

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: Tarporley St Helens DATE: 18.08.2020

DEANERY: Malpas

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: | <u>3</u> |
| 2. Population. | <u>4398 (2011)</u> |
| 3. Number on electoral roll. | <u>199</u> |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>)
under 16 years of age: <u>5</u> 16 and over: <u>111</u> | |
| 5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>): | <u>£ 83,372</u> |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: | <u>£ 11.59</u> |

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Rev Georgina Watmore
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
Rev Julian Osborne SSM Curate
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
None
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

Parish Administrator helps with general enquiries, admin, bapstim and wedding administration. The administrators time is a gift to the Parish and equates to a couple of hours a week.

THE PARISH

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

Village

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? All

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

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

Very few minority ethnic residents

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 71%. (according to 2011 census)

(b) local authority: 15%

(c) privately rented: 11%

5. Please list:

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

Tarporley Primary School C of E Controlled

Utkinton Primary School C of E Controlled (seeking Academy Status)

Eaton Primary School State (seeking Academy Status)

Tarporley High School State Academy

Tarporley Done Room Pre-School

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: None

(c) any youth centres? None

(d) any community centres? 3

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:
N/A
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7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?
Trustee of Rowcliffe Homes (Old Almshouses). Chaplain to RBL
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8. Are there any links with local industry?
No
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9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
No
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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:

First Sunday of Month:
9am St Thomas Eaton Open Worship;
10am St Helen's Tarporley Open Worship;
11:15am St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook Holy Communion;
6:30pm St Helen's Tarporley Evensong

Other Sunday's in the Month:
9am St Thomas Eaton Holy Communion (including Choir on 4th Sunday)
10am St Helen's Tarporley Open Worship Holy Communion

Second Sunday of the Month: Messy Church 2-4pm
Every Wednesday: 10am St Helen's Tarporley 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? CW (BCP Evensong)

Is there a traditional use of eucharist vestments?	Yes/No	<u>No</u>
coloured stoles?	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u>
scarf and hood?	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u>

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

New English Hymnal
Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

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

12% of ER

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

Older profile

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: approx across all, 95- 100

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>16</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>(2018) 23</u>
of weddings:	<u>12</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>22</u>
in crematoria:	<u>5</u>

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St Helens Church, Tarporley

(b) Year(s) built; 1870

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; July 2017

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

Pointing work on all elevations around the church
Roof overhaul on the church
Boiler roof renovation
Glazing repairs on stained glass windows
Floor repairs in the church.

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

Name and condition of repair:

St Thomas' Church, Eaton very good

St. John's Church, Cotebrook very good

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)

DONE ROOM (Parish Hall) - External repairs including roof in hand

HEARSE HOUSE, Park Road Large garage) - good condition

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No 3
Is it still in use? Yes/No 2 fully open
How many new graves were opened last year? 3
How many re-openings were there last year? 2
Estimate how many years are available for new graves: 0/2 or 3/ 5+
Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? 2 churches 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.

Teas in aid of the Done Room
Bellringers Quiz Night
Harvest Suppers
Garden Parties

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
incumbent £ 1,554 assistant clergy £ 1,143

(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 claimed

Is a claim form used? No

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 67,624.32
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 Yes
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.
See attached Report.

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No 2
 Is it controlled or aided? Yes/No Controlled
- (b) Number of children on roll: 230+ / 60+
 Is the number static/rising/falling? rising

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

Rector is an ex-officio Governor of TPS and was of Utkinton until last year when an IEB took over.

Rector visits all 5 schools in the Parish taking regular assemblies in the Church Schools and visiting individual classes there and in all the other schools

All the schools have close links and visit St Helen's regularly for curriculum purposes, music festivals and exhibitions that have been held, plus of course the usual Easter, Nativity, Carol and Leavers services.

(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:

Assemblies and class visits

Confirmation preparation offered to years 5 & 6 every other year

Messy Church links

Lightkeepers offers children's activities and learning during Holy Communion Services at St Helen's

(b) young people:

Annual visits by all year 7 High School classes to church

Rector visits individual classes (usually GCSE or A Level) for discussion on wide ranging issues usually relating to Religious Studies curriculum

(c) adults

2 Lecture series

Confirmation Classes

Lent Groups

Ongoing email bible study and Reflection Group

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: Messy Church large pool but average attendance 20-25

(b) young people: N/A

(c) adults: Reflection Group c8; Lent Group c20; Lectures over 100

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Reflection Group meets monthly

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? Rector and Curate

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?

Over the last few years lay leadership has been actively encouraged and developed.

Teaching has emphasised the ministry of all and training has been given to build confidence.

The Parish now has a good number of intercessors, chalice assistants and lay eucharistic ministers.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). Rector's own drawn from experience and all the above!

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

See all above

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

N/A

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

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

Good relationships are held with local churches but in this past year both the local Catholic priest has retired and the local Baptist pastor is leaving.
Lent groups are shared with the Chapel as is a Good Friday Act of Witness
The Chapel joins St Helen's for Remembrance Sunday
The three local denominations come together for Christian Aid, The World Women's Day of Prayer and the past couple of years for The Week of Christian Unity in January



OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

Lent Groups support Water Aid
Christian Aid collections are made in May
Christingle supports Children's Society

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

As above
Opal Club - a local service helping the isolated and elderly
Most of local fundraising is focussed on the village hospital

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 are contacted re. Messy Church and Christmas Services. Wedding Couples are contacted re. a service around Valentine Day and Christmas Services. Clergy undertake individual contact with funeral families. For those in Parish formal contact is made with a letter approx 4-6 weeks later introducing the Parish Pastoral Team and further visiting takes place if wanted. All families are invited by letter to the annual All Souls service.

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

N/A

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

The Parish Pastoral Team are a trained, recently expanded, group who meet regularly to discuss the needs of those who are bereaved, housebound, ill or isolated.
Each member has an assigned list to visit or phone as is appropriate.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

See Annual Report

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

See Parish Profile

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Phillip Posnett

Office held: Churchwarden and PCC Vice Chairman

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.