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Profile of the Parish of

St Mary Magdalene Yarm

Date: May 2010

This form is designed to give an overview of a parish.

If there are several parishes in the benefice a joint statement may be made if preferred.

It is 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.

Please send 4 copies of your parish magazine or newsletter.

Additional information may be given by way of printed documents or written submissions.

SECTION A - THE PARISH

A1. POPULATION

- (a) Approximate Population 8,500 mid 2009 estimate
- (b) Changes: Increasing / Static / Decreasing since 2001 decreasing, down 5%
- (c) Is the parish inner urban / urban / suburban / village / scattered rural? ONS categorisation of Yarm ward including Kirklevington suburban; urban is the
- (d) Is the population predominately retired / middle aged / young families? in 2009 16% aged 0-15, 63% 16-retirement, 21% retirement +age group
- (e) Describe any ethnic groups resident within the parish. 97% White, 1% Mixed, 2% Asian [very few Black (0.1%) or Chinese (0.3%)]

A2. EMPLOYMENT

- (a) What types of occupation are your parishioners engaged in? 2001 Census Data.
Industry : Primary (Quarrying, mining, etc.) 1%, Manufacturing 9%, Construction 2%, Service Industries - Hotels, Transport, Wholesale/retail, Finance, Public Admin, Health : 88%.
- (b) What is the percentage of unemployed? Sources : ONS & TVU :
Yarm LA Ward (incl Kirklevington) Feb 2010 - 2.7%

A3. HOUSING

Estimate the percentage of housing:

% Owner occupied 87%

% Local Authority

3%, other Social rented

% Privately rented

7%

A4. SCHOOLS

Please name:

(a) Any church schools in the parish None

(b) Any other schools in the parish All co-educational : Yarm
Primary, Levendale Primary, Layfield Primary, Conyers 11-18, Yarm Preparatory independent, Yarm
School 11-18 independent

(c) What was the role of your outgoing Incumbent in these schools?

liaison with all schools,
assemblies by invitation,
termly services in Church
for independent schools,
Christmas Carol services
for all schools

A5. OTHER DENOMINATIONS

(a) List the Places of Worship of other Christian denominations in the parish

Yarm Methodist Church, St Mary & St Romauld Roman Catholic Church, Vineyard
Church

(b) What activities does your Church engage in with other Churches
(include reference to both Minister and Congregation)?

regular ecumenical meetings, joint services for - Christian Unity & Christian Aid &
Women's World Day of Prayer & Remembrance Day, joint Lent lunches, ecumenical prayer network, Christian Aid
collections, Mothers' Union activities with other ladies' groups, Fair Trade promotion events, other joint charitable
activities eg Macmillan Coffee morning, sponsored sing for Haiti

SECTION B - THE LOCAL CHURCH

B1. CHURCH WORSHIP

(a) *Use the schedule below, or attach a list, showing for each Church or Place of Worship, the times and forms of Service in use and average attendance*

Sunday in month	Time of service	Service and Rite	Average attendance		
			Adults	Children	Total
First	8 am	BCP	2009 14 2010 11	2009 0 2010 0	14 11
	10 am Family service	Common Worship	2009 77 2010 91	2009 14 2010 23	91 114
Second	8 am	BCP	2009 12 2010 11	2009 0 2010 0	12 11
	10 am	Common Worship	2009 83 2010 78	2009 10 2010 16	93 94
Third	8 am	BCP	2009 11 2010 12	2009 0 2010 0	11 12
	10 am	Common Worship	2009 82 2010 82	2009 9 2010 4	91 86
Fourth	8 am	BCP	2009 13 2010 10	2009 0 2010 0	13 10
	10 am	Common Worship	2009 83 2010 86	2009 9 2010 7	92 93
Fifth	8 am	BCP	2009 11 2010 10	2009 0 2010 0	11 10
	10 am	Common Worship	2009 74 2010 87	2009 4 2010 2	78 89

(b) What hymn books are used? New English Hymnal,
Celebration Hymnal for Everyone, New Hymns and Worship Songs (for Pram service)

(c) Are vestments worn? Yes

Are coloured stoles worn? Yes

Are scarf and hood worn? offices only

(d) Is its church tradition Catholic, Central, Evangelical or would some other label be more accurate?

has a sacramental focus, is liberal and in the Catholic tradition

B1. CHURCH WORSHIP CONTINUED

(d) How many 'Occasional Offices' did you have in the last two years?

	Last 12 months	Previous year
Baptisms (Adults)	0	0
Baptisms (Children)	32	35
Weddings	8	25
Services of Blessing of a Marriage	0	0
Funerals (in Church)	11	18
Funerals (only at Crematorium)	6	27

(f) How many Confirmation Candidates were there?

	Last 12 months	Previous year
Adults	0	0
Children	0	0

(g) List any regular Special Services held (e.g Pram Service / OAPs etc)

Pram service 10 am each Monday except Bank Holidays,
 each Wednesday 09:30 am BCP service
 Christingle service at Advent

(h) Describe the PCC's Baptism Policy liberal and open

(i) Does the Church hold any enquirer's courses for those interested in the Christian faith?

no

B2. CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

(a) Electoral Roll (total): 157 of whom non-resident: 56

(b) List **all** Church organisations, for both adults and children, with their membership and average attendances (include both formal and informal groups).

Organisation	Frequency of meetings	Total membership	Average attendance at meetings
Mothers' Union (afternoon and evening groups)	each group monthly	24	afternoon 16, evening 10
Youth Group	weekly	14	10
Family Service Planning Group	6-8 times per year	12	9
Restoration and Social Committee	approx 6 times per year	8	6
Choir	weekly practice, 10 am Sunday service, other special services, weddings	18	12
Hand Chimes group - Yarm Primary school	fortnightly practice in term time	10	10
	3 services per year	10	6
Hand chimes group - Church	10 times a year	10	6
Craft Group	fortnightly	20	12

(c) State areas of Church life in need of development.

work in the community, particularly with young families, and work in schools

B3. ASSISTANCE

- (a) Give details of any Clerical or Lay Assistance available to a new Incumbent (eg Curate / Lay Workers)

Current ministry team: Mrs Avril Rhodes Reader, Mr David Rigg Reader; Mr Malcolm Ward lay worker who sets up for services, Mrs Avril Monck Verger; Mrs Pat Ellison elected Churchwarden for 2010-2014, Mrs Carole Wilson elected Churchwarden for 2010-2012, 6 people authorised to assist at Eucharist;

Future plans: the recruitment of a Family Support Worker has been approved by the PCC

- (b) List any Non Stipendiary Ministers licensed to the Benefice
nil

- (c) List any Retired Clergy either living in, or assisting the parish
Reverend Peter Elliott retired non-stipendiary curate with PTO,

we understand that another clergyman is expected to retire into Yarm in July and has applied for PTO

- (d) Give examples of ways in which Lay Persons have taken responsibility for, or shared in, the ministry and mission of the Church in recent years

PCC secretary, Church Treasurer, Gift Aid secretary, Organist, Choirmaster, one person collates and produces the weekly pew sheet, PCC of 13 elected members, 3 Deanery Synod representatives, 35 sidespeople, 8 intercessors (plus young people at Family service), 21 people who read at services (plus young people at Family service), about 6 people help the Rector with running the Pram service where Mothers' Union members organise drinks and run a Christmas party, the Choirmaster runs a hand chimes group at Yarm Primary school and a separate group in Church, about 6 people involved in Baptism support/follow-up, lay person editor of Parish magazine published 10 times a year, Youth Group leader assisted by 3 teenage helpers, Traidcraft stall run by 3 people

B4. OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- (a) Describe any special responsibilities of the Incumbent to any local institutions (e.g Hospital - Nursing Homes)

visiting to two care homes, alternate weeks on Wednesdays, one at 11 am the other at 2

pm;

home communions - currently about 3 places, 1 regularly linked to a care home visit, the other 2 irregular by arrangement

- (b) Is the above responsibility shared in any way with the PCC or Congregation?

very occasional help by a current Church warden

B5. CHURCHES

List all Anglican buildings:

	Dedication	Age of building	Year of last Quinquennial Inspection
(a) Parish Churches	St Mary Magdalene	mostly 1730, parts date to 12 th Century; vestry 1904	2010
(b) Other Churches	n/a		

- (c) Describe, briefly, any major repairs to the above Churches carried out over the last five years.

Replacement and redressing of external stonework and tower staircase, lead on roof replaced by tern-coated stainless steel, window guards fitted, redecoration of the Sanctuary and Lady Chapel, joinery work on main doors & Chancel floor & tower stairs

- (d) State the significant items of repair still outstanding from the Quinquennial Inspection.

none from previously;

latest inspection 5th May 2010, written report awaited but no major works expected

B6. CHURCH PROPERTY

- (a) If you have a Church Hall, briefly describe its accommodation

n/a

Please note - some of our functions are held in Church but extensively we use a local community hall, and less frequently another local community centre, both within a short walking distance of the Church. Members of the congregation are trustees for each of these halls so we are currently given a preferential rental.

B6. CHURCH PROPERTY CONTINUED

- (b) What use is made of the Hall by Organisations?
State whether activities are Church related or secular.
n/a
- (c) Does the rental income cover:
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| The annual running costs | n/a |
| The major repair and maintenance costs | n/a |
- List the major repairs undertaken in the last five years:
n/a
- (d) What other Church owned property is there in the parish?
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| PCC Property | none |
| Other Church Property | none |

B7. CHURCH FINANCE

- (a) State briefly how the parish raises its funds
Gift Aid donations, pledges, collections and tax efficient donations, fetes.
What is the average giving per attender per week? £7.25

B7. CHURCH FINANCE CONTINUED

(b) What amount of working expenses did you pay to your Incumbent last year?

£2305

Did that amount represent full reimbursement? Yes

(c) Please state the amounts for last year of your Church's total

Income £70549

plus £18000 unrestricted legacies

Expenditure £78070

(d) Please state the amount of any debt owing by your Church at the last accounting date

Nil

(e) How much was your diocesan Parish Share assessment for last year?

£44610

How much of this did your church pay? All

(e) State the amount you gave last year to:

Missions £35

Charities £1864

Please name any particularly strong link: Traidcraft - stall run in Church, North East Link bus for the homeless - donation in kind by food collected at Harvest service and other goods collected and passed on by a member of the congregation

(g) State the number of those who use gift aid for their giving: 75

B8. PARISH LIFE

Describe (briefly) three events in the life of the Church over the past three years which seem to the PCC to be significant for Christian life and witness (add further sheets as required)

Building on the foundations laid by our previous curate, a strong team has developed for work with young children and their families. The Pram Service on Monday mornings attracts a regular attendance and is growing in strength due to the encouragement young mothers are giving each other. The established structure of this event with prayer, story, music and social time is enjoyed by the youngsters. Those who have now started nursery or school often return during the holidays to join in again. On the first Sunday in the month the 10 am service is a Family Service. This is popular with Pram Service and other families but also with the wider congregation. An effective committee plans this service thoroughly and its theme is firmly linked to the Christian message in the gospel and readings of that week. These successes are a creditable collaboration between the ministry team and laity.

St Mary Magdalene has always enjoyed the social fellowship of summer and Christmas fayres, which have the added bonus of fund raising. In more recent years the summer event has taken an outreach focus and become an open day to encourage the community to come and enjoy the Church. Typical summer fete stalls and refreshments are run but alongside these are games for young people and entertainment such as a school choir, chimes group, organ music. Church vestments are displayed and a special display is put on, such as local archives or details of leisure opportunities in the countryside on the River Tees.

The PCC feels charitable giving is an important part of our Christian Life and there is support for this through Church events and activities undertaken by many individuals. Some of these congregational activities have become regular, such as a Harvest lunch with proceeds donated to charity. Ecumenical collaboration is strong through involvement in Christian Aid Week, the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Fair Trade activities. Two years ago we decided to make a definite commitment to Fair Trade by running a permanent Traidcraft stall in a prominent position in Church. Another major development in the past few years has been to choose one charity as a Lent/Easter project. Funds raised from activities during this period all go to the same cause. The congregation has really responded to this focus project idea which includes a Lent lunch, sale of cards and craft goods, Easter bring and buy stall and Easter raffle. There is always a display about the work of the chosen charity.

SECTION C - DETAILS FOR A NEW INCUMBENT

C1. HOUSING

- (a) Briefly describe the Parsonage House

detached modern brick built - 4 bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, study, downstairs shower room and toilet; attached garage; good sized garden

- (b) Are there, to your knowledge, any plans to improve or replace it?

no

C2. SCHOOLS

Which schools do the children in the parish normally attend?

Infant: Yarm Primary, Layfield Primary, Levendale Primary, Yarm preparatory (independent)

Secondary: Conyers 11-18 or Yarm School (11-18

independent)

Junior: Yarm Primary, Layfield Primary, Levendale Primary, Yarm preparatory

(independent)

6th form: Conyers 11-18 or Yarm School

(11-18 independent)

C3. SHOPPING

Where do the parishioners mainly do their shopping?

Yarm, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton, Middlesbrough

C4. TRANSPORT

Are there any local train or bus services and, in your opinion, are they adequate?
bus services to/from Stockton and Middlesbrough;

3 railway stations within 2 miles each way of Yarm - Yarm station with services between Middlesbrough and Manchester, linking with mainline services at Thirsk/York, Eaglescliffe station with a direct London train service and services between Saltburn and Darlington linking with mainline east coast routes , Allen's West is on the Saltburn/Darlington line.

These are completely adequate for people with private transport as their main option, quite adequate as a daytime main alternative to private transport, limited in the evenings for those relying on public transport.

SECTION D - QUALITIES OF A NEW INCUMBENT/PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

D1. Give a general statement of the qualities and attributes that the PCC would wish to see in a new Incumbent.

The PCC has consulted extensively for opinion within the congregation. As a result, the person sought should be defined as follows -

A leader with a depth of spirituality, committed to active pastoral care and the development of Christ's Church in Yarm.

It should further be noted that the PCC of St Mary Magdalene expresses no gender preference in terms of the person it seeks.

Personal qualities

Someone who

- is energetic, enthusiastic and has a sense of humour
- has an inclusive approach which welcomes everyone equally
- commands respect whilst retaining humility

Skills

Someone who has

- the ability to inspire and empower others, especially the laity
- the ability to train a curate
- the ability to manage change in a constructive way
- financial understanding
- the ability to convey the Christian message about finance to others
- IT literacy

Experience

Someone who has experience of

- developing new initiatives
- working with children and young people
- wider interests
- life outside church
- musical activities related to church
- successful financial initiatives

Worship

Someone who

- will respect and sustain the existing expectations of the congregation
- is comfortable as both leader and participant with a range of worship styles
- engages collaboratively with the existing worship team and all local ministers
- will develop the quality and integrity of worship
- is receptive to the remarriage of divorced people in Church
- accepts the role of ordained women in ministry
- engages with and promotes the activities of the Mothers' Union

The current worship style is liberal and in the Catholic tradition; it has a sacramental focus and uses BCP in its 8.00 am Sunday service and its weekday Eucharist.

Mission

Someone who

- has vision for the Church and is an active leader
- will lead on and be actively involved with work with young people
- will engage with the community and its issues
- engages fully with the life of the Deanery
- will work ecumenically in the existing local frameworks and will develop them where appropriate

To be signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council by the Churchwardens and the Lay Representatives appointed to assist in the selection of an Incumbent.

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