



# PARR MOUNT HOLY TRINITY

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PARISH PROFILE



We are seeking to appoint a Priest in Charge for the single parish of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount. We are following God as He guides us into a new chapter of our life together, to work with Transform North West to plant a Resource Church. We have a vision to grow a new community, building on our rich heritage and focused on the needs of young people, young families and young adults.

We have, with the help of our deanery and the wider diocese, put all of the foundation stones in place: a formal agreement between our PCC and Transform North West, a draft pastoral scheme to reorganise our parish out of our existing team, and we are letting go of some of our current practices in order to see God birth something new. This work means the community of Holy Trinity is truly standing on the edge of something new. However in terms of the details of mission and ministry development, this opportunity is almost a blank canvas.

We are now seeking to appoint a new leader who God will use to guide us into the next phase. The right person will relish the challenge to grow a Resource Church to scale, forming and leading a significant staff team. The task for our new leader will be to reimagine mission and ministry that will see Holy Trinity grow quickly, plant again and keep planting.

We offer a bold plan, a vision to see our parish and town transformed that is backed by the deanery and Diocese. We offer our full support and prayer, together with ministerial development, coaching and encouragement through the staff of Transform North West. In addition a significant amount of financial resource is available (from SDF, Diocese and Deanery), to seed the future growth.

## About our Town and Deanery

With a population of 177,000, St Helens is a former coal-mining and glassmaking (Pilkington Glass) town. Beechams also had its home in the town. As with many post-industrial towns St Helens has challenges driven by areas of deprivation.

However, there are signs of real hope and opportunity. The local authority is considering a major redevelopment of the town centre, and St Helens Deanery has recently agreed an action plan to support mission and ministry into, and through, this season including the recent launching of Street Pastors.

This is an exciting time to be part of St Helen's Deanery. Clergy have been working together to operate in a more joined up and collaborative way: sharing skills and expertise. There is a desire to work across and beyond parish boundaries. We are recruiting clergy who are team players, dynamic people who are able to work creatively and in partnership with others. As a deanery we are committed to empowering the laity and to work collaboratively to the glory of God, recognising and encouraging each other's skills and talents.



We have created a Deanery Partnership, a guiding coalition of clergy and laity who meet together to discern vision, and we are also using our deanery Mission and Growth fund to support projects that operate across the boundaries of our parishes. There is a history in St Helens of good relationships with the council and other agencies. An ecumenical Church Leaders Hub is working together to build on the goodwill that we have. Representatives of a wide range of churches, Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Pentecostal, URC, etc meet monthly to share news, create joint initiatives and pray for each other and the town

## Our Parish

The parish population is 2,310 and the IMD rank is 12,594. The church building is situated on one of the main arterial roads in and out of the town centre. It is serviced by many of the major bus services that run through the town (and wider region). It is surrounded by an abundance of car parking spaces. As a result of this prominence the building is known and loved across a much wider area than our immediate parish. Colloquially, it is often referred to as the 'giraffe church' in reference to the architectural impact of the copper slag and cement that renders the Victorian element of our building.

# THE CHURCH AND ITS PEOPLE

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We have a rich history, a deep hope and in the past have experienced significant growth within the evangelical/charismatic wing of the church. Many of us have experienced the Holy Spirit working in our lives and church community.

Following a number of challenging years seeking God's future for Holy Trinity, we are now gathered around the vision of being re-planted as a church that will resource the St Helens Deanery for church planting. We are currently a small community, made up of just over 20 adults. Some of us have worshipped at Holy Trinity for a number of years and some have joined more recently to gather around the new vision.

Once a month we meet, supported by the wider Transform North West team, to worship and pray for the future in the context of a public act of worship. A smaller team meets weekly to further our plans, and deepen our prayer that God will continue to build His church. Our hope is that as we journey together towards the launch date in September 2020, God will use these meetings to grow our team and widen our community.

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## The Church and its building, in the Community

Our building is grade 2 listed, situated within a busy shopping area. We have a long and continuing tradition of being a hub of community activity with our building used extensively throughout the week by a range of different community groups. We have a strong link with a local primary school, are used by the local authority as the location for a youth club, and we also house a local Food Bank.

The church recently received a grant from English Heritage and is undergoing repair/re-ordering work as part of the Transform North West project.



## Our Staff Team

Growth on the scale we are hoping and praying for will be unprecedented in our town. We are therefore realistic, as are the national church through their financial support of the Transform Northwest project, that these goals will need to be resourced with a significant staff team.

Alongside this post, and the curate who started in St Helens in June 2019, by September 2020 we want to recruit and deploy:

- An ordinand training for ministry at St Mellitus North West
- A Worship Pastor (part-time)
- A Youth Minister (part-time)
- A Children's and Families Minister (part-time)
- An Operations Manager (part-time)

We are hoping to begin recruitment immediately upon making appointment to this position, giving our new leader the opportunity to shape and select their team.

# HOUSING

**There is currently no vicarage within the parish, however there are a number of available clergy houses within the wider deanery. We will offer housing post interview to be able to best match housing to the needs of the post holder and their family.**



## About Transform Northwest

Transform North West focuses on three strategic towns, St Helens, Warrington and Widnes, and aims to create a self-sustaining capacity for church planting and growth in the archdeaconry of St Helens and Warrington. The last two years have been a huge learning experience. We have learned the lessons of a growing plant in Widnes, as well as more challenging plants elsewhere. We have therefore reset the project, in line with the areas in which we have experienced fruit.

The Church Planting Network initially encompasses the three Resource Churches. Their growth to scale will be encouraged by providing senior leadership, strategic direction, and financial and outcome based accountability.

### These church plants will:

- be grounded in existing Parish and Deanery frameworks retaining normative parochial governance structures (but removed from existing Team Ministries).
- be a full part of a coherent strategy to reset, grow and then replant
- focus on forms of church and ministry that are relevant to youth, young adults and young families (the least represented demographic within our existing parish churches).

- enter into a formal relationship with the Transform North West board (under the leadership of the Bishop of Warrington).
- develop a contextually appropriate plan for mission and ministry that delivers against the outcomes of the Transform North West project.

### Transform North West Project Outcomes:

- To plant/revitalise a Resource Church in the Deaneries of St Helens, Warrington and Widnes.
- To see each of these plants grow their membership by around 50 adults each year (with 2/3 of this growth coming from unchurched and dechurched people).
- For the average giving per person to be at least the Diocesan average of £10 per adult per week and each church to therefore increase it's giving income by £25,000 each year (£500 per week).
- To grow church communities in which 2/3 are young people, young adults and/or young families.
- To plant a further church, or be planning to plant, from each of the initial Resource Church plants by the end of the project.

# TNW

You can find out more information about the project, and the other churches we work with, by visiting [tnw.church](http://tnw.church).