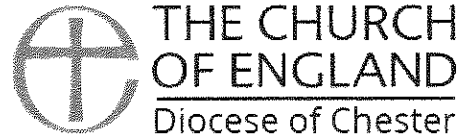


# Parish Fact Sheet

## 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: St Chads, Handforth DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEANERY: Cheadle

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: 7
2. Population: 19,000
3. Number on electoral roll: 110
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)  
under 16 years of age: 11 16 and over: 65
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): £131,011
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: £27

### PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: Reverend S. J. Burmester
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*): Curate - Richard Reeve - Paid by Diocese  
Occasional self supporting clergy - Nick Faust, Mike Howey, John Knowles
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:  
James Lethbridge
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:

Administrator (12 hrs/wk) Patricia Grange  
Cleaner (5 hrs/wk) Elizabeth Kelly

**THE PARISH**

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

Suburban

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? Rising

(b) settled or mobile? Both

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families?

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

Mixture

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

Black African  
Hong Kong Chinese  
Central Asian

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) local authority: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) privately rented: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please list:

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

3 Primary Schools  
2 Special Needs Schools: - Seashell Trust  
- Special Needs at Dear Row Centre

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes 1 - Winslow Manor

(c) any youth centres? } Joint youth and

(d) any community centres? } Community centre

(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? School  
 1) Hope Central Trustee 2) Chairman of Governors Grange  
 (Neither of these are 'fixed' more of an expectation)
8. Are there any links with local industry?  
No
9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?  
2 Council Estates with 'pockets' of problems

### CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition? Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label?  
Evangelical, Bible centred, open to the Holy Spirit
2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:  

- All Age Worship 10 a.m. - with communion twice monthly  
 - Wednesday BCP 10.30 - with communion twice monthly
3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion - if both, please State? Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: BOTH
- 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?  

- MISSION PRAISE  
 - Audio Visual
5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 20%  
 (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation? No
6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:  
55-60

7. Numbers during the last year  
of baptisms: 1  
of confirmation candidates: NONE  
of weddings: 2  
of funerals in church: 14  
in crematoria: 9

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? None

**BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD**

1. Name of the parish church: St Chad's, Hardforth added  
Year(s) built: Consecrated 1899, 1969 Hall added, 1990 Lounge  
Date of last quinquennial inspection: 2021  
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 Yes

4. What other buildings (e.g. church hall, curate's house) and land (not churchyard) does the parish own? (Give addresses, use and condition)

House at 61 Pickmere Road. Rented out when not used for Curate.  
Complete refurbishment 2020. Rented out for 18 months from Jan 2021 when occupied by Curate. Due to be rented when Curate leaves this summer

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No Yes  
 Is it still in use? Yes/No No  
 How many new graves were opened last year? None  
 How many re-openings were there last year? None  
 Estimate how many years are available for new graves: N/a  
 Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? No

## 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.

None

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the:  
 incumbent £ 701 assistant clergy £ 829 - Curate  
 (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  
Reimburses actual expense  
 Is a claim form used? Yes
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 77,605
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 Yes  
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.

Early stages of a project to replace the heating system in the church. Visited churches who have new systems. Obtained a report from a consultant. Obtained a benchmark quote. Made preliminary enquiry as to the cost of updating electric supply. Unlikely to be sufficient funds available without specific fundraising or grants.

**CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION**

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No

No

Is it controlled or aided? Yes/No

(b) Number of children on roll:

Is the number static/rising/falling?

(c) What relationship/links are there between church and school?

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(d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?

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2. What provision is made by the church for teaching:

(a) children:

Grange School - Assemblies and lessons
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(b) young people:

Wilmslow High School - lunch club run jointly with St. Johns Wilmslow
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(c) adults

None at present
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3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:  
 (a) children: Sunday clubs - 10 children  
 (b) young people: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) adults: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

- House Groups - 7  
 - Monthly prayer meeting

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? MIXTURE

### 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?

- Solid but needs developing  
 There is a personal desire to know  
 the Lord through prayer and actions  
 and make him known by everyone in  
 the Parish.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored). ALPHA

3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

There are many opportunities through  
 the outreachers we have e.g. Hope  
 Central and Aroma Cafe.

**ECUMENICAL RELATIONS**

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

NONE

2. Is there a formal covenant with any other denominations?

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

Informal contact with the Mosque, Catholic and Methodist churches, Vine Life, and Assembly of God.  
Further involvement through Hope Central, Huddersfield Christian Fellowship and Bitesize church

**OUTREACH AND MISSION**

1. Please give details of the support of the Church overseas. How much is given annually?

Nearly 20% of income has gone to mission and charities. This year it is being reduced to 15%.  
We donate Internationally, Nationally and locally.

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

The giving is reviewed annually by the Mission Committee as to the recipients.  
- We support further charities in prayer.



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

- Through Aroma Cafe which is organized by Pure Innovations to develop the skills of people with special needs.  
- Through Hope Central (see 5 below)

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

No

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

- Through Hope Central who have a Food Bank, Pantry and offer Safe Spaces.  
- through CAP in conjunction with Hope Central offering Money and Debt courses, Job Clubs and Life Skills course

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

We have a Pastoral Care Committee who meet monthly to update on the needs.

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

Brownies and Rainbows.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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

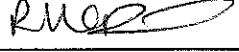
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

- To Grow our Children's & family work.
- To Take our Community work to a new level.
- To Secure our financial Solvency going forward.
- To grow our Church family ensuring new people are welcomed & integrated.
- head people in our Community to the word.

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

- Increase the Church family by engage with new residents & people in the new housing developments.
- Aim to help to grow our Children's & youth work.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Rachel McDowell 

Office held: CHURCH WARDEN

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1. The Bishop of Chester, Bishop's House, Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2JD. (Hard copy)
2. The Suffragan Bishop (Hard copy and electronic copy)
3. The Archdeacon (Electronic copy)
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). (Hard copy)
6. The Rural Dean (Electronic copy)
7. The Deanery Lay Chair (Electronic copy)
8. The PCC representatives