



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: RUNCORN St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS DATE: 16th September 2019

DEANERY: FRODSHAM

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish:	<u>1</u>
2. Population.	<u>6570</u>
3. Number on electoral roll.	<u>107</u>
4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>) under 16 years of age:	<u>12</u>
16 and over:	<u>81</u>
5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>):	£ <u>78,940.00</u>
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver:	£ <u>13.00</u>

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Rev Victoria Louise Schofield
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
Rev Helen Browne
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
Robert Browne
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:

Robert Littler: Administration- 2 hours per week and Cleaner- 4 hours week
Tim Asbridge: Organist- 4 hours per week

James Goffin: Verger (Variable hours)
Vincent Whitehead: Verger (Variable hours)

THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural? URBAN
2. Is the population
- (a) static rising or falling? STATIC
- (b) settled or mobile? SETTLED
3. Is the population
- (a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? GOOD MIXTURE OF ALL
- (b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? YES
- (c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:
- FEW INDIVIDUALS
4. Estimate the proportion of housing:
- (a) owner-occupied: 75%
- (b) local authority: 10%
- (c) privately rented: 15%
5. Please list:
- (a) number and types of schools in the parish:
- LEA- VICTORIA ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEA- WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEA- St CLEMENTS RC SCHOOL
LEA- PEWITHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
- (b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: FOUR
- (c) any youth centres? NONE
- (d) any community centres? NONE
- (e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: NONE

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:
 NONE
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7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?
 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE CENATAPH
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8. Are there any links with local industry?
 NONE
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9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
 AVERAGE
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CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition?
 Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label? CENTRAL
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2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

8.30am BCP HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)
 10.00am 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MORNING PRAYER
 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION COMMON WORSHIP
 12.00 noon CAFE CHURCH (1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)
 12.00 noon BAPTISMS (TWICE A MONTH)

ALSO A MID WEEK SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY
 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please state
 Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship? BCP AND COMMON WORSHIP
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Is there a traditional use of	eucharist vestments? Yes/No	NO
	coloured stoles? Yes/No	YES
	scarf and hood? Yes/No	NO

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

MISSION PRAISE
 ANCIENT & MODERN
 OWN COLLECTION OF MODERN SONGS

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 44%

(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?

OLDER FEMALE AND OVER 60

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 48

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>40 Children & 2 Adults</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>3</u>
of weddings:	<u>2</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>32</u>
in crematoria:	<u>1</u>

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

(b) Year(s) built; 1884

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2018

(d) List any urgent repair work still to be done:

NONE AT THE MOMENT

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

Name:

Condition of repair:

NONE

3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/replacement?

Yes/No Yes

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
NONE		

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| 5. | Has the church got a churchyard? | Yes/No | NO |
| | Is it still in use? | Yes/No | N/A |
| | How many new graves were opened last year? | | N/A |
| | How many re-openings were there last year? | | N/A |
| | Estimate how many years are available for new graves: | | N/A |
| | Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? | | N/A |

FINANCE

- Please e-mail (or send) a copy of last year's accounts and last year's annual report of the PCC.
- Does the church have a stewardship, thanksgiving or **planned giving** scheme? YES
- If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

CHURCH

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
VARIOUS CONCERTS

MAINTENANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE

TEA & TOAST
50-50 CLUB
QUIZ NIGHT
CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
FARMHOUSE SUPPER

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ 830.00
assistant clergy £ NIL

(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 expenses

Is a claim form used? Yes

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 53,408
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.

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:

N/A

(b) young people:

N/A

(c) adults

N/A

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: NONE

(b) young people: NONE

(c) adults: CHOIR-3, 2 X BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (total 15), CRAFTERS 6-8, ART CLUB 6

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

SUNDAY HOUSE GROUP
THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP
PLACES OF WELCOME (EVERY THURSDAY)

CRAFTERS (EVERY TUESDAY)
ART CLUB (EVERY 4TH SATURDAY)

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? A MIXTURE OF CLERGY AND 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?

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP IS VERY GOOD IN STRENGTH, WITH THE HELP OF THE OUR
READER, ROBERT BROWNE.

WE HAVE A GOOD MIXTURE OF DIFFERENT STYLES OF LEADERSHIP.

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

NO (BUT HAVE DONE ALPHA IN THE PAST)

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

CURSILLO
TO LEAD CAFE CHURCH
TO LEAD THE BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RUNCORN

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

NONE

3. What informal contacts are there?

RUNCORN MINISTERS PRAYER BREAKFAST
ONCE A MONTH A HALTON BOROUGH PRAYER LUNCH

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

1% OF THE UNRESTRICTED INCOME TO INTERSERVE

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

CHRISTIAN AID
CHILDREN SOCIETY
FOODBANK

HOMELESS AT CHRISTMAS
SEAMANS MISSION

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

NONE

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

FUNERALS: WE WRITE TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A FUNERAL AT St MICHAEL'S AND INVITE THEM TO A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE, NORMALLY IN NOVEMBER

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

PLACES OF WELCOME - THIS IS TO HELP WITH EFFECT OF PEOPLE BEING LONELY

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

THERE ARE REGULAR VISITS TO DELIVER HOME COMMUNION

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, A HARD COPY OF THE HISTORY OF St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

WE GIVE EVERYONE A WARM WELCOME THAT DEVELOPS INTO FRIENDSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY OF OUR CHURCH.
WE STRIVE TO BE A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MUSIC, ENHANCING PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE IN WORSHIP.
WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS WE WALK ALONG OUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST THROUGH LIFE.
WE STRIVE FOR St MICHAEL'S TO BE HOUSE OF PRAYER WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CAN FIND GOD AND GROW IN FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

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

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOLS
ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY
TO DEVELOP A GOOD PASTORAL SYSTEM
DEVELOP AND WORK WITH CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Brian Lunt Office held: Secretary to PCC

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.