

## Parish Profile

**This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy for the appointment of a new parish priest. 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 printed documents or written submissions.**

*Please write in black ink*

### I. Parish Information

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| 1(a) | Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:   | West Witton               |
| (b)  | Name(s) of parish church(es):   | St Bartholomew's Church   |
| 2.   | Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:  | none                      |
| 3.   | Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:  | Penhill Benefice          |
| 4.   | Deanery:  | Wensley                   |
| 5.   | Population:   | 340                       |
|      | <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i> | Any changes will be minor |

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| 6(a) | Number on Electoral Roll:                  | 31                          |
| (b)  | Date of APM when this number was declared: | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018 |

7. Attendance at worship in each church

*Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services*

| Church/Service                                  | Time          | No. of communicants | Adult attendance | Under 16 |
|---|---------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday HC                       | 9.30 a.m.     | 17                  | 19               | 0        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday HC                       | 4.30 or 6 p.m | 15                  | 16               | 0        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Morning Prayer           | 9.30 a.m      | Lay Led Not HC      | 12               | 0        |
| Morning Prayer (Mondays)                        | 9a.m.         | Lay Led Not HC      | 4                | 0        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday HC | 9.30 a.m      | 7                   | 7                | 0        |

8. Occasional offices

*Number for last 12 months in each church*

| Church           | Baptisms | Confirmees | Weddings | Funerals in church | Funerals taken by clergy not in church |
|------------------|----------|------------|----------|--------------------|--|
| St Bartholomew's | 1        | 0          | 0        | 1                  | 0                                      |
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9. Communications

*Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church*

| Church | Clergy | Readers | Lay staff<br>eg Youth worker,<br>Administrator | Churchwardens |
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| St Bartholomew's Church,<br>Church Lane, West Witton, Leyburn | Penny Yeadon - Associate Vicar:<br>Dale Cottage, Aysgarth, Leyburn, North Yorks, DL8 3AB<br>01969 663505 | Christine Gard - Benefice Administrator<br>Penhill Benefice Office, The Coach House, Swinithwaite, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4UH<br>01969 663097 | Adrian Thornton-Berry,<br>Swinithwaite Hall, Swinithwaite, Leyburn, DL8 4UH<br>01969 663443 |
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## II. Parish/Community Information

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| 1(a) | Briefly describe the population mix of the(se) parish(es) in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.   | <p><i>Benefice:</i> Farming, agriculture, tourism, small &amp; medium sized enterprises, local trades, local government, self-employment</p> <p>some local families, some incomers<br/>white<br/>large retired population</p> <p><i>Parish:</i> owner-occupied, rented, second homes, holiday rental homes; large holiday lodges park</p>   |
| (b)  | Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?  | <p><i>Benefice:</i> Low wages &amp; farm incomes. Lack of affordable homes, public transport, local further education &amp; local well-paid skilled jobs for school-leavers. Hidden poverty. High proportion of elderly residents with care needs.</p>  |
| 2.   | <p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools:</li> <li>• Youth centres:</li> <li>• Hospitals:</li> <li>• Nursing/elderly persons' homes and Assisted living accommodation</li> </ul> | <p><i>Benefice:</i> West Burton Primary School, BAWB Federation</p> <p><i>Out of Benefice area:</i><br/>Askrigg Primary School ) BAWB Federation<br/>Bainbridge Primary School )<br/>Leyburn Community Primary School, Leyburn<br/>The Wensleydale School &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Leyburn<br/>St Francis Xavier RC &amp; CofE School, Richmond (11-16)<br/>Richmond School &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Richmond</p> <p>none</p> <p>Friarage Hospital, Northallerton<br/>Darlington Memorial Hospital, Darlington<br/>James Cook Hospital, Middlesbrough<br/>Friary Hospital, Richmond (not acute care - GP led)</p> <p>Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge (assisted living)<br/>Kirkwood Hall, Leyburn (assisted living)<br/>Rosedale Nursing Home, Catterick Garrison, (Nursing/Dementia)<br/>Hillcrest Care Home (not nursing)</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places of worship of other faiths</li> <li>• Local Businesses:</li> <li>• Neighbourhood initiatives:</li> <li>• Associations eg tourist group:</li> <li>• Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul> | <p>none</p> <p>Village shop with tea shop. 1 Pub (real ale); 1 Michelin Star Hotel &amp; Restaurant; Several B&amp;Bs, Holiday cottages; 1 small business selling football memorabilia, 1 complementary therapist; Several farms; Berry's Farm shop and café in Swinithwaite</p> <p>First responders<br/>miscellaneous social activities in village hall and pub</p> <p>WI; Various Committees – village hall, playing fields, Village Feast</p> <p>West Witton United Charities</p> |
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### III. Church Information

*Please give details for each church*

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| 1(a)      | What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?   | 6% (2 people)  |           |   |       |    |     |    |
| (b)       | Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.                        | <table> <tr> <td>aged 0-17</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18-69</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70+</td> <td>18</td> </tr> </table> <p>Two-thirds retired, mainly retired professionals<br/>One-third in employment, mainly professionals<br/>Gender two-thirds female, one third male and all white apart from one person who is ethnic Hong Kong Chinese</p>   | aged 0-17 | 0 | 18-69 | 13 | 70+ | 18 |
| aged 0-17 | 0   |  |           |   |       |    |     |    |
| 18-69     | 13  |  |           |   |       |    |     |    |
| 70+       | 18  |  |           |   |       |    |     |    |
| 2(a)      | How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants? | <p>We are a warm and welcoming Anglican Church with members drawn from West Witton, Swinithwaite and beyond. We also have regular visitors who holiday in the village and we pride ourselves on making everyone feel welcome. The significant number of 'incomers' means that our congregation is made up of people with diverse church backgrounds from catholic to non-conformist and we have tried to respond to this, as well as to the changing needs of our church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</p> <p>We have 5 Lay Worship Leaders as well as a Reader in training. We have had a Lay led service once a month now for three years and it is generally well attended. Our Reader in training conducts morning worship every</p> |           |   |       |    |     |    |

|      |  | Monday, and this has a small but regular number of people attending who clearly value what this service offers. She has also offered a series of both Advent and Lent Reflections which have been attended by members of other churches in the Benefice as well as our own church. Our approach is inclusive, concentrating on offering an unreserved welcome to all, so that people may come to know and feel the love and saving grace of Jesus.<br>Officiating clergy choose to wear cassock, surplice & stole. |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
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| (b)  | What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?  | £250<br>75%  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| (c)  | When did you last have a stewardship campaign?   | 2014   |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 3.   | How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?  | Investment Income  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 4(a) | What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?  |  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| (b)  | Were these met in full?  | yes  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| (c)  | Is there an annual discussion about level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?  | No.  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 5(a) | What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last year?</li> <li>• current year?</li> <li>• next year?</li> </ul> | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Share requested</u></th> <th><u>Share Paid</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>£12,471</td> <td>£12,471</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>£13,094</td> <td>£13,094</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>£13,323</td> <td>Paid in quarterly instalments</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>   |  | <u>Share requested</u> | <u>Share Paid</u> | 2017 | £12,471 | £12,471 | 2018 | £13,094 | £13,094 | 2019 | £13,323 | Paid in quarterly instalments |
|      | <u>Share requested</u>   | <u>Share Paid</u>  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 2017 | £12,471  | £12,471  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 2018 | £13,094  | £13,094  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 2019 | £13,323  | Paid in quarterly instalments  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| (b)  | Will this year's be met?   | yes  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |
| 6(a) | Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?  | No, but a fund for automatic winding of the tower clock is in place  |  |                        |                   |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |                               |

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| (b)  | Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.           | n/a   |
| 7.   | Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.                                   | 2018 unaudited accounts attached  |
| 8(a) | What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>      | The fabric of the church is currently sound – i.e. no water leaks.  |
| (b)  | Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial. | The last quinquennial report(date?) identified the need to re-lay the slate roof covering on the Nave and Chancel in the next 5 years |

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

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| 1(a) | What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish? | <p><i>Parish:</i> Soup and sweet lunch after churchyard tidy-up; Harvest lunch; Mince pies and mulled wine in church after Carols on the village green. Exhibition in church to mark the end of WW1 and also for Remembrance Sunday. Exhibition in church the weekend of the village Feast with coffee/tea/cake in the church through the Saturday</p> <p><i>Benefice:</i> Children's Church</p> |
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| (b)  | What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?               | <i>Parish:</i> in addition to services, church is open daily during daylight hours; outreach literature for visitors in church and at gates; prayer tree;<br><i>Benefice:</i> Food for Thought (two annual evening lectures in Lent with bring and share meal)  |
| (c)  | What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?               | I think this is work in progress - aspirational   |
| (d)  | What are you doing to grow people in leadership?                      | <i>Benefice:</i> Encouraging lay worship leaders' training: 11 LWLs commissioned in 2015, 2 Lay Readers currently in training.<br>Encouraging attendance at Diocesan training events eg for PCCs  |
| 2(a) | Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:            | The Church Army in Bungkoko – a Training Centre for children and young people – in Uganda where people can learn practical skills, a trade, to equip them to help their communities   |
| (b)  | How much is given annually?   | £607.90   |
| 3(a) | Give details of the support for home missions and charities:          | 2018 Emmanuel Manana (Bungkoko) £240<br>Mission Possible UK £450<br>The Food Bank at the Influence Church, Richmond (Twice yearly food donations)<br>Children's Society -<br>Royal British Legion - [Remembrance Sunday)  |
| (b)  | How much is given annually?   | See above   |
| 3(a) | Does the parish have an overseas link?                                | Church Army Bungokho in Uganda  |
| (b)  | If so, please state where/who?  | The Arnold Family<br>We also support a local boy in Bungokho Emmanuel, helping to pay for the immunosuppressant drugs he needs after having a successful kidney transplant  |
| 4(a) | Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families? | This is not as organised as it could be. It is a small village so word gets around quickly when new families arrive so that they are welcomed. However we do not have an official church representative. Everyone receives the Penhill Beacon and there is a village noticeboard which gives details of church services |
| (b)  | If so, please describe:   |   |

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| 5. | What part does the church play in community care? | Many church members are active in supporting people in the village who are lonely, ill or bereaved or when people are in hospital, by offering lifts. |
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| 6(a) | Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?  | No   |
| (b)  | If so, who are they?  | n/a  |
| 7.   | What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)? | <i>Parish:</i> Two members of our church visit West Burton School regularly to help with school assemblies, spreading the Gospel in accessible ways. There is also a Crib Service every year, when the church is full to the gunwales, and enormous effort is put into making the Christmas story real and accessible to all, particularly children. |

## V. Ecumenical Relations

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| 1(a) | State involvement in local Council of Churches:         | none   |
| (b)  | Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination? | <i>Benefice:</i> There was a covenant with the Methodist Church after the chapel in the village closed. Sadly the few Methodist members have now died, apart from one, who attends a Methodist Chapel in another village, but does attend some 'special' services. |

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| 2. | What informal ecumenical contacts are there? | <i>Benefice:</i> Men's Breakfast and Food for Thought |
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## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

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| 1(a) | Name of Church School(s) if applicable:  | West Burton C of E Primary School |
| (b)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul> | Voluntary controlled              |
| (c)  | Number of pupils on roll (approx)?   | 22                                |
| (d)  | If aided, does the PCC support the school?   | n/a                               |

## VII. Lay Education and Participation

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| 1.   | <p>What education and training work takes place in the Church for the following (give approx numbers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Adults</li> </ul> | <p><i>Benefice:</i></p> <p>Young people: Confirmation classes (5-6)<br/>Benefice Services on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays which are more informal and aimed at children and young people – these rotate through the churches in the Benefice<br/>Adults: none</p>                         |
| 2(a) | Give details of house/prayer groups:  | <p><i>Benefice:</i> Prayer Fellowship<br/>Men's Breakfast<br/><i>Parish:</i> Lent and Advent courses organised by our Reader-in-training</p>  |
| (b)  | Are the leaders clergy or lay?  | Mainly lay  |
| 3(a) | How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?   | <p><i>Benefice:</i> Good. We have an established and active team of Lay Worship Leaders who work well together and with the clergy to serve all the churches in the benefice.<br/><i>Parish:</i> We have 5 Lay Worship Leaders and we are able to offer Lay Led services and/or</p> |

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|     |   | Reflections in our own church and also at Thornton Rust Mission Room and to assist at Preston under Scar   |
| (b) | To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it? | <i>Benefice</i> : its strength is due to individual commitment, supportive teamwork and the variety of skills it has to offer.<br>We are well supported by clergy and, in general, Lay leadership has been welcomed by congregations – though not unreservedly |

## VIII. Mission

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| 1. | List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.                                  | <i>Benefice</i> :<br>: outreach and especially pastoral care for the elderly<br>: adoption of modern ways and means of communication<br>: a greater variety of church services<br>: helping us to make the church more relevant to our communities and converting local good will towards the church into active attendance and participation in regular church services and church life |
| 2. | What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry? | See 1 & 3  |
| 3. | In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?       | : Accepting and engaging with the demographic problem of the Yorkshire Dales which is reflected in our church community: an ageing population with increasing pastoral, social and physical care needs and a declining number of young people moving into or   |

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|  | staying in the Dales to redress the balance.<br>: Clergy and parishioners working together to create a realistic plan to connect church and community.<br>: Embracing technology for communication and to access funds (eg cashless collections at major services and at baptisms, weddings and funerals) |
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## X. The New Priest

*List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest.*

We would like to feel that you really want to be here with us, i.e. you have a real sense of having been called to serve God in this place

As in most villages, more people are not churchgoers than are and we are fortunate in that many people who are not do support the church, by winding the clock, opening and closing the church and attending 'special' services. We would like you to be approachable to all, regardless of their faith or lack of it, to be outward-looking and so help us to reach out to people within the village as well as the wider community. We would like you to understand the strengths of a rural community, to be enthusiastic and prepared for something new, encourage spirituality and help us to face the challenges of being active Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We are proud of our team of Lay Worship Leaders , who are looking forward to working with a new vicar to continue in their spiritual development . A sense of humour is vital and if you can sing, that would be a bonus!

We think this is a wonderful place to live and work and we don't pretend that life here is not without its challenges. However, we are fortunate with the Associate Vicar who has being closely associated with our Worship and has supported us all quietly and steadfastly. You could not wish for a better colleague. We also have a very committed and knowledgeable Benefice Administrator who will keep you on the straight and narrow as she does us; she knows the people, the places and, joy of joy, what paperwork is needed and does as much of it as she can.

Agreed by the PCC of

..... St. Bartholomew's Church, West Wittern .....

on ..... 10 April ..... 2019

Signed: ..... Anne Kinsman .....

Print Name: ..... ANNE KINSMAN .....

Office Held: ..... PCC Secretary .....

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

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She will circulate copies to the Patron, Bishop and Archdeacon

*Please keep copies of this form  
and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.*