



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: Parish of Congleton DATE: 12/07/2019

DEANERY: Congleton

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: | <u>4</u> |
| 2. Population. | <u>ca.17,000</u> |
| 3. Number on electoral roll. | <u>194</u> |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>) under 16 years of age: | <u>14</u> |
| 16 and over: | <u>144</u> |
| 5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>): | <u>£ 189,815</u> |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: | <u>£ 14.0</u> |

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Revd. Canon David Taylor
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
Revd. Paul Withington (Until September 2018) SM
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
Michael Hutchison, Lesley Murray, Geoffrey Scott + 3 Emeriti (Eileen Walker, Robert Hollinshead, John Milling)
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:

Mr David Aston, Parish Administrator; 28 hours/week
Mr Nic Blackmore 37 hours/week, Children & Families Missioner commenced 8th July 2019

THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural? urban/suburban
2. Is the population
 - (a) static rising or falling? Rising
 - (b) settled or mobile? Settled
3. Is the population
 - (a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? middle-aged
 - (b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? mixed
 - (c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

Predominantly white Caucasian (98%), minor groups Asian (1%), Mixed (0.6%) and Black (0.1%)
4. Estimate the proportion of housing:
 - (a) owner-occupied: 73%
 - (b) local authority: 15%
 - (c) privately rented: 12%
5. Please list:
 - (a) number and types of schools in the parish:

Four Primary Schools Mossley (C of E Controlled)
Buglawton
Daven
Havannah
 - (b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: 5
 - (c) any youth centres? No
 - (d) any community centres? 4; St John's Bugl.; Chappell Ctr, Mossley; Bromley Farm; Mossley Old Sc
 - (e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: Congleton War Memorial (minor injuries and geriatric)

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:
None
7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?
Periods of service as Mayor's Chaplain for a year long appointment
8. Are there any links with local industry?
No
9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
Some drinking/rowdiness in the Town Centre; drug dealing/taking. Bromley Farm is a relatively deprived estate

CHURCH SERVICES

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

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

See attached Worship profile for current arrangements. These will change when the new Parish scheme is implemented.

Currently based around Common Worship, Communion, Morning Worship and All Age worship

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, very limited use of BCP

Is there a traditional use of	eucharist vestments? Yes/No	No
	coloured stoles? Yes/No	Yes (but not all 4
	scarf and hood? Yes/No	Yes (but not all 4

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

Mission Praise, CAHON, other sources are used via projector

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? estimate 20%
(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?
over 60 _____

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 144 across 4 churches and Sunday services

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>19</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>0</u>
of weddings:	<u>7</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>55</u>
in crematoria:	<u>6</u>

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St Peter; St Stephen; St John; Holy Trinity
(b) Year(s) built; 1742, 1860, 1840, 1846
(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2018; 2017; 2018; 2018
(d) List any urgent repair work still to be done:

St Peter: Gallery ceilings and timber work repairs/replacement, Gallery windows repairs/replacement, boundary walls, brickwork repairs, various surveys including asbestos and electrical testing.
St Stephen: Boiler room door repairs, high level gutter cleaning and repairs, roof tile repair/replacement, stone repairs.
St John: Timber survey of roof and bell tower; high level gutter cleaning and repairs: asbestos surveys.
Holy Trinity: Electrical circuit testing; repairs to the boundary walls, tree work in the grounds and graveyard

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

Name:

Condition of repair:

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
1. St John's Community Centre Buglawton.	Excellent
2. Chappell Centre, Mossley,	Very Good
3.. Village Hall, Mossley,	Good
4. Parish Rooms, St Peter's	Fair

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No Yes, 4
- Is it still in use? Yes/No Yes, 4
- How many new graves were opened last year? 2
- How many re-openings were there last year? 13
- Estimate how many years are available for new graves: Only St John's; 10 plots
- Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? Yes, all (4 new + 23 re-openings)

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.

Events raising money for Parish funds during 2018 were:-

St Peter's: Tuesday@Ten events and concert.
 Holy Trinity: Table top sales; fashion show; choir concert, Christmas Fayre
 St Stephen: Christmas Fayre, summer fair, "chosen charities" events

Over £3,000 was raised in this way.

**** Note (See Item 6 below):** During 2017-8, part of the monthly Share was deferred by agreement with the Diocese, and is now being repaid over 5 years.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ 2,107
 assistant clergy £ 1,385

(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

Is a claim form used? Yes

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 84,118
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. See note above **
 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 No
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No Yes; Mossley Primary
 Is it controlled or aided? Controlled
- (b) Number of children on roll: Approx. 400
 Is the number static/rising/falling? Static

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

Mossley School attend services twice a year at Holy Trinity.
 There are 4 church members who are Foundation Governors of Mossley School.
 Weekly assemblies led by Church members
 Weekly "Open the Book" session
 Donate Bible to each year 5 pupil

(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:

Weekly provision at two churches during the Sunday services for 3-11 year olds following Roots on the Web resources. (Kids for Christ and Kids Together groups)
 Weekly See and Know toddler group Tuesday Mornings.
 Occasional Messy church style activity at Advent, Easter and Harvest.
 Monthly "Open the Book" in two primary schools
 Major festival services for Kid's Planet Day Nursery
 Mossley Mothers Union actively supports a "virtual baby" project during the Spring and Autumn Terms at Congleton High school to increase awareness of the responsibilities of parenthood. Two pre-schools hold Christmas services in two of the churches.

(b) young people:

Monthly teaching for the Team Youth Group (TYG) during Sunday Service

(c) adults

There are six different small study groups that meet throughout the parish during both daytime and evening with differing tempos and depths of study, suitable for a wide variety of people.
Annual Lent course
Occasional START group

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MU 22, House Groups 50, Ladies Fellowship 22, Cameo 12, Fellowship group Mossley 12, Luncheon Club 45, Tea Church 50, Create & Grow 6

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children:	See and Know 12, Kids Together 6, Kids For Christ 9
(b) young people:	Team Youth Group; 10
(c) adults:	See 2 (c) above.

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

There are 6 weekly and 1 monthly lay led house/prayer groups meeting the needs of a range of ages with different tempos and depths of study. Please see Parish Profile section 6.5 as insufficient space to detail in this box.

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?

Very strong. Regular leadership of various services and funeral office. Lay leadership of youth and children's teaching. Leadership of House and Study Groups. Leadership of intercessions during services. Their strength is also attributable to training and experience.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored).
START course used occasionally. Ecumenical alpha course led by New Life church (Independent evangelical)
3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

Encouragement through attendance at Diocesan conferences and courses. Sponsorship of people to attend the Diocesan Lay conference held every three years.
Create and Grow; weekly learning about the Christian faith through creative activities.
Sponsorship of youth to attend summer camp.
Annual Parish holiday, occasional Parish Weekends

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Churches Together In Congleton. We have 3 representatives from the parish.
Co-operation with URC on Luncheon Club and Dance to Health
Street Pastors and associated Prayer Pastors

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

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

Through Churches Together in Congleton (CTC) organised events e.g. Congleton Bible week, Outdoor Town Centre Good Friday Service.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

In 2018 support was given to:-
Church Mission Society (CMS) £200
Bishop's Congo Appeal £200
Christian Aid £275
Collections during services to support Disasters Emergency Committee Appeals

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

Church Army occasional donation. Regular monthly money raising coffee mornings are held in St Stephen's e.g. Charles Thompson Mission; Douglas Macmillan Hospice; Christian Aid; Action Aid; Sightsavers International and an Annual Charity Project for various charities. The Parish have supported Samaritan's Purse for the last twenty five years with an Operation Christmas Child shoebox service at St. Stephen's. St John's hosts regular events at the community centre e.g. coffee mornings for the MacMillan appeal.

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

No, but there are informal networks and community centre outreach events. We also held a major mission in 2015. This was a week long event with 4-6 visiting speakers and events held in a variety of locations every daytime and evening with some house to house visiting.
Annual ecumenical Bible Week.

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

Baptisms: Yes. We maintain contact with Baptism Families by delivering an anniversary card up to and including year four inviting them back to church. Occasional annual picnic in the park with recent baptism families
Weddings: No
Funerals: Annual "Christmas without a loved one" service

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

Street Pastors and associated Prayer Pastors. Daily breakfast club at St. John's Community Centre where hot drink and toast are provided. Subsidized weekly Friday luncheon club at St John's; support for CTC Storehouse foodbank at New Life Church; support for Manna House men's hostel in Stoke-on-Trent.

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

Currently each church fellowship has it's own informal approach. Informal visiting of the sick, hospitalised. Regular service and visiting to 2 care homes. Home communions to sick parishioners (Currently approximately 10). CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other), Social Group for the Elderly 4th Wednesday each month. Weekly Big Heart Luncheon club at St. John's Community Centre for the elderly. Monthly Mossley Fellowship meeting in the Chappell Centre for the elderly.

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

Monthly Film and Flop (TYG social) non-church young people often attend. Termly social event e.g. Bowling or Wide Game and Pizza.

PUBLICATIONS

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

The parish website contains historical information for each church (www.congletonteamparish.co.uk)
For St. Peter's church there are several publications (enclosed) and a heritage website at
www.stpeterscongleton.co.uk.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

See enclosed GAP plan and 2020 Vision document

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

Mission to Children and young families and youth
Growth in discipleship and numbers attending church.
Support for existing members of the church community in the context of change.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: David J Aston Office held: PCC Secretary

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.