



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: Ashley St. Elizabeth DATE: August 2018

DEANERY: Bowdon

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish:	<u>1</u>
2. Population.	<u>380</u>
3. Number on electoral roll.	<u>51</u>
4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>) under 16 years of age:	<u>2</u>
16 and over:	<u>16</u>
5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>):	<u>£ 22,818</u>
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver:	<u>£ 5</u>

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
Keith Addenbrooke
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):
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3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
John Moss Julie Withers
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:

None directly. We have access to an administrator employed by St. Peter's Hale, and are invoiced annually for a proportion of the cost.

THE PARISH

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

2. Is the population
(a) static rising or falling? static but further housing expected
(b) settled or mobile? settled

3. Is the population
(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? a wide range
(b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? yes
(c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

none

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:
(a) owner-occupied: 65%
(b) local authority: 15%
(c) privately rented: 20%

5. Please list:
(a) number and types of schools in the parish:

One private nursery

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: none
(c) any youth centres? none
(d) any community centres? one , the Ashley Centre within the Church
(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?

n/a

8. Are there any links with local industry?

n/a

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:

1st Sunday - Community Service (lay led)
2nd Sunday - Matins
3rd Sunday - Family Service with Young Church
4th Sunday - Holy Communion
5th Sunday - Holy Communion

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 no
coloured stoles? Yes/No yes
scarf and hood? Yes/No yes

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

Anglican Hymn book, Mission Praise, Hymns and Songs for Assembly

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 80%
(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?
No

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 12

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>2</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>0</u>
of weddings:	<u>3</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>3</u>
in crematoria:	<u>0</u>

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St Elizabeth's
(b) Year(s) built; 1880
(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; 2011 (next inspection imminent)
(d) 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:

Condition of repair:

none

3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/replacement?

Yes/No n/a

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

n/a

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? Garden of Remembrance

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.

The Rose Queen Fete is held annually in May, and raises c. £ 2,500.

We also open the Church on the first Saturday of each month for a Book Sale - most who come are not church members. Book sales raise around £300 each year.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ 482
assistant clergy £ 80

(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? invoiced by St. Peter's

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 7,724
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: £ _____
 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.
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CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

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

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

Monthly Family Service framed particularly for children

(b) young people:

None

(c) adults

We are able to join with St. Peters for additional teaching sessions

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 but we have access to groups at St. Peter's

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?

Within Ashley we have no formally appointed lay readers or similar. However we do have committed lay people who are determined to keep the church alive, and with Keith Addenbrooke's support and guidance an increasing number are taking the lay led Community Service on the first Sunday each month.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored).

no

3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

Access to courses at St. Peter's

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Member of Churches Together in Hale, and host a joint service every August.

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

no

3. What informal contacts are there?

On a personal level, not as a church.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

Overseas giving is based upon special collections taken at designated services. In 2017 there was no overseas giving.

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

As 1 above - in 2017 £1,025 was given.

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.

No - other than by clergy.

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

None at present but the Ashley Centre could provide opportunities for this.

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

Nothing formal - informal arrangements by both clergy and lay people.

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

None

PUBLICATIONS

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

Published in 2013 - " It's all about Ashley ". A collection of facts, fragments and folk of Ashley, written by local resident Peter Wright, and our late Churchwarden Nick Turnbull.

We publish a Parish magazine each month, distributed free of charge throughout the village, and via the local pub The Greyhound.

Peter Wright publishes Calendars each year of local interest, sold through the Church, raising about £400 annually.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

1. To sustain and increase church attendance numbers.
2. To make fuller use of the extended and modified building.

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

1. To move occasional church attenders into more active participation.
2. To continue to exploit the opportunities offered by the extended and improved building.
3. To engage the Church more fully with the local community.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: M. K. WHITING Office held: Churchwarden

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.