

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:	United Parish of Aldborough & Boroughbridge with Roecliffe, Minskip & Dunsforth (UPCC)
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St. Andrew's, Aldborough St James' – Boroughbridge St Mary's – Dunsforth St John's – Minskip St Mary's – Roecliffe
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	N/A
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	Great Ouseburn, Little Ouseburn, Kirby Hill Whixley
4.	Deanery:	Ripon
5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	Aldborough – 200 -250 approx Boroughbridge - 3405 (2011 census) +500 recent housing development. Dunsforth – 200 approx Minskip – 250 approx Roecliffe – 240 approx UPCC Total in excess of 4500 Future housing developments are planned.

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	Aldbrough - 43 Boroughbridge - 51 Dunsforth - 25 Minskip - 29 Rocliffe - 66
(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	08/04/18

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
Aldbrough				
Holy Communion 1 st Sunday	8.30am	16	17	
Parish Communion 3 rd Sunday	9.30am	16	17	
Family Service 4 th Sunday	9.30am		18	4
Boroughbridge				
Holy Communion 1 st Sunday	10.45am	18	34	2
Family Service 2 nd Sunday	10.45am		33	1
Holy Communion 3 rd Sunday	10.45am	26	29	1
Holy Communion 4 th Sunday	10.45am	25	29	1
Evensong 4 th Sunday	6.00pm		17	
Communion 2 nd & 3 rd Weds	10.45am	8	8	
Dunsforth				
Holy Communion 1 st Sunday	9.30am	14	15	2
Holy Communion 3 rd Sunday	9.15am	14	15	2
Minskip				
Holy Communion 4 th Sunday	9.30am	14	19	7
Rocliffe				
Holy Communion 2 nd Sunday	9.30am	20	17	5
United Service Holy Communion 5 th Sunday	10.00am	Variable	Variable	Variable

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
Aldborough	5	0	5	5	1
Boroughbridge	5	0	0	12	0
Dunsforth	2	0	1	1	0
Minskip	0	0	0	0	0
Roecliffe	2	0	0	2	0

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator
		Mr John Moss Park House Ornhams Boroughbridge YORK YO51 9JH 01423 322577	Mrs Caroline Punter (Part time administrator) The Parish Office 1 Hall Square Boroughbridge York admin@boroughbridgechurches.uk

Churchwardens

Aldborough	Boroughbridge	Dunsforth	Minskip	Roecliffe
Elizabeth Vose Hill Top House Back Street Aldborough York YO51 9EX 01423 203503	Kath Ambrose 10 Church Lane Boroughbridge York YO51 9BA 01423 322070	Penelope Denny Matteson Farm Lower Dunsforth York YO26 9SA 01423 322901	Robert Beaumont Minskip Lodge Minskip York YO51 9JF 01423 323139	Jim Bolland Vicarage Farm Roecliffe York YO51 9LY 01423 325091
James Lawson-Tancred Village Farm Aldborough York YO51 9ES 01423 326162	Tony Weeds 43 St James Meadow Boroughbridge York YO51 9NW 01423 391535	Fiona Merchie Colton House Farm Lower Dunsforth York YO26 9SA 01423 322526		Stephen Jarvis 1 West View, Bar Lane Roecliffe York YO51 9LS 01423 322026

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.	<p>Employment: across the parish there is a good mix of employment including agriculture, retail, manufacturing, light industry, and hospitality. There are many who are self-employed, professionals – some of whom commute worldwide, and a significant number of retired professionals.</p> <p>Ethnicity: Mainly White British.</p> <p>Age: A wide mix of ages with many young families commuting professionals and a significant number of retired individuals.</p> <p>Housing Mix: Large proportion of privately owned and some rented housing. At least 50 properties are based on 2 residential parks situated in the villages. There are pockets of inexpensive housing within the parish. Significant areas of land within & bordering the parish have been designated for additional housing development.</p>
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	<p>No specific social problems. Many residents work outside town. Transport Links – constant threats to bus service which is already limited and does not reach all parts of the parish Lack of youth activities.</p>
2.	<p>Please list for each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Schools: • Youth centres: • Hospitals: • Nursing/elderly persons' homes: • Places of worship of other faiths 	<p>Boroughbridge Primary school Boroughbridge High school Roecliffe C of E Primary (VC)</p> <p>Boroughbridge youth centre</p> <p>Harrogate, Ripon, York Whilst we do not have a hospital within the Parish we do have a large Health Centre with 11 GP's and a strong community nursing team who actively encourage pastoral visits when appropriate.</p> <p>Boroughbridge Manor, Riverside Court, Springfield Garth, Gwendolyn court</p> <p>Methodist Church, Grace Church (Aldbrough Village Hall)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Businesses: Neighbourhood initiatives: Associations eg tourist group: Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>Mixture of agricultural, light industry, food shops, other retail, several hotels & public houses, garages, large supermarket, care homes, caravan parks and a major frozen food distribution centre</p> <p>Aldbrough Gate Community Sports project (in development) Boroughbridge & District Community Care Boroughbridge Allotment Society Brighter Boroughbridge Volunteer Library Yore Vision Minskip Sports Field and Pavilion Roecliffe has 2 Neighbourhood watch schemes and a Neighbourhood plan is currently being formulated Joint Parish Safer Neighbourhood Group</p> <p>Aldbrough Village Trust Friends of Roman Aldbrough Aldbrough and Dunsforth Women’s Institute Northern Aldbrough Festival Boroughbridge Lions Boroughbridge Tourist information centre Roecliffe Women’s Institute Boroughbridge Mothers Union Yorkshire Country Women’s Association Boroughbridge and District Historical Society British Legion</p> <p>Annual Civic service (for new mayor) Remembrance, Boroughbridge Community Care carol service (in the square)</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?	Less than 10%
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(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<p>The congregation is predominantly white British with a wide age range across some of the services. At many regular Sunday services the congregation is predominantly made up of retired professionals with some regular families attending.</p> <p>Attendance at special services (Carol Service, Easter & Harvest) gives a better reflection of the population mix throughout the parish.</p> <p>Whilst 2 churches have a greater proportion of female congregation members in general there is a good gender mix throughout the parish</p>
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	<p>Currently across all 5 churches we use a form of Eucharist service using Common Worship and we normally use BCP for our evensong services. In addition we have Family & Village services throughout the month.</p> <p>We have a lot to celebrate within our 5 communities. Each one contributes to the diversity of the Parish, from bustling market town to lively & energetic villages. All 5 communities are proud of their heritage and genuinely care for their church; however all have a desire to increase growth in Christian worship throughout the Parish.</p> <p>Music</p> <p>We enjoy singing and music plays an important part in our services.</p> <p>The Parish Choir are ably led by volunteers and support services across the 5 churches with regular commitments to both Aldborough & Boroughbridge</p> <p>We are extremely lucky to have 3 organists living in the Parish, who between them play for most services.</p> <p>Bell ringing</p> <p>Boroughbridge and Aldborough each have 6 bells in good order, and a local band which enjoys ringing, mainly rounds and call changes, for services and other occasions.</p>

		<p>Aldborough Traditional Modern Family Service Robes: Black cassocks, white albs, stoles/preaching scarves Chasubles for special occasions</p> <p>Boroughbridge Variety of services, Sung Eucharist, Vigil service, Modern Family Service. Alb Chasuble – each colour Cope – for festivals Stole & girdle</p> <p>Dunsforth St Mary’s is low church traditional with an increasing number of popular services. Officiants generally wear a stole.</p> <p>Minskip Traditional</p> <p>Roecliffe We use a traditional format for our monthly communion service which includes some sung responses. During the monthly services children take an active role acting as sidesmen & reading some lessons. For our festival services they are encouraged to be more involved fulfilling appropriate roles. Officiants generally wear a stole.</p>
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	£7 (94%)
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	None recently
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	<p>Aldborough Annual Summer BBQ St. Andrew's Supper Burns Night Supper & Harvest Supper Coffee Mornings Regular Themed Social Events Individual donations Annual payment from the Northern Aldborough Festival</p>

		<p>Boroughbridge 100 Club, Christmas fair, Art Exhibition Concerts, quiz/fundraising evenings, lunches, coffee mornings. Use of Church for external groups – Christmas tree festival.</p> <p>Dunsforth An ongoing Fundraising Campaign with many annual events which play an important part in the social life of the Village e.g. Country Fair & Dog Events with Raffle in June, Yuletide Supper in December, Country Walks, Quiz Nights, Music Nights, The Dunsforth Draw, lottery was started 18 months</p> <p>Minskip 5 Fund Raising events/year.</p> <p>Rocliffe Many of our direct costs are borne by the Churches Conservation Trust who own the building. We receive an annual income in the form of rent from NYCC for the use of the School House. We organise several social events during the course of the year as fund raisers.</p>
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£2595.13
(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?	Not currently

5(a)	What amount of Share has (a) been requested; and (b) been paid from the parish in:	<u>Share requested</u>	<u>Share Paid</u>
• last year?	Aldborough	£11540	£11540
	Boroughbridge	£19357	£17740
	Dunsforth	£10303	£10303
	Minskip	£5252	£5252
	Roecliffe	£9776.70	£9776.70
• current year?	Aldborough	£11836	£8878 (to date)
	Boroughbridge	£16447	£10967 (to date)
	Dunsforth	£9532	£7943 (to date)
	Minskip	£5251.50	£5251.50
	Roecliffe	£10690.00	£8172.00(to date)
• next year ?	Aldborough	£12000 (approx)	
	Boroughbridge	£18092	
	Dunsforth	£10300	
	Minskip	£6000 (approx)	
	Roecliffe	£11256	
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes	
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.	N/A	
7.	Please attach a copy of the last PCC accounts.	Attached	
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>		
	Aldborough	Good	
	Boroughbridge	A quote from the Quinquennial report 2014, "The Church is in generally good order and very well maintained and cared for and a credit to the PCC, the incumbent and the congregation".	
	Dunsforth	The Church is very well maintained thanks to a dedicated team including the Churchwardens & other members of the congregation. There	

	<p>Minskip</p> <p>Roelcliffe</p>	<p>have been no significant developments in the immediate area of the Church since the last report. Given the siting of the Church any significant development is unlikely.</p> <p>Generally good - Porch Floor damp East Window Panel Frame</p> <p>Good – Maintained by the Church’s Conservation Trust</p>
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	At St James Boroughbridge, there are no major areas of maintenance required but there are some jobs to undertake, repair chimney to north aisle, replace gutters to north aisle and north side of choir vestry. Implement paving scheme and level access from the Vicarage drive.

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	Bible Study Group (Boroughbridge)
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	Starting to draw together a Lay Leadership Group
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Encouraging the development of Lay participation in services
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Emerging links with the Deanery Training Team
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	<p>Kajo Keji Christian college, the United parish all contribute and support this project via two missionaries based out of Holy Trinity Ripon. In addition one off donations in response to specific appeals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ Church Cathedral, NZ following earthquake • Nepal earthquake appeal • Philippines following earthquake <p>Some Christmas collections including Carol singing in 2 villages are shared between local</p>

		and international children's charities
(b)	How much is given annually?	£70 from each of our Churches and variable amounts for one off donations.
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	<p>Donations from specific fund raising events have been given to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boroughbridge & District Community Care, • Macmillan Cancer Care, • Action Aid • Crisis at Christmas • Martin House Hospice, • Royal British Legion, • Harrogate Homeless Project • Hope & Homes for Children, • Sheffield Children's Hospital, • PhysioNet, • RNLI, • Stroke Association, • Jennyruth Workshops, • Alzheimers Society, • Brain Tumour Research • RABI • Children's society • Ripon Hospital • Jo Cox foundation • Manchester Disaster fund
(b)	How much is given annually?	Variable
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	N/A
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	No formal system.
(b)	If so, please describe:	Volunteers make introductions and in addition the villages all have a form of a 'Welcome Pack' which every new household in the parish receives. This generally includes a recent Parish Magazine (The Parish Link) information on local amenities/organisations, highlights of the Village and details of School & Church.

5.	What part does the church play in community care?	<p>Some Church members are volunteers with the community care group.</p> <p>We give charitable support to the community care group with the use of the church for the annual Christmas tree festival.</p> <p>The Royal British Legion use the Church for fundraising coffee mornings.</p> <p>Support Ripon food bank, Women's refuge, AFIA Holiday caravans.</p>
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6(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes
(b)	If so, who are they?	Carole Taylor, John Whitehouse, Paul Farrelly, Tony Weeds, Kath Ambrose
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Links with Boroughbridge Community Primary School

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	Methodist Church
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Grace Church and several Catholic families choose to worship with us during the festival services. In addition a number of families worship outside the parish (at the Cathedral).

VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Roecliffe C of E Primary (VC)
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Controlled – the Incumbent is Foundation Governor on the Governing Body
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	92
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	N/A

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"> • Children • Young People • Adults 	<p>Good Friday club (18-20)</p> <p>Good book club (United Parish + Methodist) 10</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	Bible Study, Run by Mr & Mrs Lister 6-10
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	Lay
3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Good, we have a strong reader and a number of the congregation that can lead services. The PCC also work well together to further the mission of the Church.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	The good support that comes from the reader and the congregation. The PCC has a good mix of age, experience and enthusiasm.

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>All 5 churches consider that there is a significant need to encourage and increase attendance. We need to explore and find ways to attract more families to our church. As young families have grown up they tend to drift away due to the activities connected to school life (sports clubs etc),and it seems increasingly difficult to attract new young families.</p> <p>In addition many would like to make the church buildings more available on a regular basis looking to offer more up to date facilities in particular the Aldborough Church Council have already started discussions about developing a vision to secure the future for St Andrews by providing more flexibility as a venue. It is hoped that the new incumbent will contribute to these discussions and be actively involved with this exciting and challenging project.</p> <p>Some would like to see more visible support in community projects.</p> <p>Strengthen ties with the Methodist Church and look at the development of an overseas church link.</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<p>Helping us to utilise gifts and talents.</p> <p>Support in Lay development.</p> <p>Growth in spirituality & numerically.</p> <p>Outreach to new people moving into the area.</p> <p>Reconnecting with the community in general.</p>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>Reconnecting with the community in general.</p> <p>Outreach to new people moving into the area.</p> <p>Growth in spirituality & numerically.</p>

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.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ALDBOROUGH

The 14th century Church of St. Andrew is situated in the historic village of Aldborough, at the centre of a scheduled ancient monument and conservation area. Studies by the University of Cambridge have revealed that the Grade 1 listed church stands on the site of the ancient Roman Forum and is probably the third church on the site. The Saxon Church of St Andrew was the Mother Church of an extensive parish which stretched from the River Wharfe to the River Ure. No evidence of the original Saxon church has been found but the first Norman Church was burnt and destroyed by the Scots during their raids into northern England in 1318. The Church was rebuilt 1330-1360 with the assistance of the Dean and Chapter of York Minster and local benefactors, including the de Aldeburgh family. The Tower and Chancel date from the 15th century. The oldest and original walls are on the North side, the wall on the South side was rebuilt in 1827 and the Choir Vestry was added in 1909.

The church remains a significant tourist attraction, its stained glass, clock, bells and organ having been renovated in recent years. The clock built in 1783 features the longest pendulum in Britain

It is a closed churchyard and as such is maintained by Harrogate Borough Council.

The Aldborough Church Council are aware that radical changes are going to be necessary to ensure that the proud heritage linking church and community, not only continues but thrives and grows. As a result the Church Council has started discussions about developing a vision of how to ensure the future of St Andrew's for both worship and wider use. A paper has been produced to provoke thought and the Church Council hope the new incumbent will wish to contribute and be actively involved with the community, in what will be an exciting and challenging project.

Every summer the village hosts the Northern Aldborough Music Festival. The Festival originated in 1994 to celebrate the restoration of the Laycock & Bannister organ in the Church, which dates from 1927. The Festival developed into an annual event, originally to raise funds for the church and celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018. Whilst it no longer raises money specifically for the Church, it contributes money to the upkeep of the Church as the building is hired as a venue for several performances, which brings many people to the village and the Church.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOROUGHBIDGE.

This (Victorian) Church is in the middle pointed or decorated style of Architecture, which prevailed in this country during the latter part of the fourteenth century. ... The principal features of the tower, especially the pinnacles are copied from the tower of the old church (which stood in the centre of town, St. James' Square); it is 18 feet square, and 70 feet high, embattled and surmounted with a gilded weather-cock.... the east window is of beautiful stained glass, the work of Wailes of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It has four lights with ornamental tracery above..... The vestry contains the Norman relics of the old church. Fixed into the wall around a closet the beak head ornaments are returned to their first use, forming a neat arch over the top. ... The stalls of antique design in the chancel are of oak from the old church, as are the principal doors, the floor of the bell chamber and roof of the tower. The pulpit is an octagon of chaste design and neat workmanship, which along with the reading desk is also formed of the "heart of oak" found in the former church. The Minton's tiles within the altar rails are of richer design and workmanship harmonizing well with the beautiful window above. The last mentioned encaustic tiles were the gift of the eminent manufacturer from the works at Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffordshire. ... The communion Plate, which is of silver gilt, was generously presented to the church. The font, corbels, and other carved work were by Mawer of Leeds. Messrs. Mallinson and Healey were the architects. The mason's work was executed by Messrs. John and William Freeman and the joiner's work by Mr. William Gatenby. The stone was given by the Earl of Ripon, from his quarries at Rainton, except that of the pillars which came from near Richmond. In the tower are four bells brought from the old church, cast by Mears of London, in 1842.

The first stone of this church was laid with great solemnity, by the Revd. Geo. Holdsworth, Vicar of Aldborough and patron of the living, June 12th 1851. The finished fabric was consecrated and opened for divine worship by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, amid a large concourse of the clergy and inhabitants of the neighbourhood, July 27th 1852.

The cost, including burial ground and site for a parsonage house, was £2,420 of which upwards of £1,700 was raised by voluntary subscription, and a grant of £180 from the London Incorporated Church Building Society, and

£258 from the Ripon Diocesan Church Building Society. A ladies' bazaar held on the 1st and 2nd June, 1852, raised upwards of £250, one hundred of which was appropriated for the purchase of the painted window (East End).

(Extracts from Turner's History of Aldborough and Boroughbridge, Published 1853)

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, MINSKIP

History.

1857 Wesleyan Chapel as part of the Aldborough Parish

1858 Transformed into the Infants School for Minskip Village

1907 Became the Mission Church

Some historians suggest the name Minskip came from the manufacture of Willow Skips for the Mines, or previously of Nordic origin.

The Drovers road was even used for Cricket Practice before being overtaken by the motor car, but now access to the Great North Road is beneficial.

A close knit community held together by the Church, Village Hall and the Wild Swan, having lost the Post Office and Feathers Pub. Village functions to raise funds for the Church include a Bridge Afternoon in the Spring, a Midsummer Barbecue/Garden Party, Wine Tasting and a Quiz Evening in the Autumn. The Village Hall run a very popular Christmas Party for about 40 children keen to meet Father Christmas.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, DUNSFORTH

Dunsforth is the most distant of the five churches, being just over 3 miles away from Boroughbridge. It is situated below the confluence of the River Ure, which flows through Boroughbridge, and The Swale. It becomes the River Ouse two miles to the east of Dunsforth where it is joined by the Ouse Burn. The entire parish sits in the Vale of York, an area of livestock and arable farming, which remains an important ingredient of village life.

St Mary's serves two small villages; Upper and Lower Dunsforth that are located just over a mile apart. Lower Dunsforth has approximately thirty-five houses, with a similar number of mobile homes in a residential park behind the village inn. Upper Dunsforth has about twenty-five homes. Both villages have changed over the past 30 years from communities with working farms. They have become settlements of commuters and retirees with only the occasional farm remaining. The number of young families is growing.

Villagers are very supportive of St Mary's, whether they attend church on a regular basis or just once or twice a year. There are a large number of helpers with church cleaning & churchyard maintenance as well as fund-raising events, and St Mary's attracts a very positive attitude from all within the community. The churchyard is still used and under the care of the Dunsforth Church Council.

Our worship, following the preference of the majority of the congregation, is traditional low church, with communion services held on the first and third Sundays in the month. Others from outside the two villages often join us. But we realise that this is an 'existing congregation' preference and that to attract newcomers we should be more informal. As a consequence we are introducing more and more services where knowledge of the pattern of service is not a necessity. Pets and Grandparents services are recent additions to the well-attended Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Carol services.

Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) identified that the church could do more for the two villages and that the building itself could play a greater role. To this end we determined that a feasibility study should be undertaken to assess the viability of constructing a small kitchen and w.c. for the disabled together with a possible re-ordering of the seating. This exercise is currently awaiting further consultation.

The Country Fair, has been held for many years, and is traditionally on the afternoon of the last Sunday in June. It's the church's main fund-raising event of the year & we are really fortunate that the majority of the village get involved in one way or another. Residents old and new, young and old and even those who have moved away, get together to help with the running of the stalls and dog events and the setting up and clearing away afterwards. The village pub is really supportive of the church, and our fundraising events, including hosting a Pub Quiz.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ROECLIFFE

The church was built in 1843 for Andrew Lawson of Aldborough Manor. It was designed by the York architect R. H. Sharp. The stone used in its construction came from an old Roman quarry in the grounds of Aldborough Manor, and from a quarry at Copgrove, while the stone for the internal arch was from Burton Leonard. In the 1870s large buttresses were added to the north and south walls. The church is believed to be the only church in the country with an entirely vaulted roof. St Mary's was declared redundant on 1 April 1983, and is now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

St Mary's is built in limestone with a red tile roof and is in Neo-Norman style. Its plan consists of a single cell comprising a three-bay nave, a shallow chancel, and a northeast vestry. On the west gable is a bellcote with a pitched roof and a single bell. The doorway is on the south side in the westernmost bay and consists of a round arch with two orders supported by a pair of columns on each side. There are three buttresses on the south wall and two on the north wall. The roof is barrel vaulted. Five black-and-white marble steps, formerly in York Minster, lead up to the chancel.

The church contains much early woodwork moved from elsewhere. The octagonal pulpit is Jacobean in style and was moved here from Holy Trinity Church, Hull. The 15th-century vestry door, containing carved tracery, came from York Minster. The source of the other woodwork is unknown. This includes a panelled reading desk, pews dated 1619, and linenfold panelling on the east wall. The pews are arranged along three walls in the style of a college chapel. The communion table dates from the 17th century. The doorway leading to the vestry has an ogee head, and the vestry contains more early carved woodwork.

As the Church building is owned by the CCT we currently have more services than formal agreements suggest. This is on a goodwill basis with the CCT as we try to support them financially where possible and have held specific fundraising events in the past to raise funds for them.

The churchyard at St Mary's is still open and under the care of the Roecliffe Church Council

X. The New Priest

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

Enthusiastic and Inspirational

Energetic

A very good communicator

Able to understand the differing needs of a small town and the surrounding villages

Able to engage with people (a people person)

Having a respect for music in Church and the role of the choir

Having respect for the traditions of the Church whilst being able to move forward

Proactive in community affairs

Approachable

Agreed by the PCC of

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on 2018

Signed:

Print Name:

Office Held:

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

***The Administrator for the Designated Officer
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She will circulate copies to the Patron, Bishop and Archdeacon

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and ensure that all PCC members have a signed copy.***