



DIOCESE OF CHESTER

PARISH FACT SHEET

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.MARY'S,DISLEY with ST.JOHN'S, FURNESS VALE DATE: 15 February 2018

DEANERY: CHADKIRK

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: | <u>Two</u> |
| 2. Population. | <u>6,680</u> |
| 3. Number on electoral roll. | <u>153</u> |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>) under 16 years of age: | <u>10</u> |
| 16 and over: | <u>50</u> |
| 5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>): | <u>£ 133,687</u> |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: | <u>£ 14.00</u> |

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Revd Margaret Jean Owens
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
None
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
Readers:John Owens,Janet Aspinall,Jack Fuller, Rob Stoba. Pastoral Workers:J. Kidd,W. Luxon, M. Hobart
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:

Children and Families Worker: Sarah Baker -(Employee- 37.5 hours per week)

THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural? Covers three villages
2. Is the population
- (a) static rising or falling? Rising
- (b) settled or mobile? Mixed
3. Is the population
- (a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? Comprises all three
- (b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? Yes- all of these groups
- (c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:
- None
4. Estimate the proportion of housing:
- (a) owner-occupied: Disley-70% Newtown/Furness Vale -50%
- (b) local authority: Disley-20% Newtown/Furness Vale -30%
- (c) privately rented: Disley- 10% Newtown/Furness Vale - 20%
5. Please list:
- (a) number and types of schools in the parish:
- Disley County Primary School - (pupils approx 300)

Newtown County Primary School - (pupils approx 100)

Furness Vale County Primary School - (pupils approx 100)
- (b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: Two
- (c) any youth centres? None
- (d) any community centres? Two. One in Disley and one in Furness Vale
- (e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: None

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

None

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

Vicar leads "Civic Sunday" each year.

8. Are there any links with local industry?

No, but members of the church family are local business people or involved with local businesses

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? Evangelical

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

St. Mary's Church, Disley

8.00am - BCP Holy Communion - as advertised but usually once a month

9.30am - Family Celebration Service - a contemporary service designed for families and children

11.00am - Morning Service - a traditional service usually Holy Communion.

Messy Church - Once a month (Disley Community Centre)

Thursdays- 10.30am -BCP Holy Communion

St. John's Church, Furness Vale

9.30am - Morning Service - either Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Messy Church - at festival times eg: Easter, Christmas, Harvest

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please state

Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship? Both

Is there a traditional use of eucharist vestments? Yes/No No

coloured stoles? Yes/No No

scarf and hood? Yes/No No

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

Mission Praise and Hymns for Today's Church

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 13%
 (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?
Mostly retired/middle aged

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: St.Mary's-40. St.John's-10

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>18</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>0</u>
of weddings:	<u>8</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>15</u>
in crematoria:	<u>3</u>

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St.Mary the Virgin, Disley
 (b) Year(s) built; 1511 to 1524; extended in 1750 and 1890 and re-ordered in 1993
 (c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2017
 (d) List any urgent repair work still to be done:

There is an ongoing programme of repair and maintenance including work required by the last Quinquennial report but nothing that is classed as "urgent".

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

Name:	Condition of repair:
<u>St. John the Divine, Furness Vale</u>	<u>Good</u>
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3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/replacement?

Yes/No No.

4. What other buildings (e.g. church hall, curate's house) and land (not churchyard) does the parish own?

(Give addresses, use and condition)

Use/Address	Condition of repair
Grazing Land, off Red Lane, Disley	N/A

The PCC recently sold St. Mary's Schoolrooms, Buxton Old Road, Disley - used as a church hall.

5.	Has the church got a churchyard?	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u>
	Is it still in use?	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u>
	How many new graves were opened last year?		<u>None</u>
	How many re-openings were there last year?		<u>5 plus 1 re-used grave</u>
	Estimate how many years are available for new graves:		<u>Re-used graves-8/10 yrs</u>
	Is there a special area for the interment of ashes?		<u>Yes</u>

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? Yes
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

Four Coffee Mornings are held each year in Disley Community Centre. (Two in support of Missions).

Long Table Lunches are held monthly by both St. Mary's and St. John's.

St. Mary's provides lunches, teas and catering to the annual Disley Well Dressing in June and for the last two years St. Mary's have also catered for the annual Civic Lunch.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
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| incumbent | £ <u>3,600</u> |
| assistant clergy | £ <u>Nil</u> |

(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? Lump sum

Is a claim form used? No

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 64,366.00
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: £ N/A
 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 NO
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.
 Any future capital projects will need to be funded by grants and fundraising

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No No
 Is it controlled or aided? N/A
- (b) Number of children on roll: N/A
 Is the number static/rising/falling? N/A
- (c) What relationship/links are there between church and school?

N/A

- (d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?
N/A

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

- (a) children:

The 9.30 Family Celebration service at St. Mary's is directed principally to children and young families. Likewise, Messy Church in Disley and Furness Vale. Sarah Baker (Childrens and Families Worker) does fortnightly assemblies in Disley Primary School and as part of "Disley Churches Together Open the Book Team" does assemblies in Newtown Primary School and Furness Vale Primary School. Sarah Baker has also been taking assemblies, once a half term, in Bridgemont Nursery. "Lighthouse" at St.Mary's provides biblical teaching to a small group of children in an after school club. An "Easter Holiday Club" is planned following a successful Narnia Holiday Club last year which was attended by 53 children. A Pancake Party is held at the start of Lent. Tots Groups are run by both Churches.

(b) young people:

None

(c) adults

Bible based teaching in Sermons.
Three House Groups at St. Mary's and a Prayer Group at St. John's
Lent Study Groups provided through Disley Churches Together

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: GFS at St. John's and a band of Bellringers at St. Mary's

(b) young people: None

(c) adults: None

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Three House Groups in Disley (one group presently suspended due to illness)
A Prayer Group at St. John's.

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?

There is good lay leadership in the Parish.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored).

Yes. An Alpha Course was completed in February 2018 attended by circa 25 people

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

The Parish has encouraged and supported those who expressed a wish to go on to Reader or Pastoral Worker training.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Both Churches are involved in "Disley Churches Together" an informal association which includes the local Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches. Joint Services are held throughout the year as also are joint Lent Study courses. The recently completed Alpha Course was run jointly by "Disley Churches Together" as also was the Narnia Holiday Club held in 2017. The planned Easter Holiday Club 2018 is again intended to be run by Disley Churches Together. Disley Churches Together hosts annual services/activities organised by students from Capernwray Bible College and also organises services around the Womens World Day of Prayer.

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

No but see above

3. What informal contacts are there?

See answer to Question 1 above.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

1. Please give details of the support of the Church overseas. How much is given annually?

Disley Parish provides prayer and financial support for Tearfund, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Church Mission Society and the ABC Chester Diocesan Link with DRC Congo. Five percent of ordinary income is distributed annually among these missions and CPAS referred to below.

2. Give details of the support for home missions and charities.

Disley Parish provides prayer and financial support to Church Pastoral Aid Society. The Parish also supports the Oasis Centre in Gorton, Manchester by prayer and members of the congregations individually donate money, clothing and other articles.

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.

The Lay Pastoral Team provide follow up

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

Members of the Church family are individually involved in the local and civic community and its various organisations. Additionally, both churches hold weekly Tots Groups and monthly Long Table Lunches which are usually attended by approx 20/30 elderly parishioners.

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

No, but a member of the Lay Pastoral Team will visit when requested.

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

None

PUBLICATIONS

1. If there is a history of the church/parish, please e-mail (or send) a copy.

Yes but only in hard copy which will be supplied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current Growth Action Planning (GAP) goals for the next 5 years?

1. Reaching Young Families
2. Growing Disciples
3. Improved Communication
4. To Achieve Financial Sustainability

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

1. Community Outreach to bring more people, of all ages, to faith.
2. Music to enhance worship.
3. Closer unity between St. Mary's and St. John's.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:  Office held: Church Warden

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

1. The Bishop of Chester, Bishop's House, Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2JD. (Hard copy)
2. The Suffragan Bishop, address in Yearbook. (Hard copy for file and electronic copy)
3. The Archdeacon, address in Yearbook. (Electronic copy)
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). (Hard copy)
6. The Rural Dean (Electronic copy)
7. The Deanery Lay Chair (Electronic copy)
8. The PCC representatives.