

# Parish Fact Sheet

## Priest-in-charge



This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy to help it find an appropriate priest-in-charge. Additional information may be given by way of a Parish Profile.

PARISH: Holy Trinity Bickerton DATE: 7th May 2021

DEANERY: Malpas

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 1
2. Population. 1200 estimate
3. Number on electoral roll. 98
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)  
under 16 years of age: 0 16 and over: 25
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £ 19,600
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 6.00

### PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) priest-in-charge:  
Ian Arthan Davenport
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):  
Helen Molesworth
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

None

## THE PARISH

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

Scattered rural

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? A broad range of ages

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

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

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 80%

(b) local authority: 5%

(c) privately rented: 15%

5. Please list:

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

1 Bickerton Holy Trinity Primary School - Church of England Voluntary Controlled School

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

(c) any youth centres? Scout Hut

(d) any community centres? Bickerton Village Hall

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: None

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the priest is chaplain:

None

7. Does the priest have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?

None

8. Are there any links with local industry?

None

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

No

## CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition?

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

central

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

Weekly Parish Eucharist

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 Common Order 1

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?

Hymns Old and New; New Anglican Version

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

20%

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

Congregation is predominantly over 60; white British

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 25

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms: 2 \_\_\_\_\_

of confirmation candidates: 6 \_\_\_\_\_

of weddings: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

of funerals in church: 6+1 graveside

in crematoria: 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## **BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD**

1. (a) Name of the parish church; Holy Trinity Bickerton

(b) Year(s) built; 1839/40

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2016 one due 2021

(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 refurbishment to be assessed

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

(Give addresses, use and condition)

Toilet block in grounds adjacent to church yard; needs updating

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| 5. | Has the church got a churchyard?                      | Yes/No | <u>Yes</u>  |
|    | Is it still in use?                                   | Yes/No | <u>No</u>   |
|    | How many new graves were opened last year?            |        | <u>None</u> |
|    | How many re-openings were there last year?            |        | <u>None</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>No</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?  
planned giving scheme
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

Parish Lunches- Spring Bank Holiday/ Harvest £700 each pre-Covid  
Church Lottery monthly draw £1500 annually  
Bingo, Whist, Bridge Drive £2000 annually pre Co-vid  
Christmas Wreath Making £700 shared with Bickerton Village Hall in 2020  
One off events in normal times afternoon teas/ open gardens.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:  
priest £ 150 assistant clergy £ 748

(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?

Both

Is a claim form used? No

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 17,033
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.  
N/A

## CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No Yes  
 Is it controlled or aided? Yes/No controlled
- (b) Number of children on roll: 149  
 Is the number static/rising/falling? rising

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

The relationship between the school and church is very positive, encouraged and supported by an excellent head teacher and staff. The present incumbent and curate pre Covid-19 have led a weekly assembly and this link should continue with a new incumbent . The school attends church services at Christmas, Easter and at the end of the academic year. The incumbent is an ex- officio member of the School Governing Body .

(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:

Teaching and bible awareness is achieved through clergy conducting pre agreed sessions in the school.

(b) young people:

None at the moment.

(c) adults

None( see 9)

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: None

(b) young people: None

(c) adults: None

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Bible study/discussion courses for all during Lent and Advent. A Home Group has evolved from small group membership of Alpha courses held in the past.

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? Clergy/ 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?

Good; mature and deep Christian faith.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). No

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

None

## ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

None

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

None

3. What informal contacts are there?

Brown Knowl Methodist Church





## OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

Through the auspices of 2 members of our congregation we offer support to schools in the Gambia.

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

Christingle services and the boxes from school support the Children's society.  
Previous support for CATH now continues on an individual basis.

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.

No organised system

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

None,

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

Close monitoring of those requiring help is possible informally because this is a close -knit community.

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

None at the moment.

## PUBLICATIONS

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

Yes see attached

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

To improve communications within the Parish using the website and social media.  
Communications/outreach services directed first at people on our electoral roll.

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

Encouraging new and younger members especially the families of those at Bickerton Holy Trinity School ,perhaps through the use of Zoom meetings.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Valerie Capewell

Office held: Church warden

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.