those experiencing disadvantage, exclusion and vulnerability.

**Mothers Union:** A very active, lively and supportive group meeting monthly and involved in a series of social activity. Their Christmas service has become legendary.





**Home / Bible study groups:** 3 groups meet weekly with a Zoom based Bible reading group that started during lockdown.



**Worship Group:**

Responsible for music in both with regular practices. During lockdown they have produced a series of online songs.



**Foodbank:** As part of the Trussell Trust and supported by North Liverpool Foodbank we run a weekly provision of food from a local Community Centre. The pressures on this have been huge through COVID with 3 time's as many people seeking help. We are also able to provide vouchers for the Foodbank.

**Celebrate Recovery** – A weekly 12 steps Jesus centred programme that was stopped through COVID, still not recommenced.



**Leadership:**



The Leadership Team consists of 2 vicars, 1 curate, 6 Lay Readers, 2 Community Pastors, 2 wardens and 1 assistant warden. We intentionally seek a representative leadership.

As a resource church- seeking to enable people fulfil their calling- we have identified, resourced and sent a large number of leaders into full time ministry, to help with new church plants and work as leaders within other churches. We currently support an ordinand in training and have an additional three people who regularly speak at church services.

**Partnerships:** Include Asylum Link; ecumenical partners; L'Arche; homeless charities (Whitechapel); Charities working with addiction and street sex workers; Care 4 Calais; Adelaide House and local schools.



- Offering practical support and friendship to refugees and asylum seekers -

**Overseas Mission Links:** INF in Nepal; CMS in Paraguay; Bible translation in Argentina and a local parish in Uganda.



## Post Lockdown

In response to the pandemic and a significant online presence we have continued through to connect with people via ....

- prayers Monday – Wednesday (x2) on Zoom;
- Monthly Sunday evening prayer meeting in person and on Zoom
- Bible study on Zoom;
- Experiments with Sunday worship online;
- Pardis in person and online;
- Well resourced worship spaces with desktop computers, projectors and cameras.

This is an ever-changing landscape, and the challenge is to develop new ways of being church alongside our more traditional methods. We are also looking to a 'hybrid' in meetings with Zoom and building based activity and exploring the opportunity to 'stream' some services and meetings.



COVID has seen many questions and challenges breaking into our conversations about who we are and what is our purpose as a church. It has challenged us to re-evaluate the areas of ministry God calls us to. In a recent conversation we recognised our current ministry is almost starting again and working within a new church plant. This is messy sometimes chaotic ministry with a significant emotional and physical cost.

Questions such as, 'does our worship really represent excellence?' Are we called to serve in all the ways we work? How effective is our discipleship? If we are seeking to be a place of transformation how effective are we? Do we bring people into a new relationship with Jesus?

Fit 4 Mission is a conversation with the Diocese that has yet to arrive within our deanery. It is likely it will arrive in 2/3 years time and have significant impact.

We introduced 'sanctuary' into our mission statement as we recognised the 'Hub' had become a vital place to provide support. It is an important part of our ministry with outreach through social support; food; practical help and a place people come in crisis. It is so busy we often hold meetings away from it or nothing would get done. Using the word Sanctuary we recognise it as a place of safety; prayer; relationship; love; humour and honesty. It would be an important part of day to day ministry. We regularly respond to addiction; homelessness; loneliness; violence; mental health; modern day slavery; asylum issues; street sex workers and immigration support. We are Church and so take these and all opportunities to recognise in the chaos before us Gods love and in the difficult journey of support God's patience and grace and often are left worshipping Gods activity. We aren't the experts but are prepared to walk journeys with partners who are.

## **The City**

Liverpool is a vibrant and exciting city to live in. It continues to benefit from huge investment that has changed the city beyond any recognition.

It is a place of creativity and is noted for lovely restaurants bars, wonderful architecture, lively music, numerous theatre venues and the world class arena.

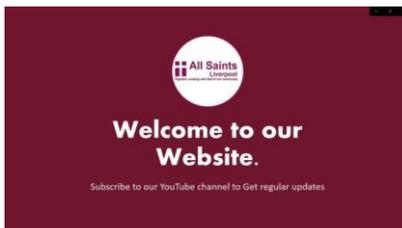
It has an amazing almost unique sense of humour which can be seen in its view of itself as well as through its culture.

Sport is important to most with two Premier League clubs in Everton and Liverpool Football clubs, Rugby league teams in St Helens and Wigan and city wide sporting opportunities.

For further information visit [www.visitliverpool.com](http://www.visitliverpool.com)



**SCOUSE**  
*(noun)*  
1. Like a normal language, but cooler.



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## CPAS



All Saints Bible verse 2023

*'You Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands.'*

## Quiz

At the interview you may hear some of these words .....

- Boss.
- Sound.
- G'Wed.
- Made Up.
- Trabs.
- Webs. ...
- Kecks. ...
- Bins.

Extra points for knowing what they mean as they may prove essential in your ministry!