



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: **St Johns Alvanley & Manley**

DATE: **6 February 2018**_

DEANERY: **Frodsham**

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish:
 2
2. Population.
 Two Villages 1086
- 2 Number on electoral roll. **89**
- 3 Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*) under 16 years of age: **0**
 16 and over: **36**
- 4 PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): **£30880**
- 5 Average weekly gift per regular giver: **£6**

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:
 Revd Canon Ray Samuels
 2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*): **Nil**
 3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers: **Nil**
-

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: **Nil**

THE PARISH

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

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? **Static_**

(b) settled or mobile? **Settled**

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families?

Retired/Middle aged

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

Most retired or profession working

(c)

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

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: **95%**

(b) local authority: **None**

(c) privately rented: **5%**

5. Please list:

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

**Manley Village School – Primary
and Alvanley Village School - Primary**

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

Nil

(c) any youth centres?

Nil

(d) any community centres? **Alvanley and Manley Village Halls**

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish:

Nil

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:

Nil

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?

None

CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition?

Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some

other label? **Central**

Give the pattern of Sunday services:

1st Sundays –

10am First Sunday Worship - Alvanley 6.30pm BCP Communion Alvanley

3rd & 5th Sundays: 10am CW Communion Alvanley

2nd & 4th Sundays 10am CW Communion Manley

All except first Sundays: 6.30pm BCP Evensong Alvanley

2. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please state

Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship? **Both**

Is there a traditional use of eucharist vestments? Yes/No **__No**

coloured stoles? Yes/No **Yes**
scarf and hood? Yes/No **No**

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

Hymns Old and New

4. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? **50%**

5. (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?

Over 60

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: **16**

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms: 4

of confirmation candidates: **4**

and 1 Received into Church of England

of weddings: 4

of funerals in church: 3

in crematoria: 2

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St Johns the Evangelist Alvanley

(b) Year(s) built; **1860**

(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; **2017**

(d) (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:

St John the Evangelist Manley – In good order

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)

UseAddress Condition of repair

None

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No **Yes**
Is it still in use? Yes/No **Yes**
How many new graves were opened last year? **One**
How many re-openings were there last year? **Two**
Estimate how many years are available for new graves: **15 – 20 years**
Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? Yes

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?
Freewill offering scheme – 28 givers
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.
Various Annual fund raising events plus Gift Day

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ **Not paid**
expenses since 2002
assistant clergy £ 0
- (b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not?
3 Clergy – waived expenses
- (c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed? **N/A**
Is a claim form used? _____
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish?
£ 20689
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.

CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No

No Church school - Federated Schools Alvanley & Manley Village Schools

Is it controlled or aided?

(b) Number of children on roll: **Approx 60 at each school**

Is the number static/rising/falling? **Static**

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

Vicar takes assembly weekly in one of the two schools. Schools use church for festivals and end of term gatherings.

(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: **No children of teachable age**

(b) young people:

None present

(c) adults

A weekly faith and life group discussion

Monthly post-confirmation group – various encouragements handed out before Christmas and Easter

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

(a) children: **Nil**

(b) young people: **Nil**

(c) adults: **Village Links**

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Weekly discussion group

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? **Clergy**

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?

There is no lay readership as such – people read lessons, do intercessions and help with the chalice.

The shortage of younger people to take on responsibility

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? **See above**

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

We joined with the local Methodist Church for ‘Thy Kingdom Come – None other than that.

We are geographically isolated, which is a factor

2. Is there a formal covenant with any other denominations? **No**

3. What informal contacts are there?

OUTREACH AND MISSION

1. Please give details of the support of the Church overseas. How much is given annually?
Approx £300 is given to various Christian charities annually. The Christingle service collection is given to The Childrens Society.

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

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.

Vicar attempts to visit for funeral follow-ups

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

disabled)?

Caring on an individual basis, but not as a church. Monthly church drop-in coffee morning held at Manley Village Hall at which non-church members attend

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

**As
above**

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.

No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Church website development

Young people in church

Increase contact with schools

1.

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

Attracting more people – preferably below 70 yrs age, who are wanting to grow in faith and prepared to be committed to the church growing through prayer and action

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Mrs Irene Moore 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.