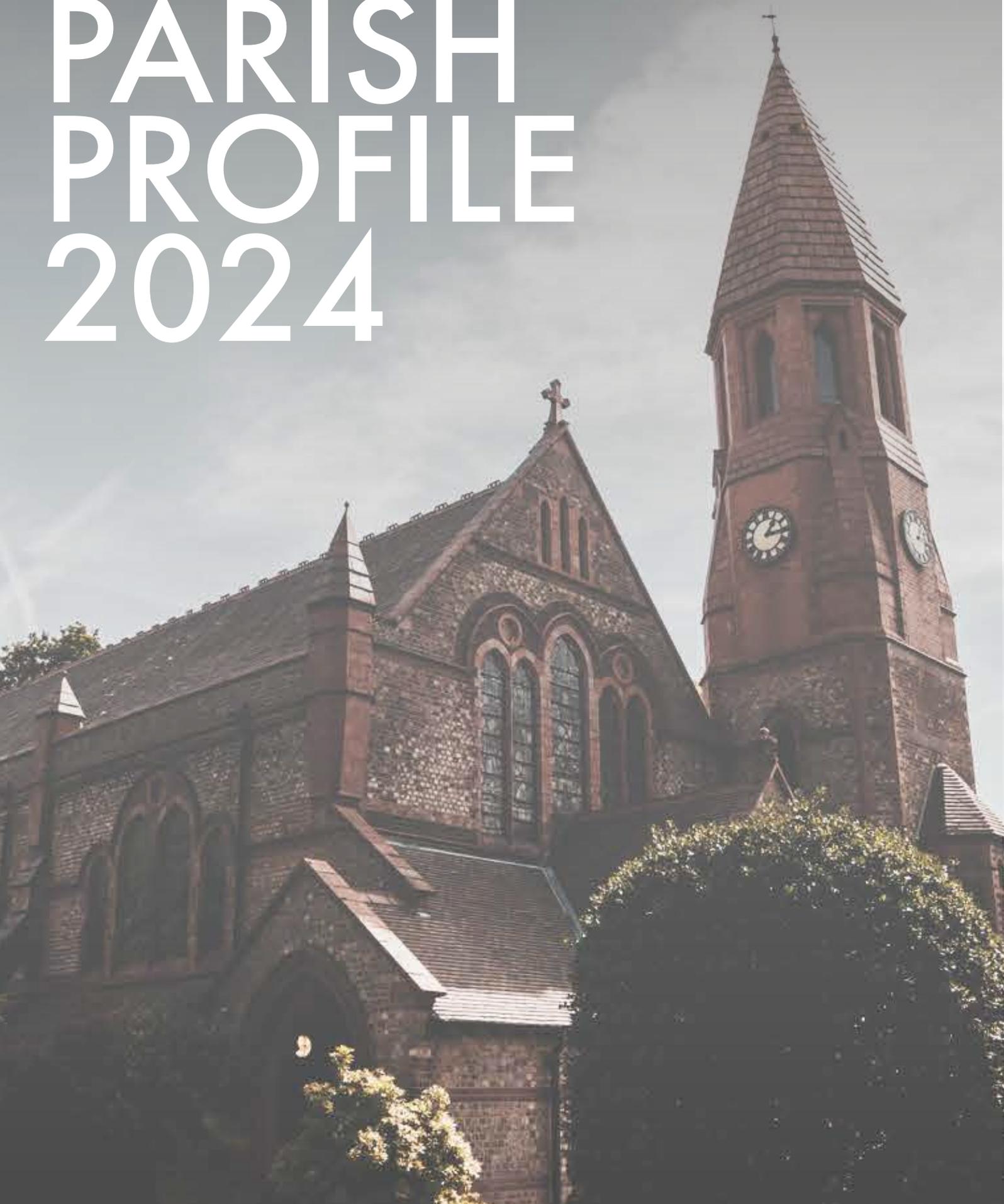


St Peter's Hale

PARISH PROFILE 2024



Introduction

The Parish Church of St Peter's Hale is a Christian community of and for all ages, in which everyone is welcome.

Our aim is to grow together:
in faith, in fellowship, in number.

We grow together in Christ through our worship, certainly, but also through the many groups and activities we are fortunate to have, all of which everyone is welcome to join.

We are a busy parish where every person matters and every person is important to us.

General Information on Hale

Hale village is about 9 miles southwest of Manchester. It is an electoral ward within the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford. There is busy high street with good amenities, local supermarkets and small independent shops as well as many excellent restaurants. The area is popular with both families and businesses because of its excellent commuter links, nearby motorways and airport enable national and international travel and there are also trams into Manchester from Altrincham. Despite being so close to the motorway it is close to the River Bollin and surrounded by beautiful countryside. The earliest documented reference to Hale is in the Domesday Book of 1086, although the name of the settlement is probably as old as 7th or 8th century. The area was mostly agricultural but now Hale, Bowdon and Hale Barns together encompass some of the wealthiest parts of England.

Hale Ward has three out of 63 seats on Trafford Borough Council, and as of the 2024 local election all three seats were held by the Green Party. Hale forms part of the Altrincham and Sale West Constituency and has been represented in the House of Commons by the Conservative Member of Parliament Sir Graham Brady. He is retiring and will not be standing again in the July 2024 General Election.

According to the Office for National Statistics, at the time of the Census 2021, Hale had a population of 16,720 with a 51.4% female-to-male ratio. 25.2% of the population are under 18, 54.5% are aged 18-64 and 20.2% are 65 and over.

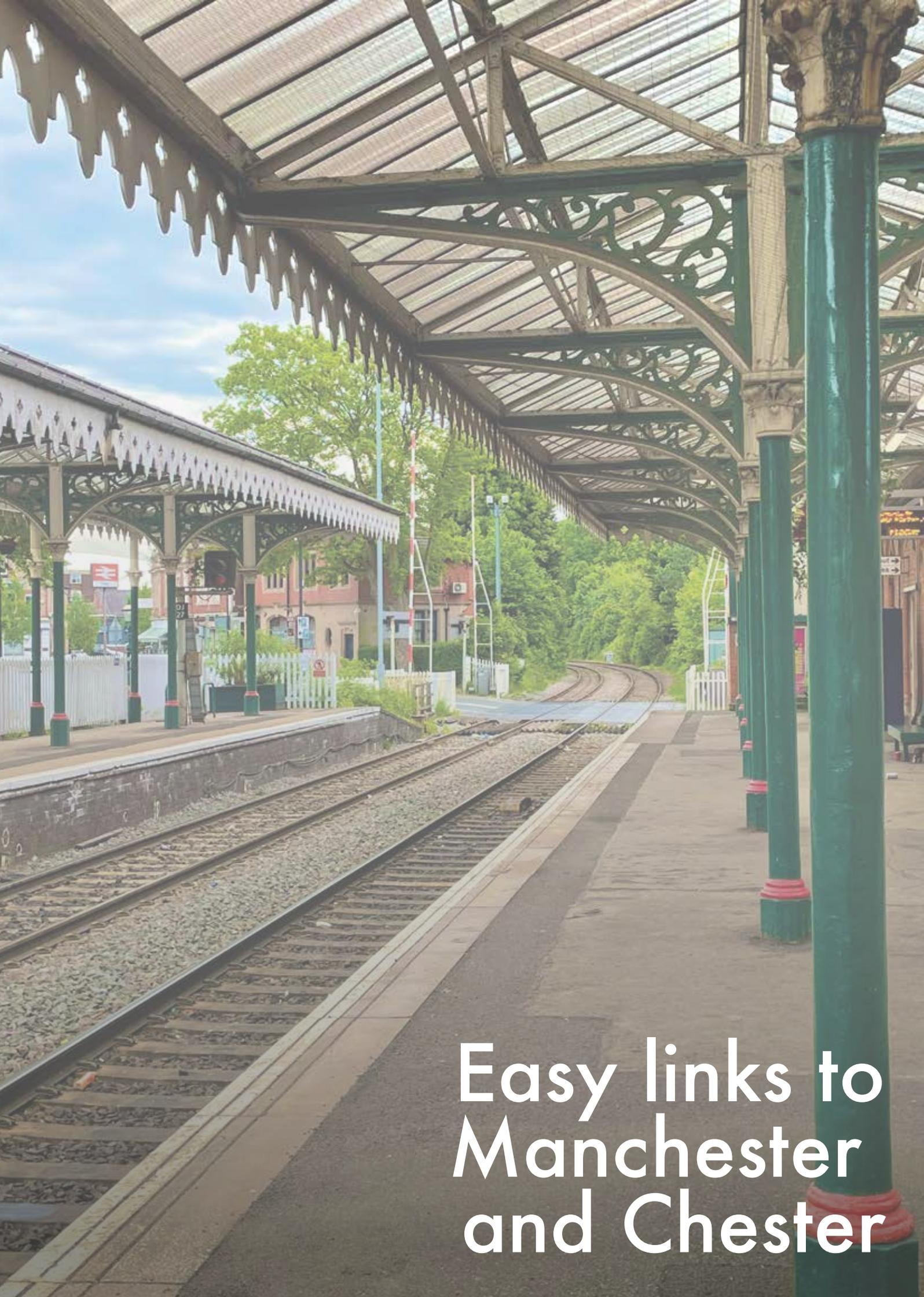
56% were employed/self-employed, 3.5% were unemployed, 7% were full time students and 33.5% were retired or otherwise economically inactive.

Religion in Hale

According to the 2021 UK census, 51.6% of Hale's residents reported themselves as being Christian, which is a fall of 11.9% since 2011. Of other religions identified in the area 7.1% are Jewish, 11.2% Muslim, 0.8% Hindu, 0.5% Buddhist, and 0.6% Sikh. The census recorded 25.8% as having no religion which has increased from 22.6% in 2011. 2.4% did not state their religion.

Within a 1 mile radius of St Peter's Hale there is St Mary's Bowdon (C of E), All Saints Hale Barns (C of E), St George's Altrincham (C of E), St Margaret's Dunham (C of E), Altrincham United Reformed Church, Altrincham Baptist Church, Hale & District Hebrew Congregation, Altrincham and Hale Muslim Association Cultural Centre, Holy Angels (Roman Catholic), Hale Methodist Church.

We are part of a very active 'Churches Together in Hale' group and regularly share resources and worship. During Lent there is a travelling light that goes to each church in the local area and each Sunday in August worship takes place at a different church to bring congregations together. Every November leaders of different faiths come together for a civic Act of Remembrance at the local war memorial.



Easy links to
Manchester
and Chester

Transport

Hale is near the transport interchange in Altrincham for buses, trains and trams; and only four miles west of Manchester International Airport. Hale railway station is on the Mid-Cheshire Line between Chester and Manchester. Hale is perfectly linked by the M56 to the M6, M60 and M62. By train from Manchester Piccadilly takes just over two hours to London.

Schools

The local area has eighteen primary schools, one special school and seven secondary schools, including three grammar schools; the Trafford district maintains a selective education. Several of Altrincham's secondary schools have specialist status.

More information and current Ofsted reports can be found via the following weblink:

www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/schools.aspx

Sport and Leisure

There are many restaurants, coffee shops, cafés and bars in Hale catering for all age groups, tastes and budgets.

In the centre of the village is a bowling green, tennis club and library plus a selection of independent shops. Hale is very near two National Trust sites: Dunham Massey and Tatton Park.

There is also the 16 acre Stamford Park within walking distance, which has a sports park with areas for cricket and football.

Nearby Altrincham has two theatres, the Altrincham Garrick Playhouse and the Club Theatre. There are two multi-screen cinemas - Vue and Everyman.

Altrincham and District Athletics Club was founded in 1961, and provides training facilities for track and field. Altrincham is one of the few towns in North West England with an ice rink, and has had an ice hockey team since 1961. Manchester Phoenix have a professional presence in the English Premier Ice Hockey League and an extensive junior development aspect. Altrincham F.C, nicknamed 'The Robins', were founded in 1903, they play in the Conference North League. Near the ice rink is the community leisure centre.

There are two local rugby teams, Altrincham Kersal and Bowdon which have teams of all ages. Nearby Bowdon has a cricket, hockey and squash club and Ashley (which is where St Elizabeth's Church is located) has a long established cricket club.

Our Church Buildings

St Peter's was dedicated on 16 June 1892 and is an example of late Victorian/ Arts and Crafts architecture. It is listed Grade II.

The church was reordered in April 2011; our aim was for a clear, open, welcoming space where people can connect to God. We have comfortable oak chairs, a moveable dais, shining wood-block floors, and an AV system which we can use for live streaming of services. This helps to create a bright, flexible, calm, modern interior that can be used for different types of services and worship, recitals and concerts.

St Peter's maintains two well-equipped community based resources: St Peter's Assembly Rooms and St Peter's House. These are used by church organisations but are also available for hire for small to medium sized activities. The two facilities are very different. St Peter's Assembly Rooms contain a large hall with stage, a smaller hall and a large well equipped kitchen. The local scouts meet in the building attached to the Assembly Rooms. St Peter's House comprises small meeting rooms and a kitchen.

St Peter's Vicarage is a large Victorian detached home with five bedrooms, a family bathroom, separate modern shower room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, study, lounge and dining room. The house is within the church grounds but has a large fenced off garden and separate drive for privacy.

We are here for people
at every stage of life
with baptisms,
weddings and
funerals



Worship

First Sunday of the Month

8.30am Contemporary Praise

10am Holy Communion with Common Worship

Second Sunday of the Month

8.30am Holy Communion with Book of Common Prayer

10am Holy Communion with Common Worship

Junior Church

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Third Sunday of the Month

8.30am Holy Communion with Book of Common Prayer

10am Holy Communion with Common Worship

3pm Messy Church (St Peter's House)

Fourth Sunday of the Month

8.30am Holy Communion with Book of Common Prayer

10am Holy Communion with Common Worship

Junior Church

Fifth Sunday of the Month (if applicable)

8.30am Holy Communion with Book of Common Prayer

10am Holy Communion with Common Worship

6.30pm Taizé

Every Wednesday

10am Holy Communion with

Book of Common Prayer (St Peter's House Chapel)

Daily Prayer

9.30am Tuesdays and Thursdays (St Peter's House Chapel)

We also have special seasonal services for Christmas and Easter, which are advertised nearer the time in all our publicity.

Children and Families

We have St Peter's Parent, Baby and Toddler Group and Bumps & Babies that meet every Monday during term time for pregnant mums to be and babies from new-born to toddler in St Peter's House. Our aim is to connect parents, grandparents and child-minders in the local area, and to provide a fun, safe environment for children to play and interact. The groups are run by volunteers.

We believe that children are never too young to come to church - and they are welcome at all services at St Peter's. It is important that children know they are a valued part of St Peter's church family and that they grow up in faith through public worship, learning alongside the whole church to praise, listen, learn, pray and serve. After the service all are welcome for refreshments in St Peter's House.

We run our Junior Church during school term time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. This caters for children from pre-school to Year 6. The church family meets together in St Peter's for the start of our service at 10am and during the first hymn the children move to St Peter's House to learn about Jesus, grow in faith and enjoy being together and then re-join the service in church in time to receive communion together.

The Incumbent has been running a Messy Church Group once a month on a Sunday afternoon using materials produced by a national organisation.

There are both Scouting and Guiding Groups in Hale.

Our Christmas services are great opportunities to engage with young families



Inclusive Church

St Peter's is a registered member of the national Inclusive Church network. We welcome all people irrespective of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity or sexuality. We have links to Inclusive Church on our website and use the logo on communications. Inclusive Church is mentioned in our intercessions and in sermons periodically.

Mission

St Peter's Church gives 10% of its voluntary income to supporting projects and initiatives in the UK and overseas – we encourage members of our congregation to get directly involved.

As a Christian organisation St Peter's has been actively involved, for many years, on a personal level with many causes both locally, in this country and overseas. Through this, a network of contacts has been established, often working at a grass roots level, within communities. Several members of St Peter's have chosen to form close associations with some of these causes, giving freely of their time and talents to help people. They have been able to go out into sometimes difficult and often distant communities, forging links and focussing help. This combination of financial support, personal contact, hands on work and encouragement makes for effective, rewarding and successful partnerships both at home and overseas. Working with other faith communities locally St Peter's provides resources to support the asylum seekers housed by the Government in a hotel within the Parish.



Creatively
sharing the
Good News
of Easter

Faith and Discipleship

At St Peter's there are lots of opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith through: regular home groups and church activities, Bible study discussion groups, Adult Confirmation group, Foundations for Ministry, Adult Discipleship groups and a monthly Contemporary Praise Service particularly aimed at young families.

Music

The choir is a friendly and welcoming group, open to all ages. Some join the choir unable to read a note of music, a few are professional musicians, but together they sing to a high standard each Sunday at the 10am service and for Evensong once a month. One of our PCC members is currently the Director of Music and our Organist.

Fellowship

We have groups of all ages that meet regularly to build friendships, connections and community involvement, some are: Quarterly “Big Breakfast”, Church Women’s Fellowship, and Saturday Community Lunches.

Recreation

We have a number of groups that meet supporting recreation, outdoors, hobbies and interests some are: St Peter's Outdoor and Rambling Society (Sprouts) and a talented Flower Guild who decorate church.

Participation

We like to encourage everyone of any age to get involved with supporting the Sunday services and have a number of Servers, Lectors, Intercessors, Sidespeople, Welcomers, Chalice Assistants, Chimers, Sunday School leaders, Deputy Church Wardens and Vergers who all add to the smooth running of our church.

Leadership

We currently have 16 members on our Parochial Church Council, including three Deanery Synod representatives and two Churchwardens. We actively encourage people to get involved and give us their ideas, suggestions and feedback so that we can continually improve to best serve our parish, community and Jesus Christ.



Our talented
Flower Guild
use flowers to
enhance our worship

Staff

Parish Administrator

Alex Masters

Ministry

Our Ministry Team includes:

Readers

Julie Withers

Chris Graham

John Moss (Reader Emeritus)

More Information

If you want to find out more about St Peter's Church; please visit our website www.stpetershale.org.uk, telephone the Parish Office on 0161 928 3374 or call in to St Peter's House, 233 Ashley Road, Hale WA15 9SS any weekday.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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