



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: 0904 Holy Trinity, Capenhurst

DATE: 21st June 2023

DEANERY: Wirral South

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: | ONE (1) |
| 2. Population.
approx | 3,300 |
| 3. Number on electoral roll. | 26 |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>) | |
| under 16 years of age: | 0 |
| 16 and over: | 15 |
| 5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>): | £19,716 |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: | £12 |
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PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Reverend Canon Steve Mansfield.
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:
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?
Capenhurst is a rural village. There is a Technology Park which is home to Urenco UK.
 2. Is the population
 - (a) static rising or falling? RISING.
 - (b) settled or mobile? MAINLY SETTLED.
 3. Is the population
 - (a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families?
MIXTURE; Predominantly retired, there are though a lot of young families who have moved into the area and into new housing estates.
 - (b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed?
THERE IS A MIX OF EMPLOYMENT TYPES.
 - (c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:
PREDOMINANTLY WHITE BRITISH. There are though a number of different ethnic groups living in and around Capenhurst, these include Ukrainians, Nigerians, Indians, Malaysians and Travellers.
 4. Estimate the proportion of housing:
 - (a) owner-occupied: We estimate about 80% is owner-occupied, and
 - (b) local authority: 8%
 - (c) privately rented: 12%
 5. Please list:
 - (a) number and types of schools in the parish:
1, Capenhurst CE Primary School.
 - (b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes:
YES 1, the Old Rectory Nursing Home.
 - (c) any youth centres? NO
 - (d) any community centres?
Capenhurst and Ledsham Village Hall, across the road from the Church.
 - (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? YES, Urenco UK.
 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?

Central Tradition Eucharistic-based.

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

11.15am Main Morning Worship

1st Sunday: Parish Communion

2nd Sunday: Parish Communion

3rd Sunday: Parish Communion

4th Sunday: Parish Communion

5th Sunday: Shared Communion (Alternate with All Saints, Backford)

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?	No
	coloured stoles?	YES
	scarf and hood?	NO

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

Hymns Old & New by Kevin Mahyew.

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

50%.

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

Elderly/Retired.

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 12

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms: 4

of confirmation candidates: 0

of weddings: 0

of funerals in church: 2

in crematoria: 3

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church;

Holy Trinity.

- (b) Year(s) built;

1858

- (c) Date of last quinquennial inspection;

March 2020

- (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:

NONE

Name: N/A

Condition of repair: N/A

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

NO.

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

NONE.

(Give addresses, use and condition)

Use

Address

Condition of repair

5. Has the church got a churchyard?

YES.

Is it still in use?

YES.

How many new graves were opened last year?

ONE

How many re-openings were there last year?

NONE.

Estimate how many years are available for new graves:

More than 10.

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.

NONE.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the incumbent £ 871
assistant clergy £522

(c) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not?

These were the full amounts claimed.

Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed?

Actual expenses claimed.

Is a claim form used?

A claim form is sometimes used. However, we agree a fee for travel expenses with retired clergy which is then paid for each service they take.

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish?
£ 17,939

6. In the last financial year, did the PCC meet its financial obligations to the Diocese in full for payment of its Parish Share?
NO.

If not, what amount was paid:

£ 9,960

In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share?

NO, we have increased our payment to £10,380.

7. Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?

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, Capenhurst CE Primary School.**
Is it controlled or aided? **The School is Controlled.**
- (b) Number of children on roll: **100**
Is the number static/rising/falling? **STATIC**
- (c) What relationship/links are there between church and school? **The School has a service in the Church building every Thursday morning during term time. They also take a leading part in our Education Sunday, Harvest, and Christmas services. Bibles are given to all Year 6 leavers at an end of academic year service in the Church.**
- (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: **NONE, other than the use of the Church building by Capenhurst CE Primary School.**
 - (b) young people: **NONE.**
 - (c) adults: **NONE, other than Sunday Holy Communion services.**
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:
NONE.
5. Are the leaders clergy or 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?

Leadership comes from the small but dedicated PCC which receives much encouragement and support from the congregation. We miss the leadership given to us by our last incumbent.

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, due to interregnum.

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?
There is some contact with the Methodist Chapel and the local Ukrainian population have approached us about using the Church building for Russian Orthodox services.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

This is not supported at present.

2. Give details of the support for home missions and charities. NONE.

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.
NO.

4. What part does the church play in community care (e.g. the unemployed/homeless/drug addicts/disabled)?
None, at present.
6. Is there an-organised system of care for the sick and elderly? If so, what?
NO.
7. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (e.g. open youth work)?
NONE.
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PUBLICATIONS

1. If there is a history of the church/parish, please e-mail (or send) a copy.
A copy of our Parish Profile, which includes a Parish history, is attached.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current goals to achieve for vision (or Growth Action Planning (GAP) goals) for the next 5 years?
To stabilise and increase attendance by reaching out to residents in the parish and by building on our already strong links with the primary school.
2. List the areas of church life which you consider are in most need of development.
Family involvement
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Signed on behalf of the PCC: Gordon Taylor / Roy Duncan

Office held: Treasurer / Churchwarden

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.