

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.

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I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	The United Benefice of Todmorden
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	The Parish Church of St Marys St Peters Church Walsden St Michaels Cornholme – In the process of seeking closure
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:	N/A
4.	Deanery:	Calder Valley
5.	Population: <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	12117 Fairly static

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	St Marys - 154 St Peters - 45
6(b)	Date of APM when this number was declared:	St Marys - 22 nd April 2018 St Peters 15 th 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
St Marys, Eucharist	Sunday 8.00	14	14	0
St Marys Sung Eucharist	Sunday 10.30	73	75	8
St Marys Evensong	Sunday 18.30 (1 st Sunday in the month)		15	0
St Marys, Holy Communion	Tuesday 10.00	17	17	1
St Marys Parish Eucharist	Wednesday 7.15 (2 nd Wednesday in the month)	14	14	0
St Michaels Eucharist	Tuesday 13.30	12	12	0
St Peters Parish Eucharist	Sunday 10.30	17	17	2
St. Peter's Family Service	Sunday 10.30 (1 st Sunday in Month)	25	14	16

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
Both	29	0	1 (6 booked 2019)	21	5

9. Communications

Names, Addresses & Telephone Numbers for each church

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
See attached sheet				

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.	The Benefice is extremely diverse: Pockets of social deprivation and poor housing, Large rural and farming areas. A market town with Walsden still having a 'Village' feel. Light industry, commuting, LBGT presence, large retired community. A significant Muslim community, many young families. Culturally alive and active
(b)	Are there any special social problems (eg high employment)?	Food Bank in operation in the Crypt of St Marys (Independently run). Whilst there is no special drug problems in the town, there are isolated incidents. Yorkshire has an unemployment problem but this is not particularly high in Todmorden.
2.	Please list for each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Schools: • Youth centres: • Hospitals: 	Todmorden High School Cornholme J & I School St Joseph's R/C School Ferney Lee J & I School Todmorden C E(A) J, I & N School Castle Hill J & I School Shade J & I School Walsden St Peters C E (VC) Primary School Youth Club held in St Marys Crypt Todmorden Health Centre Nearest Hospitals in Halifax , Rochdale and Burnley

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing/elderly persons' homes: 	<p>Ferney Lee Care Home Waterside Lodge Care Home Mill Reed Lodge Nursing Home Asquith Hall Dementia Centre Pennine Lodge Care Home</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places of worship of other faiths 	<p>Todmorden Mosque (with whom we are developing relationships)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Businesses: 	<p>Largest employers - Weir Minerals, Gordon Rigg Nurseries and Garden Centre Many small businesses Local Council</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood initiatives: 	<p>Incredible Edible Todmorden Pushing up Daisies Dementia Friendly Todmorden Lamplighter Festival Kids Fest</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associations eg tourist group: 	<p>Todmorden Information Centre British Legion Todmorden Rotary Club Todmorden Lions U3A</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have: 	<p>Lead remembrance day service in the park Lead the Annual Town Carol Service in St Marys</p>

III. Church Information

Please give details for each church

1(a)	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	<p>St Marys 10%, St Peters 1%</p> <p>Some St Marys attendees live in St Peters Parish</p>
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	<p>St Marys : Predominantly elderly with mixed backgrounds, with a few young families St Peters : Core : Mostly Retired elderly : Monthly Attenders are younger and employed and does include several families Very little ethnic diversity in the benefice. The churches are one place Offcomdens and locals mix.</p>
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	<p>St Marys – Traditional Anglican Liberal Catholic. Chasuble & Stole St Peters – More relaxed than St Marys, Traditional Anglican, liberal evangelical. Stole & alb – Messy church</p>

(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	St Marys - £585.00 per week (inc. approx. £477 gift aided) St Peters £154 about 18% gift aided
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	St Marys – 2013 St Peters - over 20 years ago
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	Fundraising activities 100 Club
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	£2726.28 Mileage (Interim P.I.C. Commutes from Halifax) Phones £89.25
(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"> • last year? • current year? • next year ? 	<u>Share requested</u> St Marys £40,000 £40,000 £38,000 St Peters £15,844 £12,211 £13,432	<u>Share Paid</u> £40,000 £40,000 N/A £4650 £8250
(b)	Will this year's be met?	St Marys – Yes	St Peters – No
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.	See attached PDF's for St Peters and St Marys	
8(a)	What is the general state of repair of: the Church(es) - <i>please list</i>	St Marys All essential works completed, Condition of church excellent. Some outstanding work on the tower needs to be completed in the future St Peters	

		Church generally 'Tired' but all essential works completed. The tower whilst stable may be in need of major repairs
(b)	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	Both churches have issues with their towers St Marys is not urgent, neither is St Peters but St Peters has a possibly larger problem and smaller congregation

IV. Outreach and Mission

1(a)	What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?	The Benefice Church presence in Church schools. Open The book, CICS St Marys - Youth Group Fridays Communion given in the care homes and to the housebound. St Peters - Messy church, Café Church Youth Group CMS link
(b)	What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?	St Marys – Church open during the day, with many groups using the facilities St Peters - see Community - By living out the gospel as a church we present Christ into our village
(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	Regular worship and preaching Lent courses
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	Supporting and teaching, using appropriate leadership opportunities to guide the congregation

2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church overseas:	Strong links to Tanzania Christian Aid Collection
(b)	How much is given annually?	Varies from year to year last January we sent £1500 to pay for water installation in Tarime
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	St Marys - Supports and gives space to Todmorden Food Bank, also support Todmorden Independent Living group as well as Independent Nightlife NA Group Both Support the Children's Society
(b)	How much is given annually?	Varies
3(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	Yes for over 20 years
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	The Parish of Nyabitocho in the Diocese of Tarime in Tanzania
4(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	No
(b)	If so, please describe:	
5.	What part does the church play in community care?	A strong presence in local care homes. Regular communion and visits to individuals and groups in residential settings. We host a narcotics anonymous group. Space is provided for the Talking Newspaper for the blind to be produced. Support Todmorden Food Bank. St Peters is a "village" church and we see a major part of our mission to build the community and be at the centre of life in the village. Eg. our fund raising activities/social activities are also evaluated for their missional impact. We have also offered our building for use by the Walsden Library as the council reviews the future of libraries. We have inaugurated a scarecrow festival in the village. By living out the gospel as a church we present Christ into our village.

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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?	Ten Members of St Marys congregation are licenced 2 Members of St Peters are licenced
7.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work)?	Christian Initiative in Calderdale Schools(CICS) Open the book Friday Club at St Marys is Open to all Church Club at Todmorden CE School, weekly during term time

V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	We host the local Todmorden Council of Churches and help organise several events during the year
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No
2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Local church leaders attend worship in each other's churches. Regular social meeting at the local Wetherspoons pub. Regular exchange of pulpit.

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VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Todmorden CE(A) J,I & N School Walsden St Peters CE (VC) Primary School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided? • Controlled? • Foundation? 	Todmorden Walsden
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx.)?	Todmorden 254 Walsden 172
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	Both Parishes : Church members serve on and are very active member of the Governing Body at both schools Some Members help by listening to children reading. Also members work with CICS/Open the book visit all the schools not just the church schools

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>Sunday School (During Sunday service) St Marys. 5-8</p> <p>Friday Youth Club 25+ Church youth group 6-8</p> <p>None at present</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	None at present
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	N/A

3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Needs developing, although there is lay involvement in most services and strong pastoral care.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	<p>There is not a strong tradition in St Marys of Lay leadership</p> <p>St Peters has had more interregna and has developed a strong confident lay leadership lead by a Lay Reader</p>

VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<p>Work with young families</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>More involvement with the Church School as well as other schools in the Benefice</p> <p>Developing community links</p> <p>Outreach</p> <p>Adaptability</p> <p>Understanding the United Benefice model</p>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<p>Outreach to the town and benefice</p> <p>Working with young families</p>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<p>1/ Focus of unity and a presence in the Benefice</p> <p>2/ Make the Christian Faith accessible to the Benefice</p> <p>3/ Encourage leadership in others</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.

During a rather protracted interregnum the congregation at **St Marys** have, to a degree, lost some focus and need a fresh impetus to help them regain their confidence in mission and ministry.

At **St Peters**, we are more used to doing things for ourselves, but are finding the length of this interregnum wearing, despite this we are driving forward with new initiatives, eg café church is becoming more regular, the first scarecrow festival in Walsden.

The appointment of an interim part time priest-in-charge has helped to address this situation, but it is seen as a 'Caretaking role' and we are waiting for a leader to move us forward into the strong, vibrant position we were in some years ago.

We have been blessed by an SSM and three PTO clergy who have helped to keep us going and the SSM 's case to try out new things .

St Michaels Church at Cornholme is going through the closure process and any remaining congregation will be welcomed into **St Marys**, this will then become the Parish church for Todmorden and Cornholme.

X. The New Priest

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

The new vicar will be the first full time priest appointed since the formation of the new benefice so developing cross fertilisation, excellent communications and a culture of mutual support across the benefice will be important. He/she will be expected to:

- Bring energy and leadership to our benefice helping us to grow both spiritually and numerically;
- Be skilled in working collaboratively and in developing the talents of all God's people for mission and service;
- Be a visible presence in the life of the local community and together with the PCCs develop strategies for drawing those at the edges more deeply into the life of the church and into its worship
- Support existing opportunities for outreach and seek to build new ones
- Work collaboratively to develop strong links of working with children and families
- Strengthen and develop strategies for ensuring that good pastoral care is delivered across the benefice

Our new vicar will be:

- Passionate about teaching and leading us so as to help us grow in faith
- Strongly committed to faith, discipleship and growth
- Experienced in working with young families and children
- Committed to ministering to a diverse range of people
- Able to challenge us to forge ever stronger links with the communities in which we live, work and pray
- Approachable and non - judgemental