



# **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: Crewe, St. Andrew with St. John the Baptist DATE: 30th December 2019

DEANERY: Nantwich

### **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish:   | <u>1</u>        |
| 2. Population.  | <u>13204</u>    |
| 3. Number on electoral roll.  | <u>119</u>      |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance ( <i>taken from last annual return</i> ) under 16 years of age:                                | <u>8</u>        |
| 16 and over:  | <u>60</u>       |
| 5. PCC ordinary income ( <i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i> ): | £ <u>53,252</u> |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver:   | £ <u>7.63</u>   |

### **PERSONNEL**

1. Name of (former) incumbent:  
Reverend Lynne Cullens
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):  
Reverend Hazel Rugman SSM
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
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:

Community worker: Becky Hurst 2h pw

## THE PARISH

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

NE part of parish has highly mobile population - students and migrant workers.  
17 languages spoken in Westminster Park area - Polish and Eastern European. Muslim community of Somali origin growing. There is a mosque within the parish.
4. Estimate the proportion of housing:
  - (a) owner-occupied: 58%
  - (b) local authority: 14%
  - (c) privately rented: 28%
5. Please list:
  - (a) number and types of schools in the parish:

Westminster Street Nursery  
Pebble Brook Primary School and Children's Centre  
Vine Tree Primary School  
Ruskin Community High School  
South and West Cheshire College
  - (b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: 1 (no nursing provision)
  - (c) any youth centres? YMCA Gresty Road
  - (d) any community centres? Lifestyle Centre (opened early 2016)
  - (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?

no

8. Are there any links with local industry?

no

9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?

drug problems

## CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition?

Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label? Modern Catholic / Central

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

8am	Holy Communion - BCP 1st Sunday of Month Other Sundays Traditional Language Common Worship
9:30am	Holy Communion - Common Worship Modern Language, 1st Sunday - 'Breaking Bread' Family service
Noon	Baptisms as arranged
4pm	Evensong - BCP 1st Sunday BCP 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? both (Mainly Common Worship)

Is there a traditional use of

eucharist vestments? Yes/No

yes

coloured stoles? Yes/No

yes

scarf and hood? Yes/No

yes

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

Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New New English Hymnal 1986 edition
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5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 35%  
(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?  
majority over 60

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 50

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>25</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>0</u>
of weddings:	<u>3</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>13</u>
in crematoria:	<u>25</u>

## BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St. Andrew  
(b) Year(s) built; 1932 with 1965 extension  
(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2016  
(d) List any urgent repair work still to be done:

none

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 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
St. Andrew's Parish Hall	in poor condition, due for replacement in next 5 years
St. John's Parish Hall	on lease to Funsters. Lease due for renewal 2022 (£5000 pa)

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No yes (no burials)
- Is it still in use? Yes/No yes
- How many new graves were opened last year? none
- How many re-openings were there last year? none
- Estimate how many years are available for new graves: none
- Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? yes

## 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.

Summer & Christmas Fairs and various concerts - Combined income for 2018 £2903  
Saturday Lunch Club - net profit for 2018 £2796

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ 1097  
assistant clergy £ 1044

(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? reimbursement

Is a claim form used? no incumbent, yes SSM

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 35842
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 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is there any capital project in hand at the moment? Yes/No yes
- Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.
- Disabled Access Ramp £21000, New Community Hall, New disabled Toilets being considered, all to be funded

## CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No no
- Is it controlled or aided? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Number of children on roll: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the number static/rising/falling? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Clergy occasionally visit schools including local Pebble Brook school.  
Visits made by schools to church for Churches Together Christmas and Easter performances.

(d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?

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

(a) children:

Making Waves Kids Club - meets during 9:30 Sunday service with worship songs, stories, activities etc.  
Little Fish - toddler & carers group meets on Tuesday mornings.

(b) young people:

Mettle - teenage group meets on Wednesday evenings.

(c) adults

'Open' informal service/discussion meets on Tuesday evenings

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children:	Rainbows 11, Brownies 20, Beavers 20, Cubs 30, Scouts 40
(b) young people:	Mettle 8
(c) adults:	Diamonds (Over 50s) 20, Ladies' Open Group 20 Play & Panto Society 25, Art Club 10

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

'Open' - Tuesday evenings discussion / worship group

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? both

### 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?

Good  
One person has completed foundations for ministry and is putting herself forward for Ordination training. Various members of congregation often take the leading role in non sacramental services. This is due to encouragement and training by the Clergy.

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

no

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

'Open' meeting / informal worship each Tuesday evening.

## ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

We have an involvement with 'Churches Together in Crewe'. The Churches join together to give Christmas and Easter presentations to schools and St. Andrew's is one of the host churches. Members of the church have taken part in the annual Easter procession in Crewe Town Centre. There are regular joint evening services hosted by the churches in turn.

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

None.

3. What informal contacts are there?

We collect food for the Churches together food bank held at the Salvation Army and Crewe Christian Concern.  
We have an involvement with the Street Pastors scheme in Crewe Town Centre.  
We have an annual toy service where toys are donated and passed to the Salvation Army for distribution at Christmas.



## OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

Annual Christian Aid collection in the parish.

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

£1000 to various local charities.  
Local missions - food bank, night shelter.  
Christingle collection donated to the Children's Society.

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.

Baptism families receive a card on the anniversary for a few years.  
Bereaved families are invited to the 'All Souls' and 'Christmas without a loved one' services in the year following a funeral.  
We support the 'Tree of light' event at Crewe Cemetery.

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

Local missions - food bank, night shelter.  
We have held a weekly language class for asylum seekers.  
Weekly 'Little Fish' session for pre-school children and their carers.

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

Home and Hospital/Hospice visits the pastoral worker team and home communion arranged as required.

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

Links with local schools.  
Drama group (TAPPS) open to all ages.

## PUBLICATIONS

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Under Review

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

Social Activities.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: A. Amul Office held: Churchwarden

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

1. The Bishop of Chester, Bishop's House, Abbey Square, Chester CHI 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.