

## 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

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Hellifield
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Aidan
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	Halton West Chapel
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	Hellifield & Long Preston Benefice
4.	Deanery:	Bowland and Ewecross
5.	Population:	1426 This figure may have increased marginally due to full occupation of a social housing scheme completed in 2010

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	45
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	15/03/2020

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
St Aidan's Holy Communion	9.30 am	27	27	1
St Aidan's Morning Prayer	8.30 am		6	
Halton West	Variable	7	11	2

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 Aidan's	3	0	3	4	3

The Occasional Offices are not undertaken in Halton West

9. Communications

*Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers and E-mail addresses for each church*

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
St Aidan's				Paul Gibbons 0777 6347170  Philip Foster 01729 850333  hellifieldwardens@gmail.com

## II. Parish/Community Information

1(a)	Briefly describe the population mix of the(se) parish(es) in terms of its employment, cultural, ethnic, age and housing mix.	20% 0-17 years 56% working age 25% over 65 99.9% White British Mix of local employment and commuting No major employer within parish Some traditional agriculture Predominantly owner-occupied housing with some private and housing association rental. One large estate built in last 25 years. Very small number of holiday homes.
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high unemployment)?	Rurality issues, poverty and isolation
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:</li> <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>Hellifield Community Primary school</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Methodist Chapel</p> <p>Townson Tractors, Becks Garden Machinery, Hellifield Highland Beef, Tea rooms, Village Store, Fish &amp; Chip shop, Butchers, Garage, Day Nursery. Fashion shop/post office. Pub &amp; social club</p> <p>Age Concern North Craven</p> <p>None</p> <p>Annual Remembrance Service</p>

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### III. Church Information

*Please give details for each church*

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	None
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Predominantly older age groups including significant number of 80+ Predominantly retired Overwhelmingly white British 60/40 female/male
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Strongly Eucharistic tradition. Alb & Stole
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£11.50 85% Gift Aid
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	Giving for Life programme run annually
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	In normal times fundraising activities are undertaken e.g. regular coffee mornings, summer & autumn fairs
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£515
(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
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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>	<u>Share requested</u> £26,321 £27,654	<u>Share Paid</u> £24,500 £10,450 to 31/08
(b)	Will this year's be met?	No mainly because of reduced income due to COVID19	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	No	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.		
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.		
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	Hellifield in good repair Halton West in need of some upgrading (this is the responsibility of the Yorke family who have work in hand)	
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	No major items identified in 2017 Quinquennial Report.  Various repairs to windows identified as less urgent. These have been surveyed by a conservator and the PCC expects to begin some of the works late 2020 or early 2021.  All routine maintenance is carried out by skilled local craftsmen who know building well.	

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Mission Group Messy Church Open The Book Previously social gathering monthly in local café Pastoral Team
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	As above
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Weekly Bible Study Group Daily morning prayer via Zoom
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Members of the congregation read and lead intercessions in church each Sunday. Active PCC
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Indirectly – supporting Christian Aid & Leprosy
(b)	How much is given annually?	
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Skipton Foodbank
(b)	How much is given annually?	Donations of food etc collected in church and taken to foodbank
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Small pastoral team – so limited at present.
(b)	If so, please describe:	

5.	What part does the church play in community care?	Informally, members of the congregation are involved in a range of village activities e.g. Age UK, village hall.
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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?	
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	None at present

## V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	None
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No



2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Some link with Hellifield Methodist Church both clergy & lay. Some members of both churches attend each others services. Hellifield Methodist Church use St Aidan's for large funeral services.
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## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

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

## VII. Lay Education and Participation

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>Messy Church circa 15-20. Open the Book in school</p> <p>Regular teaching sessions in lent &amp; early summer using selected book. Attendance variable</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Weekly bible study
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Mainly clergy

3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Strong
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	Number of committed and enthusiastic individuals

### VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	Younger people of working age. Nurturing current congregation. Addressing depleted finances from pandemic. Continuing work on being a visible presence in the village.
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	As above
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	Nurturing current congregation Development of younger adults Being church within the village

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## IX. Additional Information

*Please add here, or on another sheet, anything else which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to know about the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish.*

We benefit tremendously from the support of retired clergy who live in the Parish – the Rt Revd Dr David Hope, Canon John Holford, Canon David Towers and have a newly retired priest Revd Colin Blake

Active involvement of laity in worship

Tradition of well managed church grounds

Working on closer links with St Mary's in Long Preston

We aim to be a welcoming church and make efforts to include the whole village in social events as outreach

We would like to have closer links with St Mary's in Long Preston

We would wish the new priest to respect & nurture the distinct traditions of the churches: Hellifield strong Eucharistic tradition, weekly Holy Communion and a willingness to restore weekday communion on Saint's days. Halton West all services (Holy Communion, Matins & Evensong in rotation) using the BCP

## **X. The New Priest**

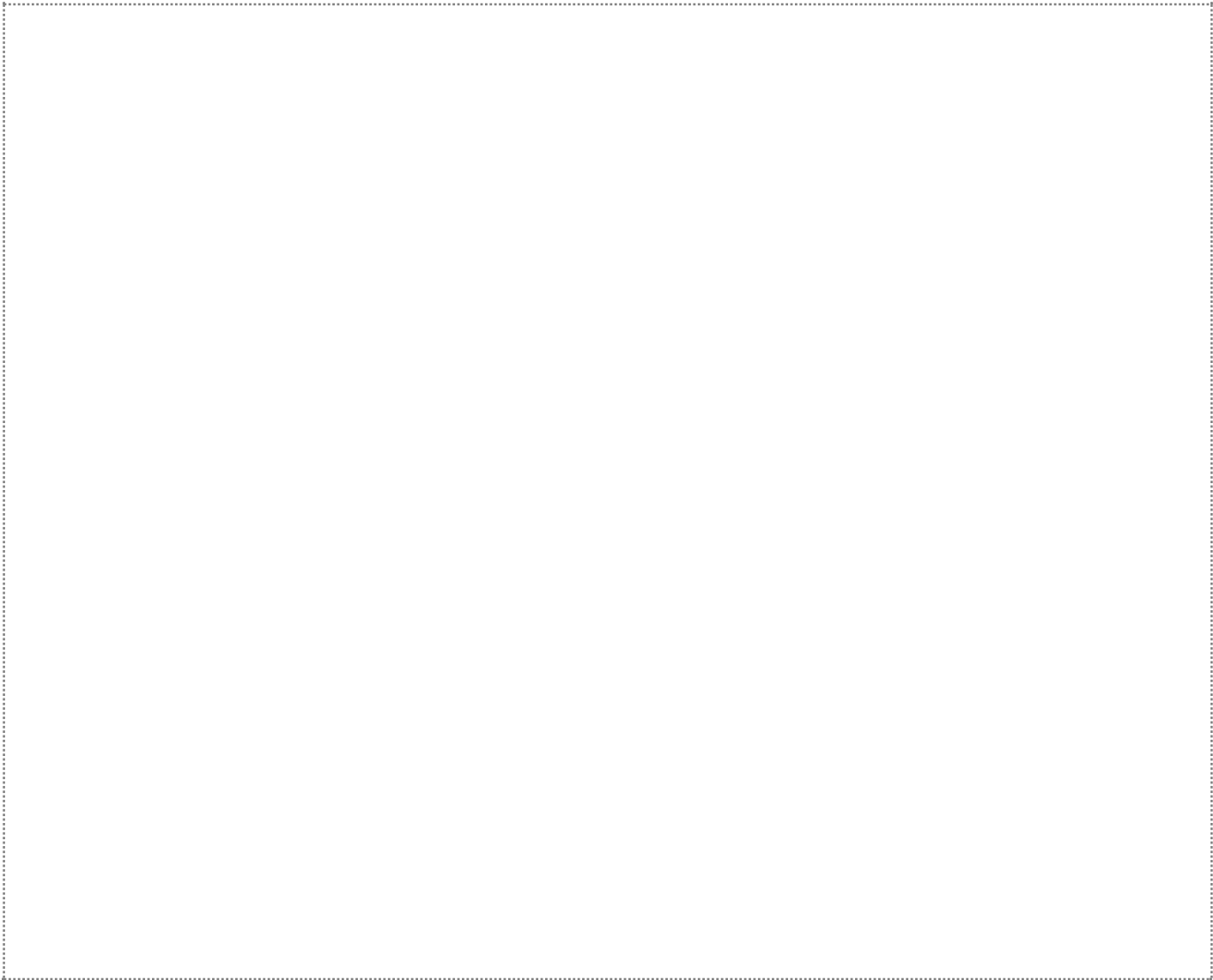
*List the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest.*

Previous experience of working in a rural area, with small congregations

Person of deep prayer and spirituality

Ability to engage the congregation in liturgy, preaching and teaching

A sense of humour



**Agreed by the PCC of St Aidan Hellifield**

**on 12th October 2020**

**Signed: Paul Gibbons**

**Office Held: PCC Vice-Chair**

**This form, duly completed, should be sent to:**

***The Administrator for the Designated Officer***

**Deborah Thorley**  
**Diocese of Leeds, Church House**  
**17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX**  
**[deborah.thorley@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:deborah.thorley@leeds.anglican.org)**

She will circulate copies to the Patron and Bishop

**Please also send a copy directly to the Archdeacon's office**

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