



DIOCESE OF CHESTER

PARISH FACT SHEET

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: Lostock Gralam

DATE: December 2018

DEANERY: Middlewich

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: | <u>2</u> |
| 2. Population. | <u>5600</u> |
| 3. Number on electoral roll. | <u>80</u> |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>) under 16 years of age: | <u>0</u> |
| 16 and over: | <u>40</u> |
| 5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>): | <u>£ 37072</u> |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: | <u>£ 5.43</u> |

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Revd Brian Harris
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:
Graham Sheen. Joyce Kenrick. Roger Kenrick
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:

N/A

THE PARISH

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

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? mixed

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

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

There are a small number of non-English families.

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 80%

(b) local authority: 15%

(c) privately rented: 5%

5. Please list:

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

Two Primary Schools - one CE Controlled and one Community School

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

(c) any youth centres? No

(d) any community centres? Three: Lostock Gralam. Wincham and Lach Dennis

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: N/A

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

8. Are there any links with local industry?

No

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:

Currently:

Lach Dennis: Second Sunday (alternating with Lostock Green) Morning Prayer.

Third Sunday: Holy Eucharist.

Lostock Gramam: Third Sunday: Café Church (in the Church Hall)

First, second, fourth and fifth Sundays: Holy Eucharist.

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	<u>Yes</u>
	coloured stoles? Yes/No	<u>Yes</u>
	scarf and hood? Yes/No	<u>Yes</u>

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

Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New mainly but we do use other resources occasionally.

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 36%
(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?
predominantly retired and roughly fifty-fifty male/female

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 38

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>26</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>3</u>
of weddings:	<u>4</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>18</u>
in crematoria:	<u>27</u>

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St John the Evangelist
(b) Year(s) built; 1844
(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2016
(d) List any urgent repair work still to be done:

Repair slates on spire
Repaint the bell tower louvres
repair loose flashing
some re-pointing
lightning conductor
churchyard walls re-pointing

2. Other C of E churches (*mission church/daughter church/chapel of ease*) in the parish:

Name:	Condition of repair:
<u>All Saints Lach Dennis</u>	<u>Generally good</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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)

Use/Address	Condition of repair
Church Hall	Excellent

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>2</u>
How many re-openings were there last year?		<u>7</u>
Estimate how many years are available for new graves:		<u>beyond twenty years</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.

Prize Bingo on the first Friday of every month

Pancake Night Quiz Night

Harvest Supper Quiz Night

Autumn Fair

Summer Fair/BBQ

other ad hoc events.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ 1022
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? Re-imburse

Is a claim form used? invoices/receipts

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 19 792.49
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: £ N/A
 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.
N/A

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No Yes
 Is it controlled or aided? Controlled
- (b) Number of children on roll: 210
 Is the number static/rising/falling? school full

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

Good relationships exist between the school and the church. The school use the church for specific acts of worship and for their own productions. The Incumbent leads collective worship in school every week and is also on the governing body.

(d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?
N/A

2. What provision is made by the church for teaching:

(a) children:

Monthly Messy Church.
 Play and Pray.
 Open the Book.

(b) young people:

None

(c) adults

Occasional courses

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

- (a) children: N/A
- (b) young people: N/A
- (c) adults: N/A

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

None in an official way

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? N/A

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?

Laity are involved in reading lessons and leading intercessions in the services. There is a good welcoming team and a small active number of people involved with pastoral care/visiting

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored).
The Pilgrim Course
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3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

We have encouraged those who are willing to take the Foundations for Ministry Course.
The choir has grown and plays an active role in occasional church services. It is the official choir for the Church Tent at the Cheshire Show.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Northwich and District Churches Together.
Shared Lent Courses.

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

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

We work with Lostock Green Methodist Church and share worship on a monthly basis.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

The Church takes part in European Partners in Christ and sponsors a church in Tasnad in Romania. £1416. Annually participates in the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal which involves the Scouts and the School.

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

The Church annual supports: The Children's Society, Water Aid, Christian Aid, Agricultural Chaplaincy, Under the Mango tree, Mid-Cheshire Foodbank, St Luke's Hospice.

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

There is no 'organised system' of evangelism but an informal approach through sensitive pastoral care: bereavement, visiting the sick, home communions, open church, Grave Talk, social events, social media, All Souls' Service.

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

Not an 'organised system' but attendance is encouraged at Café Church, Messy Church and through connecting with the church on Social Media.

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

The choir visit the local residential care homes. Home Communions at Residential Care Homes. Open Church. Mid-Cheshire Foodbank

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

Informal pastoral visits by the lay minister and a small group of dedicated people.

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

This is a focus for future development.

PUBLICATIONS

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

To follow.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current Growth Action Planning (GAP) goals for the next 5 years?

1. Growing in our own Christian Faith -m developing courses.
2. Develop use of technology and communications.
3. Developing Messy Church
4. Engaging with and improving links with Baptism families.
5. Grave Talk

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

1. Develop engagement with families, young people and youth.
2. Develop closer ties with the community in Wincham.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:  Office held: PCC Secretary

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, 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.