

FOUNTAINS PARISH

CONSISTING OF THE CHURCHES OF

St Lawrence, Aldfield

St Michael & All Angels, Sawley

St Cuthbert & St Oswald, Winksley

PCC STATEMENT/PARISH PROFILE

Under Section 11 of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986

Introduction: Parish Officers

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LAY READERS: (across Benefice)

Miss Anne Carrick, Mrs Elizabeth Jarvis, Mr Adrian Roberts

A The Parish of Fountains

The three churches of our Parish are set in rural communities close to the city of Ripon and to the World Heritage Site of Fountains Abbey. Agricultural. Active tourist area with several caravan and camping sites.

The general classification is Rural 100%. At the last census, the population numbered 670 which is stable and distributed quite sparsely. Housing is 80% owner-occupied with a

balance of 70% detached and 30% terraced cottages. The population is split 50/50 between families and over 60s. There is a very small ethnic minority.

Approximately 30% of people work on the land. Those who do not travel mostly to Ripon, Harrogate, York and other parts of North Yorkshire and some to Leeds. Jobs people do are farming, jobs connected with tourism, professional/clerical, self-employed small businesses (builders, electricians, plumbers etc and other businesses run from the home), and there are those who are retired. There is a high level of employment with very few unemployed.

There are no hospitals, retirement homes or sheltered accommodation facilities in Fountains Parish.

Schools are Fountains C of E Primary School at Grantley and Fountains Play Group and Pre-school at Grantley which is a Charity. The Incumbent is a School Governor and in the past has lead assemblies/collective worship and church services in school. Lay people may be school governors and the 'Seekers Club' for ages 5-11 to explore their faith is led by lay members Libby Davies supported by Christine Simpson and also by Liz Jarvis (Reader). Readers lead assemblies/collective worship in school. The PCC has the authority to appoint one School Governor in addition to the Incumbent.

Other significant institutions are Winksley-cum-Grantley Young Farmers; Sawley Village Grantley-cum-Winksley Women's Institute; Fountains School Luncheon Club; Brownies, Guides and Rainbows and 'Seekers Club' (see above).

There are no 'other faith' communities institutionally present in the Parish. The only Church of a different denomination in the Parish is the Methodist Church in Sawley.

We have obtained a **map of our Parish boundaries** and our Secretary will ensure it is retained for our permanent parish records.

STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

The number on Fountains Parish **Electoral Roll** is 65 (stable) of which 63% are resident in the parish and 37% are non-resident and the significant age group is over 60s. Our last **Annual Return** shows the following figures:

	Aldfield	Winksley	Sawley
Average Sunday attendance	15	18	12
Christmas communicants	25	24	44
Easter communicants	-	32	21
Baptisms (adult)	-	1	-
Baptisms (children)	1	2	5

Confirmations	-	-	-
Weddings	1	3	-
Funerals in church	1	4	2
Funerals in crematorium or cemetery	9	-	9

LAY MINISTRY

There are **three Readers** licensed across the Benefice (Anne Carrick, Elizabeth Jarvis and Adrian Roberts) who take non-eucharistic services, administer Communion by Extension (which is approved by the Bishop and will be reviewed three-monthly) and administer Home Communion to the sick. Two of our Readers entered training/were licensed within the past five years. **Three parishioners** in Fountains Parish (Brenda Bell, Churchwarden, Brenda Holgate and Julia Watson, Churchwarden are licensed to administer the Chalice. Jeanne Banham coordinates a team of three lay members (Jeanne, Yvonne Fleetham and Heather Soley) at Winksley who rotate to lead the intercessions once a month when there is a 10.30 a.m. Eucharist unless it is a 'special occasion'.

Worship: At present we have an average of 2 x Eucharists/ C by E services per month in each church (including one United Benefice Eucharist which rotates around the churches). We also have occasional non-eucharistic morning services, evensong and children's services. There are occasional united services with the Methodist Church in Sawley. Parishioners do the readings in all three churches.

Pastoral: We are a small community with a village sense of spirit and helpfulness when required.

Teaching/Study Group Leaders: Fountains Parish: Brenda Holgate runs the Book Club and one of the Readers leads a House Group hosted by Yvonne Fleetham. Across the Benefice: Lent/Alpha courses were run by the previous Incumbent and were held mostly at the Rectory or one of the House Group venues.

There is no **Healing** Ministry in the Parish.

Sunday School, children and young people: There are occasional activities for young children led by Libby Davies at the back of the church during services at Winksley. 'Seekers Club' – see above.

Administration: The Lay Readers compile the rotas with the help of the Church Wardens. The Benefice has a paid Administrator two mornings per week who produces the rotas (emailed to relevant parties) and the Benefice weekly pew (news) sheets (sent to Yvonne Fleetham at Winksley to print and arrange distribution throughout the Benefice). The Benefice Magazine ('The Fountain') is produced and edited by Claire Wakefield (Winksley)

Cleaning/Caretaking: Churchwardens and Parishioners rotate to carry out these tasks. There is a formal rota at Sawley.

Other: Small team organising Harvest Lunch, Plough Service Lunch, 'Kettle's On' monthly tea and cakes, Quarterly Domino Drives – all at Winksley Church Room – and May Garden Fete at church/in church grounds at Winksley and pre-Christmas Fair at Grantley Village Hall.

Stipendiary Clergy: We understand the Benefice is entitled to a Rector/Priest-in-Charge and a House-for-duty Priest.

Non-stipendiary Clergy: None

Numbers and Degree of Involvement of Visiting Clergy: At present, we have considerable help from 4+ visiting clergy who are delighted to help us with (mostly) Eucharists.

Benefice Magazine: See above. 1050 are printed for the Benefice of which 260 are distributed in Fountains Parish. It is not edited by the Incumbent. At present, a Reader will provide an introductory letter each month (10 issues – combined July/August and December/January).

Sunday Service Sheet (see above - Pew sheet): 40 per week are printed for Fountains Parish and emailed to the other parishes for printing. It is edited by our Administrator, not the Incumbent.

Mid-week Activities: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides at Winksley. Various occasional fundraising and social activities – see above.

Using church premises: May Garden Fete at Winksley (see above); occasional fundraising concerts at Winksley and Sawley. Exhibition at Winksley in 2017 to celebrate the 100th anniversary. Flower Festivals in Winksley and Sawley churches.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults: Jean Denney is currently our Safeguarding Officer and has been in the position for many years.

Deanery Synod: Brenda Holgate and Angela Wray are Fountains Parish representatives and attend meetings regularly, reporting to the PCC thereafter.

WORSHIP IN THE CHURCHES: a rota for the Benefice is attached. We have a Eucharistic tradition and also a tradition of Evensong. Vestments are High Church. The Sacrament is reserved only at Winksley. There is a sermon at the majority of services. The pattern of Church Services is reviewed regularly and is ongoing in an attempt to consolidate and reduce the number of services throughout the Benefice. For Baptisms, we have an open policy, not restricted to regular worshippers. The Incumbent prepares candidates/parents for Baptism. The policy for Weddings is as open as possible within the law. The Incumbent

prepares. The PCC is not opposed in principle to marriage of divorced people. There is no formal policy concerning Communion before Confirmation. At the moment, Fountains Parish does not have a choir or a music group. There are three part-time organists (see accounts for remuneration). Hymns Ancient and Modern are used at Winksley and Sawley and Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New at Aldfield.

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

St Lawrence, Aldfield: Built in 1780, this Grade 2 listed church has a seating capacity in boxed pews of 60. The last Quinquennial inspection was carried out by Ferry & Mennim in 2015. There is a not-fully-defined problem with woodworm in the roof void (to which the access is difficult). Cost of, and extent of, remedial work has not yet been fully established.

St Cuthbert & St Oswald, Winksley: Built in 1916, this Grade 2 listed building was consecrated in 1917 and has a seating capacity in pews for 96 plus choir stalls. Architects Blakett-Ord carried out the last Quinquennial in November 2013. Most of the work required has been carried out; nothing relating to the building remains outstanding.

St Michael & All Angels, Sawley: Built in 1879 and not listed, this church has a seating capacity of 100+. Blakett-Ord carried out the last Quinquennial in November 2013 and most of the work required has been carried out. The entrance porch is in a poor state of repair and appears to be built on inadequate foundations.

Parish Rooms at Winksley: Built in 1929. Single storey, kitchen, toilet, meeting-room; it is structurally sound, in good external condition and has been recently decorated internally and new chairs purchased. David Ferguson (Parish Treasurer) carried out an inspection with the Insurers in November 2014. There remains a small area of damp but no leakage through the roof after repairs.

Churchyards: Aldfield and Sawley churchyards are open. Winksley has one closed and one open. Harrogate Council is responsible for the closed yard and maintenance is effective.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (copy of 2017 accounts attached)

Annual income 2017	£31748*	Annual income 2016	£25475
Annual expenditure 2017	£25475	Ann. expenditure 2016	£27834
Total reserves	Nil		
Gift-Aid 2017	£7796		
Tax recovered	£4282		
Open collections 2017	£4225		

Fee income 2017 £4623

Fund-raising 2017 £3868

***Following the introduction of the new Diocese's Historic Share Policy in May 2017, the Parish Share of £20282 for 2017 was paid in full as a result of a £6000 exceptional contribution from Winksley's Restricted Account.** We held a Stewardship Campaign in May 2018 and have been successful in gaining more regular contributions to Parish funds. We have redoubled our efforts in fundraising and in particular this year we held an 'Auction of Promises' which raised over £3000 for the Parish plus an equivalent amount for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The hope is to meet our share request for 2018 and 2019 and thereby wipe out the historic share of £73087 (as at beginning of 2017) in total and look forward to a more positive future.