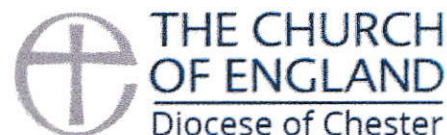


Parish Fact Sheet

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: HALE ST PETER DATE: MAY 2024

DEANERY: BOWDON

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 1
2. Population. 16,720
3. Number on electoral roll. 241
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)
under 16 years of age: 34 16 and over: 115
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £ 261,347
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £ 13.07

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: KAREN J. STANTON
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*): N/A
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
JULIE WITHERS, CHRIS GRAHAM, JOHN MOSS (EM)
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:

ALEX MASTERS: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR. Full time.

THE PARISH

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

Suburban

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? Rising

(b) settled or mobile? Settled

3. Is the population

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

20% over 65; 54.5% 18-64; 25.2% 0-17

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

Mainly professional/executive

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

According to the 2021 Census the area is: 77.5% White, 15% Asian, 3.3% Mixed, 1.1% Black, 1% Arab and 2.2% Other.

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 90%

(b) local authority: 1%

(c) privately rented: 9%

5. Please list:

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

2 Schools: Stamford Park Primary School-state school
Hale Prep School (Private Infant and Junior school)
There are others in neighbouring parishes in walking distance.

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes 2-Rostherne Court and St Andrews Court

(c) any youth centres? No

(d) any community centres? No

(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?
No but historically led civic Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial
8. Are there any links with local industry?
No
9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?
No but alcohol, drug, divorce and isolation problems are evident

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:

1st Sunday: 8.30 am Contemporary Praise, 10am : CW HC
 2nd Sunday: 8.30am BCP HC, 10am CW HC with Junior Church, 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 3rd Sunday: 8.30am BCP HC, 10am CW HC, 3pm Messy Church
 4th Sunday: 8.30am BCP HC, 10am CW HC with Junior Church
 5th Sunday: 8.30am BCP HC, 10am CW HC, 6.30pm Taize service
3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please State? Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: BCP and CW
 Is there a traditional use of
 eucharist vestments? Yes/No no
 coloured stoles? Yes/No Yes
 scarf and hood? Yes/No Yes
4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

A and M Hymns (Edition 2013)
5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 38%
 (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation? Tends to Over 50s
6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:
80

7. Numbers during the last year
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| of baptisms: | <u>16</u> |
| of confirmation candidates: | <u>4</u> |
| of weddings: | <u>3</u> |
| of funerals in church: | <u>13</u> |
| in crematoria: | <u>5 Committals (2023)</u> |
8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? Yes/No
Yes
 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: ST PETERS HALE
 Year(s) built: 1892
 Date of last quinquennial inspection: 2023
 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:

None

3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/ replacement? Yes/No YES
4. What other buildings (*e.g. church hall, curate's house*) and land (not churchyard) does the parish own? (*Give addresses, use and condition*)

ASSEMBLY ROOMS: 136 Cecil Road WA15 9NU-good repair. Community Use.
 ST PETER'S HOUSE: 233 Ashley Road WA15 9SS-good repair. Parish Office and meeting rooms.
 SCHOOL HOUSE: 134 Cecil Road WA15 9NU-good repair. Residential property. Currently rented out

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No NO
 Is it still in use? Yes/No _____
 How many new graves were opened last year? _____
 How many re-openings were there last year? _____
 Estimate how many years are available for new graves: _____
 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.

Harvest Lunch

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
 incumbent £ 6525 assistant clergy £ N/A
 (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
 Is a claim form used? YES
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 87,192
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 NO
 If not, what amount was paid: £ 43596
 In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share?
 Yes/No NO
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?

Links are maintained with Bowdon C of E Primary School. One of our PCC Members is a governor of the school. Historically the Vicar has led school assemblies. Attendances at St Peter's is a qualifying reason for applying for a place at this school.

(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:

Junior Church is held on 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month in term time for children up to Year 6. This takes place during the 10a.m. service with children joining the service in time for Communion.

(b) young people:

N/A

(c) adults

Adult study groups are run during Advent and Lent. It is hoped that these can be expanded. Members of the congregation participate in Foundations for Ministry (run by the Diocese) and Exploring Faith Matters courses. EFM is led by one of the lay readers. Confirmation groups are set up based on the ages of the children and adults. Marriage preparation courses are run ad hoc for couples requesting marriage in St Peter's.

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(a) children: Toddlers and Bumps 2 Babies Groups-10-12 per week
(b) young people: None
(c) adults: CWF 50 members CHOIR 12 members

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

See 2(c) above

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?

Lay leadership is strong. Many committed parishioners are active doing voluntary work in the local community. The Professional nature of the Congregation means that we have many people with leadership skills. Many are retired and able to be flexible with their time.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). Not currently but parishioners are encouraged to participate in Foundations for Ministry.
3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

See 2 above.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Churches Together in Hale is an active ecumenical group. A St Peter's parishioner is currently the chair. During August Sunday evening services rotate around the group. There are inter-denominational services throughout the year and study groups in which members from all the churches are invited to participate. St Peter's also has representatives in the Altrincham Inter-Faith group.

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

NO

3. What informal contacts are there?

See 1 above

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

10% of St Peter's stewardship income is given towards mission. In 2023 £14,017 was divided equally between overseas and UK based charities. The allocation of the funds is decided by the PCC Mission in Action group. In 2024 we are supporting CMS, Affrinspire and The Leprosy Mission.

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

See 1 above. The home missions being supported in 2024 are Boaz Trust, The Family Contact Line and St Pauls Church Salford. We also support the Hope Centre in Partington and the Tree of Life in Wythenshawe with basic food, start up goods and good used clothing which are donated by parishioners. New underwear is collected to be taken to Styal Women's Prison. We are actively engaged in supporting asylum seekers housed in a hotel in the Parish organising games for children in school holidays, hairdressing, and together with Churches Together in Hale clothing and toiletry needs.

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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 formal follow up after a death is to invite those bereaved to a subsequent All Souls Service.

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

None formally. See 2 above. In addition we organise a van to take surplus furniture and household goods to St Pauls Salford and the Tree of Life. We have a reduced rental rate for charities using rooms in St Peter's House.

There is a monthly lunch organised by groups of parishioners in the Assembly Rooms which raises money for designated charities and which is open to all members of the community.

The Assembly Rooms are used by AA and Cocaine Anonymous each week.

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

Home Communion is distributed by clergy and readers as requested.

7. 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/No YES - see www.stpetershale.org.uk

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Follow and develop Diocesan strategy of "Together in Christ, Sharing Hope" locally.
Continue integration of church into village life.

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

Engagement with a broader age demographic-40s and 50s

Signed on behalf of the PCC: _____

Office held: _____

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 (Hard copy and electronic copy)
3. The Archdeacon (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