

# 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: **Elworth St Peters**

DATE:

DEANERY: **Congleton**

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish: **1**
2. Population. **9125**
3. Number on electoral roll. **149**
4. Usual Sunday attendance (*taken from last annual return*)  
under 16 years of age: **24** 16 and over: **99**
5. PCC ordinary income (*i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return*): **£174,000**
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver: **£44**

### PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent: **David Page**
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*): **Anthony Rigby (SSM)**
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:  
**Steven Coppenhall (reader), Kate Page (PW), Michelle Walker (PW), Cathryn Houghton (children & families lead)**  
**Paul Savvides (reader - expected to be licensed October '24)**
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:

**Cathryn Houghton (Children & Families Leader - 30hrs/week)**

**Kate Page (p/t administrator - 15hrs/week)**

**Lucy Kelly (p/t administrator - 10hrs/week)**

**Josephine Chow (p/t Children's and Families worker - 15hrs/week)**

**Stephen Parker-Aiken (p/t Church Hall cleaner -10hrs/week)**



## 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? Mobile

3. Is the population

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

No predominant grouping

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

In the middle of the socio-economic spectrum

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

Small numbers of ethnic groups including Chinese heritage, Eastern European origin & traveller community

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 70%

(b) local authority: 10%

(c) privately rented: 20%

5. Please list:

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

1x CofE Controlled Primary School  
1x Community Primary School

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes\_ 3

(c) any youth centres? 0

(d) any community centres? 0

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: 0

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

N/A



7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?  
**Member of the Home Office Approved Premises Liaison Board**
8. Are there any links with local industry?  
**No formal links**
9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?  
**Severely limited provision for the high numbers of pre-school children**

### CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition? Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label?  
**Low church evangelical**

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

Every Sunday	10:30	Morning worship (informal style)
	6pm	Evening prayer or Holy Communion (BCP)
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9am	Holy Communion (CW)

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please State? Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship: **See above**

Is there a traditional use of

eucharist vestments?	Yes/No	No
coloured stoles?	Yes/No	No
scarf and hood?	Yes/No	Yes at 9am & 6pm

4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

<b>Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New</b>
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5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? **30%**  
 (b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?  
**No**
6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday:  
**20 (ranging from 15-110 outside of festivals)**



7. Numbers during the last year
- |                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| of baptisms:                | 11 |
| of confirmation candidates: | 5  |
| of weddings:                | 2  |
| of funerals in church:      | 17 |
| in crematoria:              | 8  |
8. Has the parish received permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation? Yes/No. No

If so, how many children were admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation during the last year?

### **BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD**

1. Name of the parish church: **St Peters**  
Year(s) built: **1846**  
Date of last quinquennial inspection: **2019**  
List any urgent repair work still to be done:

Please see attached inspection report

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*)

Church Hall, School Lane, Elworth.

In excellent condition and put to multiple uses by the church and local community groups



5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No **Yes**  
 Is it still in use? Yes/No **Yes**  
 How many new graves were opened last year? **0**  
 How many re-openings were there last year? **3**  
 Estimate how many years are available for new graves: **0**  
 Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? **Yes**

## 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?  
**Planned giving in envelopes and standing orders**
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 **£ 510** assistant clergy **£ 888**  
 (b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not  
**Paid in full**  
 (c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed  
**Actual**  
 Is a claim form used? **Yes**
5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? **£75,336**
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.  
**N/A**



## CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No      Yes  
Is it controlled or aided? Yes/No      Controlled  
(b) Number of children on roll:      420  
Is the number static/rising/falling?      Static

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

Excellent. We have the only paid school chaplain in a church-controlled school in the diocese. This post is funded by the school for 10 hours per week and by the church for 3 hours per week during term time. Please see the contribution from the school Head in the Parish Profile regarding the close relationship.

(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

Sundays:      Acorns for 3-6 year olds  
                    Adventurers for 6-11 year olds  
  
Mid-week      Lego church once a month  
                    Xplore weekly for 5-11 year olds

(b) young people:

Sundays:      Youth church 11+  
  
Mid-week      The Hub & The Loft for 11-18 year olds

(c) adults

Sundays: All sermons are bible-based teaching  
Homegroups: 50+ adults are involved in regular mid-week teaching  
Occasional: Whole church teaching series such as Lent and Advent



3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:
  - (a) children:
  - (b) young people: *See Annual report*
  - (c) adults:

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

*Currently 7 groups active across the whole church*

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? *Lay*

### **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?

*Strong but stretched - paid staff team are not at full strength due to budget constraints*

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?

*Lent & Advent devotional courses with daily readings*

*Use of diocesan and parachurch training courses e.g. Foundation for Ministry. NWP training course.*



## ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

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

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

No

3. What informal contacts are there?

*Member of "Churches together in Sandbach" We participate in, rather than lead, due to theological differences*

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

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

*See Annual report p16*

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

*See Annual report p16*



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

Ad hoc

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

Yes - led by Pastoral Workers

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

The hall is the centre of many of the community's activities including Rainbows & Brownies, the Alzheimer's Society and the community over-60s club. It is home to a parent led pre-school. Our hall is also used by independently run (semi-commercial) community groups such as Happy Little Signers (a hard of hearing children's support group)

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

Yes - led by Pastoral Workers

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

Resources offered to both High Schools but little uptake

Associate Minister is Padre to the local ATC group



## PUBLICATIONS

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


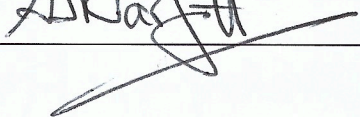
1. What are your current goals to achieve in the next 5 years?

- To encourage a greater willingness of all church members to engage in everyday church life
- To grow discipleship across all 3 services
- To improve finances to enable a full leadership team including an assistant minister (50% achieved so far)
- To maintain and build on a mission that is based on orthodox bible teaching within the CofE
- Commence events aimed at couples and young parents
- Re-start enrichment activities such as walks and quizzes
- Start a programme of events aimed specifically at men

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

- To develop a response to LLF when the national church has come to a full and final resolution.
- To develop a ministry that carries on from children and youth work into young families.
- To develop a ministry aimed at men.
- To develop a parish mission plan for the next 5 years

Signed on behalf of the PCC:

Office held: CHURCHWARDENS.



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

1. The Bishop of Chester, Bishop's House, Abbey Square, Chester CHI 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