

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 Oswald's Malpas and St Johns Threapwood

DATE: February 2021

DEANERY: Malpas

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches / places of worship in the parish: 2
2. Population. 2000
3. Number on electoral roll. 205
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)
under 16 years of age: 5 16 and over: 90
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 5

PERSONNEL

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

Miss Ann Welby - Verger

THE PARISH

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

Village and Scattered Rural

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? Rising

(b) settled or mobile? Mostly settled with some commuters

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? Mainly Middle aged to retired but the younger families are on the rise

(b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? Includes all 4

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

There are very few ethnic minorities in the village - religion is unknown
Black family are Christians

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 75%

(b) local authority: 15%

(c) privately rented: 10%

5. Please list:

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

Bishop Heber High School/6th form
Alports Primary School Endowed Local Authority
Also various private pre-schools

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: Prospect House

(c) any youth centres? Young Persons Centre

(d) any community centres? Malpas Sports Club Victoria Jubilee Hall

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

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

N/A

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

N/A

8. Are there any links with local industry?

No

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

Minor Vandalism and Petty Crime

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:

8:00am Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer every Sunday
1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays of the month: 11:00am Sung Parish Communion (said in August) Common
Worship ,2nd Sunday of the month: 11:00am Family service
5th Sunday of the month: 11.00am Mattins according to the Book of Common Prayer
Every Sunday 6.30pm Evening Prayer (said) choral as announced

Wednesdays: 10:00am Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer
Holy Communion is also celebrated on all major feast days.

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please state

Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship? Sundays Common Worship 8am and Wednesdays Common Prayer

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?

Common Praise

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

5%

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

Elderly

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 8am 10 11am 90 6.30pm 10

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms: 2019 (13) 2020 (2) St Johns (0)

of confirmation candidates: 2019 (1) 2020 (0) St Johns (0)

of weddings: 2019 (5) 2020 (1) St Johns (0)

of funerals in church: 2019 (20) 2020 (12) St Johns (0)

in crematoria: 2019 (8) 2020 (4) St John (1)

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St Oswald's Malpas St Johns Threapwood

(b) Year(s) built; Circa 1350 Circa 1815

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2017

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

Replacing Heating System with new pipes and then relay distorted areas of tiled flooring
Repair the bell chamber openings and louvers
Strip and relay Chancel roof

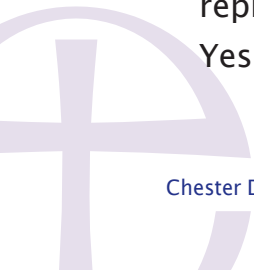
2. Other C of E churches (*mission church/daughter church/chapel of ease*) in the parish:

Name and condition of repair:

St Johns is in good repair

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

Yes/No New Kitchen and Bathroom



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

(Give addresses, use and condition)

None

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>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.

Spring and Autumn Lunches
Bank Holiday Coffee Morning Recitals of Organ, Piano, and Vocal
Midsummer concert
Rectors Ramble (Money raised is split between the Three Churches)
Professional Concerts (at a fixed hire fee)
Fashion Shows

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:

incumbent £ 1100 assistant clergy £ 834.83

(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?

Reimburse Actual expenses

Is a claim form used? Yes

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 53427.24
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 No
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.
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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 _____
- (b) Number of children on roll: Approx 200
 Is the number static/rising/falling? Rising

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

Malpas Alport School is not a church school but there has been a very long link due to The Richard Alport Foundation of which the Rector is automatically a member and so on the Governing Body. The previous Rector has gone in every week for 10 years to take an assembly and been made most welcome with a very supportive Head Teacher and staff. It's a marvelous way to meet parents in the village as well. School uses church at Christmas time and also at the end of The Academic Year.

Bishop Heber School invites the Rector in each year for their special Remembrance Tide Service and they use the church at Christmas for their school Carol Service which is always well attended and very good.

(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:

Sadly we don't have a Sunday school at present so the only teaching is via Confirmation Classes. For a while the church ran Ozzie's Club but unfortunately due to the lack of children this Sunday club ended although Ozzie's is still there in the background, there is a lot that could be done in the future with a link with the Youth and Children's Worker at The High Street Church and also through Messy Church and Rainbow Rhymes that are run by Marie and Andy who is the Youth Worker at The High Street Church. Helen (Curate) has established an excellent line, she has worked very hard going along each Friday morning before Covid struck, to the High Street Church. So much could be made of all this with the right person as Andy and Marie are very keen to take things further.

(b) young people:

Confirmation Classes when there are candidates (5 candidates in 2021)

(c) adults

Wednesday Wave of Prayer and the Bible Study Group. The Julian Prayer Meeting and also a group lead by the Curate who looked at films like "The Kings Speech" about George the Sixth looking at the Religious reality behind the film. Confirmation Classes when there are candidates.

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:

Julian Prayer Group once a month
Wave Prayers on Wednesday
Daily morning prayers

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?

Due to the strength of leadership from the incumbent we feel the ministry has been fulfilled without the need of lay.



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?

Helping with Family Services.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

There is no Ecumenical Group as such but the last incumbent has always had a good relationship with The High Street Church. He has always been on hand to help and assist the Local Council as and when needed and both these areas could be further developed.

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

Good relationships with both the Methodist and local Catholic church(now closed)
All denominations are always welcome at St Oswald's and St Johns
There has been in the past excellent participation at Remembrance Sunday and various feast days

3. What informal contacts are there?

Phone and Email Various Clergy and Lay



OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

St Oswalds has collected shoe boxes full of gifts for overseas Children
Donations to worthy courses and also disaster funds

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

The Children's Society
CATH (Chester Homeless)very much as our mission
The Poppy Appeal through the huge collection on Remembrance Sunday and with the collecting boxes.

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.

The last incumbent keeps in touch with all families from funerals inviting them to All souls service in the Autumn

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

Minimal due to the rural setting

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

Previous incumbent has always visited the sick in hospital and at home until 2020 and covid 19 has stopped all visiting also has been in Prospect House every week at least and taken Communion round once per month which is now done by Ann Welby
House Home Communion rounds are very important and a list will be left of them. Its been a good way for the clergy to keep contact with the people who cannot get to church. Lay involvement was planned and Covid took over

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

Confirmation Classes when there are candidates (5 candidates in 2021)

PUBLICATIONS

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

Yes - has been emailed separately - (see; St Oswald's Background.docx)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

The priority over the next 5 years is to bring in a younger generation into St Oswald's congregation. At present our congregation is aging and we need to become more flexible with regard to how we do church needing to reach as many people as possible with the good news of The Lord. This will be the case given that we are seeking to reach people who have very little prior knowledge of Christianity, or experience of church.
We are custodians of the church and therefore we need to ensure that all building repair work is done, that St Oswald's is there for many generations to come.

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

The area around Child Christianity as investing in children is a must for any church looking to reach families, young and old. Many people looking for a church home will base their decision simply on the children's ministry.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Beverley Dobson and Angela Latham

Office held: Church Wardens

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.