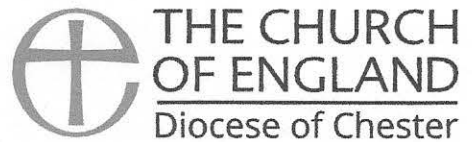


Parish Fact Sheet

Incumbent



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 THOMAS the APOSTLE DATE: 10th SEPTEMBER 2020

DEANERY: _____

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 1
2. Population. 2351
3. Number on electoral roll. 31
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)
under 16 years of age: 5 16 and over: 12
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £ 6875
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 6 approx.

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
REV Fr RT NELSON MBE BSc SOSc
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:
MRS ELIZABETH COOPER-CLARK (PENDING LICENSING)
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

NONE

THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural?

URBAN/SUBURBAN

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? ALL GROUPS

(b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? ALL GROUPS

(c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

NO SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ETHNIC GROUPS

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 80%

(b) local authority: 0%

(c) privately rented: 20%

5. Please list:

(a) number and types of schools in the parish:

1 PRIMARY SCHOOL (RC)
1 SECONDARY ACADEMY SCHOOL (JUST BEYOND PARISH BOUNDARY)

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: 1 (3 NEARBY)

(c) any youth centres? 0

(d) any community centres? 0

(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?

NONE

8. Are there any links with local industry?

YES. LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY - PARKING PERMISSION ETC.

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

NONE

CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition?

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

TRADITIONAL ANGLO-CATHOLIC

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

9.30. MORNING PRAYER
10.00PM PARISH EUCHARIST
1ST SUNDAY IN MONTH
5.00PM EVENSONG
5.30PM BENEDICTION

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

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

coloured stoles? Yes/No YES

scarf and hood? Yes/No NO

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

HYMNS OLD AND NEW (NEW ANGLICAN EDITION)
ENGLISH HYMNAL (OCCASIONAL)

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

53%

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

FEMALE / ELDERLY

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 10

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>4</u>	<u>(1.6.19-31.5.20)</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>1</u>	<u>"</u>
of weddings:	<u>0</u>	<u>"</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>0</u>	<u>"</u>
in crematoria:	<u>5</u>	

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; ST THOMAS the APOSTLE

(b) Year(s) built; MAIN CHURCH (1929)

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2017

(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 and condition of repair:

NONE

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

Yes/No N/A

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

(Give addresses, use and condition)

CHURCH HALL IN NEED OF REPAIR - SALE OF BUILDING AND LAND PROVISIONALLY AGREED

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

3/4 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CONCERTS
MONTHLY 10P SALES

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
incumbent £ 0 assistant clergy £ N/A
(b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not?
NO - INCUMBENT OFFERED TO PAY HIS OWN WAY
(c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed?
ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR OCCASIONAL ITEMS PURCHASED7
Is a claim form used? NO - PAYMENT AGAINST RECEIPTS

6)

- 5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 7068
- 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: £ _____
 In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share? Yes/No

NO (BY AGREEMENT WITH DIOCESE)

- 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? Yes/No 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
 BUT A GOOD RELATIONSHIP EXISTS WITH THE NEAREST STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL THOUGH OUTSIDE THE PARISH (LISCARD PRIMARY)

(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:

10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - LAY TEACHING TO SMALL GROUP OF CHILDREN

7)

(b) young people:

NONE

(c) adults

TRADITIONAL SERVICES
OCCASIONAL STUDY GROUPS (EG LENT)

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: SUNDAY SCHOOL - 4

(b) young people: NONE

(c) adults: _____

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

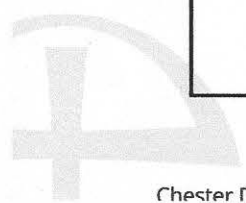
WHATSAPP PRAYER GROUP
SAY ONE FOR ME PRAYER INITIATIVE

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?

STRONG LEADERSHIP MAINLY DUE TO ENCOURAGEMENT BY INCUMBENT.



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2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). NONE

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

LENT COURSES

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

MEMBER OF WALLASEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

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

NONE

3. What informal contacts are there?

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING WITH CENTRAL WALLASEY CHURCHES TOGETHER



OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

COLLECTING FOR CHRISTIAN AID
USPG (£60)

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

WIRRAL ARK PROJECT
ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY (£90)

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.

NOT ORGANISED

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

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS TO THE ARK PROJECT (HOMELESS)
FOOD DONATIONS TO WIRRAL FOOD BANK

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

MONTHLY VISITS BY CLERGY AND LAY VISITORS TO 2 CARE HOMES IN OR NEAR THE PARISH

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

NONE

19)

PUBLICATIONS

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

SUMMARY IN PARISH PROFILE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP
LUNCH GROUP

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

PRAYER GROUPS, PASTORAL VISTING, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Signed on behalf of the PCC: _____

Office held: _____

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.

