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:

# Bosley St Mary’s

DATE: 25/3/2024

DEANERY: Macclesfield

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish:
2. Population.
3. Number on electoral roll.
4. Usual Sunday attendance *(taken from last annual return)*

under 16 years of age: 0 16 and over: 15

1

449

54

1. PCC ordinary income *(i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken*

*from last annual return)*: £ 18,408 \_

1. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £10.00 \_

## PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: Rev. Dr John Harries (Anna Cerval-Pena Curate (SM))
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy *(indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM))*: Rev. Dr John Harries (Anna Cerval-Pena Curate (SM))
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:

 Judith Harries

1. 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:

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None

## THE PARISH

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

Villages, rural.

1. Is the population
2. static rising or falling? Static
3. settled or mobile? Settled
4. Is the population
5. Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families?

 Mixed

1. Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed?

 Yes, all of them

1. Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

2021 census data -98.4% White

1. Estimate the proportion of housing:
2. owner-occupied:
3. local authority:
4. privately rented:
5. Please list:

 80%

 15%

 5%

1. number and types of schools in the parish:

Church of England CDAT Primary School

1. number of nursing homes/elderly persons’ homes Nil
2. any youth centres? Nil
3. any community centres? Nil
4. name(s) of hospitals in the parish: Nil
5. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:

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

Governor of the school

1. Are there any links with local industry?

None

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

 No significant problems

## CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition? Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label?

Central

1. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

First Sunday All Ages service

Second Sunday alternates venue with the Bosley Chapel and St Mary’s joint Methodist and CofE service

Third Sunday Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday joint benefice service rotates round the benefice

Fifth Sunday no service

1. 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 \_ coloured stoles? Yes \_

scarf and hood? No \_\_

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

Hymns Old and New /Mission Praise / printed sheets

1. (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? No recent, years less family and children

1. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:

15 \_

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| 7. | Numbers during the last year |  |
|  | of baptisms: | 0  |
|  | of confirmation candidates: | 0  |
|  | of weddings: | 0  |
|  | of funerals in church: | 5  |
|  | in crematoria: | 3  |

8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? Yes/No

No \_

If so, how many children were admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation during the last year? None \_

## BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. Name of the parish church: Bosley St Mary the Virgin \_ Year(s) built: 1402 the tower rebuilt after fire in1777 extended in 1834 \_

Date of last quinquennial inspection: March 2022

List any urgent repair work still to be done:

None

1. Other C of E churches (*mission church/daughter church/chapel of ease)* in the parish: Name and condition of repair:

None

1. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/ replacement? No vicarage in Bosley
2. What other buildings *(e.g. church hall, curate’s house)* and land (not churchyard) does the parish own? *(Give addresses, use and condition)*

None

1. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes

Is it still in use? Yes

How many new graves were opened last year? 0

How many re-openings were there last year? 3

Estimate how many years are available for new graves: 20 years

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.

Church dinner

Safari Supper

Harvest Supper

Open Gardens

Coffee Mornings

Craft Group

Village Fete and Fell Run

Christingle for Children’s Society

Lent Lunch for Christian Aid

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

incumbent £ 739.34 assistant clergy £ nil

1. Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not

Yes

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

 Reimbuse actual expenses

Is a claim form used? No

1. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £8,664
2. 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: 60%

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

1. 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
2. Is it controlled or aided? Controlled
3. Number of children on roll: 46

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Is the number static/rising/falling? Rising

1. What relationship/links are there between church and school?

The vicar is governor

Weekly assembly

Harvest and Remembrance and Mothering services in the church for the school in the week

Service at the beginning of the new year to welcome new pupils and teachers

Service at the end of the school year with books presented from the church

Maundy Thursday service for Easter for School

Nativity and Christingle events held in the church

Christmas Carol Service

1. If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?

GOOD

1. What provision is made by the church for teaching:
	1. children:

SERVICES AS ABOVE

* 1. young people:

There has been a youth club discontinued at present.

Learning to ring the church bells.

* 1. adults

nil

1. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:
	1. children: nil
	2. young people: nil \_
	3. adults: Craft group 10/15 , Spinning Group 5 , Bell Ringer 5/6
2. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Nil

1. 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?

Currently no licensed lay readers and our pastoral worker is leaving the area. However there is a good tradition of lay leadership within the parish and there are willing hands to take on responsibility for leading groups and activities.

1. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). Not currently \_ \_
2. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

No groups in addition to those already mentioned, but there is active lay involvement in services through readings and intercessions.

## ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

No

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

NO

1. What informal contacts are there?

Bosley Methodist Church – second Sundays we rotate a service between the two churches.

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

We supported a family missionary in Slovakia with YWAM returned home last year

We support Hope for Justice children trafficking.

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

We supported Christian Aid

British Legion

Childrens Society

East Cheshire Hospice

Historic Cheshire Churches

Agricultural Chaplaincy

St Mary’s Primary School

1. Is there an organised system of evangelism in the parish? If so, please describe it.

No

1. Is there an organised system of follow-up to baptisms, weddings, funerals? If so, please describe.

No

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

A Space for Community Activity, since the recent refurbishment where kitchen and toilets were built we also have removed half of the pews leaving a space for village activities

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

No.

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

None

## PUBLICATIONS

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current goals to achieve for the next 5 years?

Heating

Encourage community use

Possibly start a Bereavement Café for the benefice

Reinvigorate Church and School connections and links with Wincle School

Develop wild life in church yard half is designated wild flower area

Work with Wincle and WBC to develop PEAK EDGE PILGRIMAGE walk

Build on the choir/ worship band and develop a benefice choir

 Reinvigorate village/church/school fete and change over from Rose Queen to more modern youth event

Art Exhibition annually for children and local artists hosted by school and church

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

Address winter heating.

Links with the school.

Out reach into the community

Signed on behalf of the PCC: \_ \_

Office held: \_

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4. The Patron (if the Bishop is the patron, he need not be sent a second copy)
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6. The Rural Dean (Electronic copy)
7. The Deanery Lay Chair (Electronic copy)
8. The PCC representatives