

Parish Fact Sheet

Incumbent



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: Holy Trinity Poulton Lancelyn DATE: 20/08/2026

DEANERY: Wirral North

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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| 1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: | <u>One</u> |
| 2. Population. | <u>4190</u> |
| 3. Number on electoral roll. | <u>159</u> |
| 4. Usual Sunday attendance (<i>taken from last annual return</i>)
under 16 years of age: <u>15</u> 16 and over: <u>104</u> | |
| 5. PCC ordinary income (<i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i>): | <u>£ 155,511</u> |
| 6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: | <u>£ 30.70</u> |

PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: Rev. Roger Wiles
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*): Associate Minister Paul Lewis (SSM)
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:
Alan Jones
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:

Glenys Potter - Church Administrator & Parish Safeguarding Officer 17 hours per week
Steve Wilkinson- Cleaner 4.5 hours per week

THE PARISH

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

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?

Mixed

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

Diverse with all groups represented

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

The majority of the population (95%) were born in the UK and in the 2021 census described as "white"

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 62%

(b) local authority:

(c) privately rented: 38%

5. Please list:

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

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes None

(c) any youth centres? None

(d) any community centres? None

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: None

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

None

7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?
The vicar holds a position on the Lands Foundation Schools Trust - who allocate bursaries.
8. Are there any links with local industry?
None
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?
Conservative Evangelical
2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

First Sunday - All age service
 Second Sunday - Morning Worship
 Third Sunday - Communion
 Fourth Sunday - Morning Worship
3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please State? Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: based on Common Worship
 Is there a traditional use of
 eucharist vestments? Yes/No No
 coloured stoles? Yes/No No
 scarf and hood? Yes/No No
4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

None - the use of Powerpoint Projection
5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? Approx 40%
 (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation? Over 60s are well represented, Middle Class
6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:
110

7. Numbers during the last year
- | | |
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| of baptisms: | <u>2</u> |
| of confirmation candidates: | <u>0</u> |
| of weddings: | <u>1</u> |
| of funerals in church: | <u>4</u> |
| in crematoria: | <u>4</u> |

8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? Yes/No
Yes
 If so, how many children were admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation during the last year? 3

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

1. Name of the parish church: Holy Trinity
 Year(s) built: 1986-1987
 Date of last quinquennial inspection: 2024
 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 and condition of repair:

None

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*)

Poulton Hey - On site is a listed building -Used extensively by church and hiring groups
 Extensive grounds
 Vicarage

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? _____

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.

Various events are held where donations are sent to nominated charities but there are no specific events specifically to raise money for the church.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:
 incumbent £ 2,866 assistant clergy £ 497
 (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 EXPENSES
 Is a claim form used? YES
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 71939.61
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

Is it controlled aided or an academy?

(b) Number of children on roll:

Is the number static/rising/falling?

(b) 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:

Sunday groups are provided for the children aged 0-11. Midweek groups are run for baby and toddlers, children in years 3-6 combining teaching with games and activities.

(b) young people:

HTC youth supports young people aged 11-18, the group meets for hospitality, activities and bible teaching.

(c) adults

Home Groups provide opportunities for members to meet regularly in smaller settings, usually in private homes, for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. These groups enable deeper relationships within the church family and allow participants to engage more fully with Scripture through discussion and mutual support.

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:
 - (a) children: Church Sunday Morning groups - 12, Livewires 8, Sat Buzz 8,
 - (b) young people: HTC Youth 9
 - (c) adults: Ladies Felowship, Coffee +, Jump4Joy, Bowls

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

Eleven Home Groups - see 2(c) above

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? Both

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?

Many mature lay Christians are involved in leadership roles including: PCC, Home groups, Children's and Youth work, Sunday services. Lay members are encouraged to use their abilities and time, as appropriate, in serving Christ within the life and mission of his church.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). Christianity Explored
3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

North West Gospel Partnership training and local training days
Homegroups nurture every member's spiritual growth and can provide discernment of gifts and possible calling to particular areas of service

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

Member of Wirral Gospel Partnership and members of Bebington Churches "World day of Prayer"

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?

Apart from financial and prayer support given by individual church members, the PCC funds mission partners in South America, in Central Africa (Uganda) and in Eastern Europe (Ukraine). The total budget for these in 2026 is £7128.

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

The PCC supports mission partners in the UK both locally (Wirral) and nationally. The total budget for these in 2026 is £9504.

3. Is there an organised system of evangelism in the parish? If so, please describe it.

At Holy Trinity we've shaped an approach to evangelism that encourages the whole church family to see that each of us has a part to play in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every group is invited to consider how they fit within our mission statement:
Sharing, Declaring and Living the Good News of Jesus Christ.

4. Is there an organised system of follow-up to baptisms, weddings, funerals? If so, please describe.

Informal follow-up after the event

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

The church gives financial and prayer support to Charles Thompson's Mission, which works with under-privileged people in the centre of Birkenhead.
Individual members also support this work
Church members volunteer at the Trussel Trust Food Bank

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

None

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

We continue to have some involvement with Poulton Lancelyn Primary School, speaking at occasional assemblies and hosting a Christmas concert for years 5 and 6 and their parents.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Is there is a history of the church/parish? If so, please e-mail (or send) a copy.
Yes/No Yes - held in office

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current goals to achieve for the next 5 years?

Improve outreach and engagement with the local community, especially younger people and families, with the aim of drawing them to know Christ.
Develop a mission action plan for this, which could include:
Welcoming more parishioners for baptisms, weddings and funerals.
Further involvement with our local primary school.
Increased use of our buildings and grounds for community social events.

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

Improve outreach and engagement with the local community, especially younger people and families.
Youth and children's ministry.
Maintain and strengthen pastoral care arrangements.
Foster our love and unity of purpose in serving Christ together.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: 

Office held: Vice chairman of the PCC (acting chair during the vacancy)

Electronic copies of this form, duly completed, should be sent to the following:

1. The Bishop of Chester
2. The Suffragan Bishop
3. The Archdeacon
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).
6. The Rural Dean
7. The Deanery Lay Chair
8. The PCC representatives