

## 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.

### I. Parish Information

1(a)	Name of parish(es) to which this information relates:	Holy Trinity Bingley, and St Michael & All Angels Cottingley
(b)	Name(s) of parish church(es):	As above
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish:	St Wilfrid's, Gilstead in HT parish
3.	Cluster or group of parishes within which you work (formally or) informally:	We are beginning to work together as a group of parishes. Historically we have been separated in two: HT & SW and SM. Each had their own priest.
4.	Deanery:	Aire & Worth
5.	Population:  <i>The 2011 census information gives the following figures. Please indicate how this might have changed since then.</i>	Bingley, around 18000, though not all in our parishes. All Saints is the church at the bottom of the town. Cottingley houses around 5000 people.

6(a)	Number on Electoral Roll:	HT & SW 84 SM: 57
(b)	Date of APCM when this number was declared:	HT & SW 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 SM: 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

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
Holy Trinity		21	25	
St Wilfrid		19	24	4
St Michael	10.00	42	40	1-3
Weekday Eucharists	Various	17 per week	17	

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
Holy Trinity	1	2		1	9
St Wilfrid	2			3	
St Michael	2		0	0	1

9. Communications

*Please give names and contact details BUT only include details that can be shared when this document is made public*

Church	Clergy	Readers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator	Churchwardens
Holy Trinity	Mthr Lindsay Pearson	Frances-Elizabeth Evans		The Reader and Vicki Askam
St Wilfrid	As above	Rosemary Glave		Desmond Jackson Avis Jones
St Michael	As above	Jan Hesselwood	Lay Worship Leader: Stuart Eteson	Steve Peers Alan Moir



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places of worship of other faiths</li> <li>• Local Businesses:</li> <li>• Associations eg tourist group:</li> <li>• Describe any civic responsibilities which the clergy have:</li> </ul>	<p>Bingley Baptist Church Bingley Methodist Church Bingley URC Church All Saints – the other CofE church in town.</p> <p>Friday Prayers are held at a local hotel for Muslims in Bingley and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Bingley is a thriving town with many local businesses. The Arts Centre is in the centre of town. It is surrounded by shops and cafes. There are non-retail businesses in Bingley too, providing some local employment. Damart in Bingley is the most obvious local business, their building is visible when arriving in, or driving through, town. Bingley seems to have a decent local economy; the high street is very often busy. Cottingley and Gilstead are smaller places and the people who live there tend to engage in business elsewhere.</p> <p>The Five Locks are notable as a tourist attraction.</p> <p>This is under review as civic responsibilities in Bingley itself have changed along with the changes of clergy through the years. Remembrance Day is important in both Cottingley and Gilstead. The civic responsibilities are relatively light here.</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?	HT & SW 46% SM: <5%
(b)	Describe the mix of the congregation in terms of age, employment, cultural, ethnicity, age and gender.	Our churches are currently mostly white, retired or employed people. Our age range is primarily 50 upwards, but we have some younger families both settled and making connections, so we hope to extend our range. Holy Trinity is, on average, an older congregation than St Wilfrid and St Michael, but there have been younger people joining us for worship recently.
2(a)	How would you describe the churchmanship tradition of each church and give details of robes and vestments worn by officiants?	Holy Trinity is unfussy catholic. Chasuble worn. Hymns with organ. Sung responsorial psalm.

		<p>St Wilfrid is broadly Anglican. Chasuble worn. Hymns with organ. All Age Worship one Sunday each month.</p> <p>St Michael is broadly Anglican too, with more modern music played by a small and still-developing band. Chasubles are worn here, but not by every priest who celebrates.</p>
(b)	What is the regular average weekly giving of those 16 years & over and what proportion of the giving is gift aided?	<p>SM £12 pppw 95% gift aided</p>
(c)	When did you last have a stewardship campaign?	<p>HT&amp;SW: SM: 2018</p>
3.	How does each Church supplement its direct giving in order to meet its financial needs?	<p>Letting of buildings at Holy Trinity and St Wilfrid.</p> <p>St Michael's has a very active fundraising group who put on events throughout the year.</p>
4(a)	What amount of working expenses were paid to the clergy in the last financial year?	<p>HT £2,490 SM 0</p>
(b)	Were these met in full?	<p>These were met in full.</p>
(c)	Is there an annual discussion with the clergy about their level of expenses as part of the PCC's budgeting process?	<p>It has been mentioned at PCC.</p>

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>•</li> <li>• current year?</li> <li>•</li> <li>• next year?</li> </ul>	<u>Share requested</u> HT 51,768 SM 31,750 HT 38,300 SM 28,374 HT N/A SM N/A	<u>Share Paid</u> 37,000 31,750 25,000 will pay all 16,555 on 31/07/24
(b)	Will this year's be met?	Yes	
6(a)	Is there any capital project in hand at the moment?	Yes. There are updates to Audio Visual systems currently happening in all 3 churches	
(b)	Please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met.	Several thousand pounds. The cost at HT and SW is to be met with a bequest.  St Michael's is planning a giving day on our Patronal Festival.	
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>	St Michael: Good state of repair.  Holy Trinity: Good state of repair.  St Wilfrid: Good state of repair. There are several issues that need to be worked on, for example the stained-glass east window.	
	Please give details of major maintenance needed following the last quinquennial.	None	

#### IV. Outreach and Mission

<p>1(a)</p>	<p>What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish?</p>	<p>HT&amp;SW: We have two weekly open sessions where those who are lonely or may need some company can come and chat. We have soups and biscuits on offer as well as tea and coffee. We are also involved in the running of the Bingley Community Kitchen. The clergy are involved with Trinity All Saints Primary School, next door. Pub Church runs every other week in a pub room in Bingley. Anyone is welcome to come and discuss faith.</p> <p>SM: We have a weekly open place for tea and toast which has been a wonderful social event for local retired people, and people have been brought into church through this. Each month there is a Songs of Praise event for people to come and sing hymns. Many of the events on at St Michael's have been in the day time and we are expanding our offer to meet the needs of people who work during the day. Our toddler groups is about to be up and running again after a short break. There are plans for a more seeker-friendly service at St Michael's. Informal, discussion and worship based, involving scripture and theological investigation in a very low-key way in for anyone who may be curious but not want to commit to Sunday mornings. Many of the members of St Michael's volunteer in various capacities at Cottingley Community Centre. This is their vocation and helps make us visible in the community. We are in conversation about expanding youth provision. The incumbent currently runs a Community Choir that's not remotely church related but is to serve the needs – mental wellbeing, physical wellbeing – of the local community.</p>
<p>(b)</p>	<p>What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus?</p>	<p>As above. We have plenty planned and we regularly invite people to come and see. We make ourselves visible and available in the community, at events and simply being around. However, we would like to focus on this more closely now things have settled. St Michael's had a very long vacancy before the current priest was appointed. All the parishes are now in a position where they are keen to see growth.</p>

(c)	What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship?	There have been courses available recently, which were well-attended and appreciated. More are planned for the future. As above, we hope to extend our services as churches to include those who have questions and would like to think about things in a more informal setting. Prayer is encouraged. There are many services during the week that people may attend if they choose to.
(d)	What are you doing to grow people in leadership?	We have members attending the diocesan course on Personal Growth. We encourage lay leadership of events and new initiatives – for example, the children’s initiatives at St Michael’s are led by lay people. We support people to consider their vocation, and work with those feeling a call to serve in a more official capacity within the Church.
2(a)	Please give details of the support of the Church (not individual members) for work overseas:	Support USPG
(b)	How much is given annually?	SM: £300
3(a)	Give details of the support for home missions and charities:	Christian Aid is supported by the churches. The local foodbanks and Bingley Community Kitchen are too. Through Mothers’ Union we also have a link with charities supporting women, particularly new mothers, in Bradford. USPG CAFOD Children’s Society
(b)	How much is given annually?	HT £6,750 SM: £261
4(a)	Does the parish have an overseas link?	No
(b)	If so, please state where/who?	
5(a)	Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families?	Not as such, though our churches are small enough to ensure that this happens. A family recently joined from overseas and the Reader at St Michael’s, who is a teacher specialising in such things by profession, offered ESL lessons before the child started school. We feel that we can offer bespoke support because of the size of our churches.
(b)	If so, please describe:	See above



6.	What part does the church play in community care?	We care for our community through support of local families, food banks etc. As detailed above. Many members volunteer in some capacity to provide services for the local community. We would like our new priest to be a person who enjoys being out in, and building links with, the local community. This is a priority for us as churches. Bingley Community Kitchen is supported and run by volunteers from HT&SW.
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7(a)	Are there any Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick?	Yes.
(b)	If so, who are they?	Rosemary Glave (Reader) Frances-Elizabeth Evans (Reader)
8.	What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (eg open youth work)?	We are currently in the process of designing this. The Community Centre has plans and is searching for funding and looking at possibilities for staffing.

## V. Ecumenical Relations

1(a)	State involvement in local Council of Churches:	There isn't one but there is a meeting of local ministers. There are joint events held at Christmas and Easter.
(b)	Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?	No

2.	What informal ecumenical contacts are there?	Many, through the local minister meetings and the events together. Cottingley St Michael have a particularly strong link with Town Hall Church. We support events at each church, and we have Remembrance Sunday together each year. Open the Book school Collective Worship.
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## VI. Church Education and Social Provision

1(a)	Name of Church School(s) if applicable:	Trinity All Saints Church of England Primary School
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided?</li> <li>• Controlled?</li> <li>• Foundation?</li> </ul>	Aided
(c)	Number of pupils on roll (approx)?	209
(d)	If aided, does the PCC support the school?	Financially? No.

## 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>Sunday Clubs for children at St Michael's and St Wilfrid's. Our young people also engage with this provision, but we are hoping to offer something for teenagers soon.</p> <p>Weekly collective worship led by clergy for Trinity All Saints at HT.</p> <p>There are courses led seasonally for adults. This was well-attended at St Michael's and there will be a development as detailed above beginning this autumn.</p>
2(a)	Give details of house/prayer groups:	We would like to begin house groups across the team and have waited until we come together more officially to do so.
(b)	Are the leaders clergy or lay?	The leaders will be lay.

3(a)	How do you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Strong. There are many very able people across our churches who have much to offer the community. ~We hope that everyone is set free to live their vocation in our churches and so we encourage people to lead initiatives.
(b)	To what do you credit this strength, or lack of it?	The giftedness of the people and their willingness to step forward and get involved.

## VIII. Mission

1.	List areas of Church life which you consider in need of development.	<b>Ministry with young people</b> <b>Outreach</b>
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry?	<b>Building relationships across the communities</b>  <b>Outreach and evangelism</b>  <b>Work across a wider age range</b>
3.	In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage?	<b>As above</b>

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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.*

None – see brochure for details

## **X. The New Priest**

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

This text already appears in the parish brochure:

We are looking for a dynamic priest with gifts in community engagement and relationship building. We'd like a forward-thinking priest with a heart focussed on mission and meeting the future with creativity and energy.

Agreed by the PCC of

Holy Trinity Bingley with St Wilfrid Gilstead & St Michael and All Angels Cottingley

on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

Signed:



Print Name: Lindsay Pearson

Office Held: Interim Priest in Charge of St Michael and All Angels and Associate priest at Holy Trinity Bingley with St Wilfrid Gilstead.

This form, duly completed, should be sent to:

*The Mission and Pastoral Secretary  
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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.***