

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: Christ Church Timperley

DATE: September 2021

DEANERY: Bowdon

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 2
2. Population. 12000
3. Number on electoral roll. 165 - May 2021
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)
under 16 years of age: 10 (pre-pandemic) 16 and over: 93 (Pre-pandemic)
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £ 95459
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 8.72

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Rev. James Bridgman
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
Rev. Jenny Bridgman (associate Vicar) half time - stipendiary - resigned with effect from 31 August '21
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 Director of Music - hours as necessary

THE PARISH

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

Suburban

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling?

Rising slowly

(b) settled or mobile?

Settled

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? Yes

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

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

There is approx. 10% non white British

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 80%

(b) local authority: 10%

(c) privately rented: 10%

5. Please list:

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

5 Primary Schools - Broomwood Primary School , Cloverlea Primary School, Willow Primary School, St. Hughes Catholic Primary School and Forest School (Private)

2 secondary schools - Wellington School and Altrincham College

1 special school - Pictor Academy

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: 4

(c) any youth centres? Altrincham Youth Centre/ Timperley DofE Centre/Air Cadets

(d) any community centres? Larkhill Community Centre/Broomwood Centre/Village Club

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: No

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

None

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

Chair of Timperley Village Club management committee . Trustee of Timperley Educational Foundation

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:

Pre-pandemic
Christ Church Sunday 08.00 Holy Communion (Alternate Sundays)
10.45 Holy communion (Every Sunday except first in Month)
18. 30 Evening Worship
Wednesday 10.00 Holy Communion
Holy Cross 08.45 Breakfast Club (Third Sunday in Month)
09.30 Cafe Worship (First Sunday in Parish Hall)
10.45 Holy Communion (Every Sunday except first in Month)
Thursday 19.30 Holy Communion
During lockdown one zoom service for parish on Sunday morning. Following opening of churches service each Sunday morning in each church with Holy Communion alternate weeks. At beginning of September aim to start Cafe Worship first Sunday, Breakfast Club third Sunday and one Holy Communion Service in parish on 2nd to 5th Sunday in alternate churches

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? Yes/No Yes

coloured stoles? Yes/No Yes

scarf and hood? Yes/No Yes

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

Common Praise - Christ Church

Complete Anglican Hymns New and Old - Holy Cross

Also hymns that are not found in hymn books - on-line/YouTube etc.

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?

Middle aged and retired

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: Pre pandemic CC-50 HC - 42

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:

CC - 20 HC - 4

of confirmation candidates:

HC - 1

of weddings:

CC - 1

of funerals in church:

CC - 8 HC - 2

in crematoria:

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BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; Christ Church

(b) Year(s) built; 1849

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 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:

Holy Cross built in 2001 and in good condition of repair

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)

Parish Hall and parish office- 97 Park Road adjacent to Holy Cross Church. Building in good condition

Curates House- 17 Grange Ave, Timperley. Good condition. Privately rented until end June 2022

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| 5. | Has the church got a churchyard? | Yes/No | <u>Yes</u> |
| | Is it still in use? | Yes/No | <u>Yes</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>None</u> |
| | Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? | | <u>Yes</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.

Easter and Christmas Fayres
Summer BBQ
Harvest Supper
Burns Evening Celebration
Afternoon Teas
Social Evenings with Speaker
Concert Evenings with local bands
Curry and Quiz Evening
On-line shop

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
incumbent £ 1010 assistant clergy £ 1319
- (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
- Is a claim form used? Yes

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 68301 - post July 2021
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.

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: _____
 Is the number static/rising/falling? _____

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

No church school in Parish but there are links with Broomwood Primary School, Cloverlea Primary School, Wellington School and Woodland Day Nursery. All schools hold carol services in Christ Church and clergy have visited schools. Schools visit Christ Church to look at the building and history of the building.

Over 500 pupils from the three schools visited Christ Church in 2018 to commemorate the end of World War 1 looking at Roll of Honour, stained glass windows and in the churchyard the War Memorial and war graves.

The Pre-school Group which hire the Parish Hall hold their Christmas and Easter end of term concerts in Holy Cross Church welcomed by a member of the clergy.

(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:

Joint Service of Cafe Worship on first Sunday in month with Children's activities

Sunday School at Christ Church on second Sunday in month

Breakfast Club at Holy Cross on third Sunday in month

Annual Shrove Tuesday party, Light Party and for fun Teddy Bear's Picnic

(b) young people:

None

(c) adults

Previously held Alpha and Pilgrim courses

Lent and Advent courses together with Churches Together in Timperley

Book Club

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: Breakfast Club - 25 (Babies to 12 year olds) Cafe Worship 6 - 10 each week

(b) young people: Sunday School - 6

(c) adults: MU - 25 Wednesday Men - 15 Craft Group - 18

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Pre-pandemic - Two house groups met fortnightly in an evening, with 8/10 adults following mainly Scripture Union Studies.

5. 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?

Strong informal lay leadership, for example from Churchwardens, Community Cafe volunteers, pastoral care team, etc. Positive sense of 'pulling together' to achieve tasks and a growing awareness of the relevant aspects of everyday faith, with the whole of life seen as integral to discipleship and ministry. There is less lay leadership involved in leading services or in licensed roles, currently with no licensed lay readers. This is down to an historic culture in which lay leadership "from the front" was perhaps not nurtured or encouraged by clergy. Some leadership has started to emerge through the leading of Cafe Worship, and other non-Eucharistic worship - especially during the pandemic and the vacancy - and this something to be built on in the years ahead.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). Have previously held Alpha and Pilgrim Courses

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

Preaching/written reflections on Sundays have tended towards emphasis on discipleship and vocation, regular study groups (pre-covid), two house groups, support and healthy challenge of one another, as well as prayer, through the parish WhatsApp group, regular consulting with volunteers and enabling them to shape the life of the parish (for example, through the running of Community Cafe) encouraging people to attend the Diocesan FfM course and consider their own ministerial vocations, a newly-formed small group considering issues of race and racism within the Church of England. People have attended the diocesan lay conference, been encouraged to attend the diocesan "Called to Serve" days as well as doing the Foundations for Ministry course.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Member of Churches Together in Timperley - a parishioner currently act as chair for the committee of CTIT.

Pre - pandemic involved working together to organise house to house collection for Christian Aid Week and other fund raise events.

Setting up Trafford South Foodbank in 2012.

Joint study courses for Lent and Advent.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Carol singing in Village and walk of witness on Good Friday.

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

Yes - signed on 22 May 1988 - Anglican, Congregational, Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reform churches.

3. What informal contacts are there?

Churches Together in Timperley provides opportunity for formal and informal contact. The commitments of other ministers (who are active in other areas, or in full-time employment) has been a barrier to deeper clergy interaction with ecumenical colleagues.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

Annual Christian Aid Week Collection - app £720 last year.

Christian Hospital in Vellore India and Sisters of Melanesia - £400 last year.

Also, support another overseas charity (which changes every 3 years) - £700. Currently Tear Fund.

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

The Parish donates approx. 4% of income to home and overseas charities each year.

These change every 3 years - home charities currently Trafford Domestic Abuse Services + Mustard Tree

Children Society supported through Christingle collection, annual quiz and coffee evening and home collecting boxes

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

Not really. Evangelism is understood within the broader context of mission and every part of parish activity is understood to be missional. Individuals and groups are welcomed into church buildings throughout the year, for festivals, school and pre-school productions, occasional offices etc. The parish has started to conduct events beyond the buildings and to offer hospitality to the wider community (eg. Carols at the Crossroads and engagement with the Manchester Marathon).

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

Baptisms - children and parents often continue a link with Breakfast Club, where they are invited to attend both before and after baptism (with the "Welcome" from the baptism liturgy done in the months after the baptism, at a Breakfast Club service). Weddings - no, although couples often return for significant life events following their wedding (baptisms, funerals etc.) Cards and flowers are sent to the bereaved and an invitation is sent to the annual All Soul's Service.

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

The Parish, as part of Churches Together in Timperley together with Churches Together in Altrincham, in 2012 set up Trafford South Foodbank. The foodbank is now a charity in its own right and members of Parish congregation are part of the management team together with volunteers who help in the warehouse and distribution centre.

A "Baby Loss" memorial stone was unveiled in the churchyard in 2020 for all who are living with the pain of baby loss

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

The pastoral care team would meet half-termly pre-covid and each would have responsibility for named people. Clergy would visit in critical situations, or as requested. We liaise closely with the hospital chaplains for care of those in hospital.

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 - 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?

We recognise that rebuilding and recovery post-covid will be a long process, and will require wide consultation with the community and congregation. An exciting opportunity, but not one to be hurried or done thoughtlessly. There is a need to engage with children and young people whilst not forgetting the older members of the congregation.

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

Rebuilding ministry to children and families post -Covid (Breakfast Club and Cafe Worship are the most "neglected" of our congregations through the pandemic).

Building confidence in lay ministry and discipleship - in church ministry and in everyday discipleship.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Stephen Taylor

Office held: 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.