

Parish of Oakworth



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Our Mission to Know, Show and Share God's love

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Moorside flock seeks good shepherd to feed us, tolerate our bleatings, look after the stragglers and help find our path.

Bishop's Statement for Oakworth



Oakworth is a valued parish within the Bradford Episcopal Area and the Diocese of Leeds. The village has expanded over recent years, and new housing continues to be built. Giving residents the opportunity to discover Jesus and the life of the local church will remain an important task for the immediate future.

There is a good ministry team in place and the finances and buildings are in good order. Christ Church has recently been reordered, making it a more attractive building for holding events with the community, and there are plans to further improve the facilities there. Other recent positive developments include the development of stronger relationships with other organisations in the village, such as the Oakworth Community Trust and Oakworth Village Society. The next stage will be to build on these to develop further regular work with young families.

We are looking for an enabling leader, who can work with the congregations on church growth, developing confident lay discipleship, and increasing the profile and engagement of the church within Oakworth and the local community in creative ways. Especially given the part-time nature of this post, we are seeking a person who can inspire and develop others into ministry, leadership and responsibility alongside themselves.

From the perspective of the Episcopal Area, we see three particular priorities for the incoming incumbent:

- a) To provide leadership that enables numerical and spiritual church growth, serving the local community, reimagining ministry with a 'mixed economy' of new forms of church and worship alongside traditional ones and developing pathways to take lay discipleship

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and lay leadership on to the next level. (S)he will therefore need excellent teaching, team building and team leadership skills.

- b) To support and extend effective ministry with families, young adults and children to grow young people as Christians, and to deepen existing links with the local Oakworth and Oldfield primary schools and the uniformed organisations.
- c) To develop active and visible relationships within the village in creative ways, both personally as an individual and also through the congregations. S(he) should be able to engage strategically with the life of the community, developing relationships (for example) with Oakworth Village Society and Oakworth Community Trust, and contributing with others to a vision both for Oakworth, and for the place of the churches in Oakworth.

Our vision as a Diocese is about confident clergy equipping confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. In appointing to this post, we are therefore looking for someone who is both visionary and enabling, with the capacity to lead into a new era of growth. The new incumbent will have a joyful and confident faith which has inspired a track record of church growth, both numerically and spiritually.

The Deanery of Aire and Worth is comprised of parishes with a similar demographic to this benefice, many of whom are experimenting with mixing new approaches to worship and mission alongside inherited patterns. The new incumbent will find a group of creative and supportive colleagues in the Deanery chapter, all of whom will be familiar with the joys and challenges that each other faces. We expect the new post holder to work with a spirit of generosity in sharing wisdom and insights about ministry within the Deanery of Aire and Worth, and across the Episcopal Area

+Toby Bradford

25th August 2020

What we are looking for in a new priest

We want to welcome someone who has prayerfully considered this position and been prompted by the Holy Spirit that this might just be the right post for them.

We pray that they feel able to join our hardworking, enthusiastic leadership team to help us on our journey of faith so that we can grow in the love of Christ and carry that love to all in our community.

Here are some of the qualities we would like to see:

Teacher, leader, pastor.

Able to relate to all ages – a people person who's always approachable.

Able to work in an established team and willing to delegate.

Good communicator with the ability to recognise everyone's gifts and encourage these to be used.

A heart for mission and community.

Have a vision of how the church can play its part in it.

Adaptable. Able and willing to try new things and be open to a variety of worship styles.

A sense of humour.

"We need a shepherd, priest and friend"

We are blessed to have many committed people within our congregations who already take on key roles and responsibilities. They are eager to support a new priest who is active in some of the following areas:

Helping us to grow in faith, understanding and discipleship through Bible-based and Spirit-filled teaching – equipping us to share our faith, our hope and the love of God in the wider world.

Supporting our work with children and young people – not only in the church context but also in local schools where there are strong links.

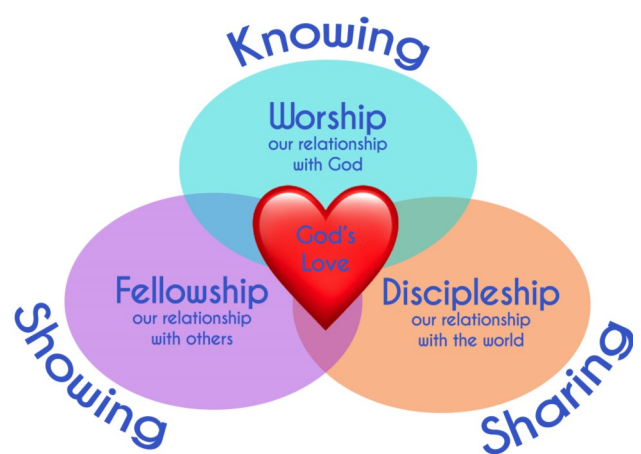
Helping us to nurture, develop and encourage children and young families.

Helping us to recognise the needs within our community and enabling us to respond to them with the love of Christ.

Supporting the needs of both congregations – overseeing pastoral care for all ages, developing skills, using our varied gifts and talents and developing leadership capabilities.

Heightening the visibility of the church and encouraging stronger links between church and community organisations.

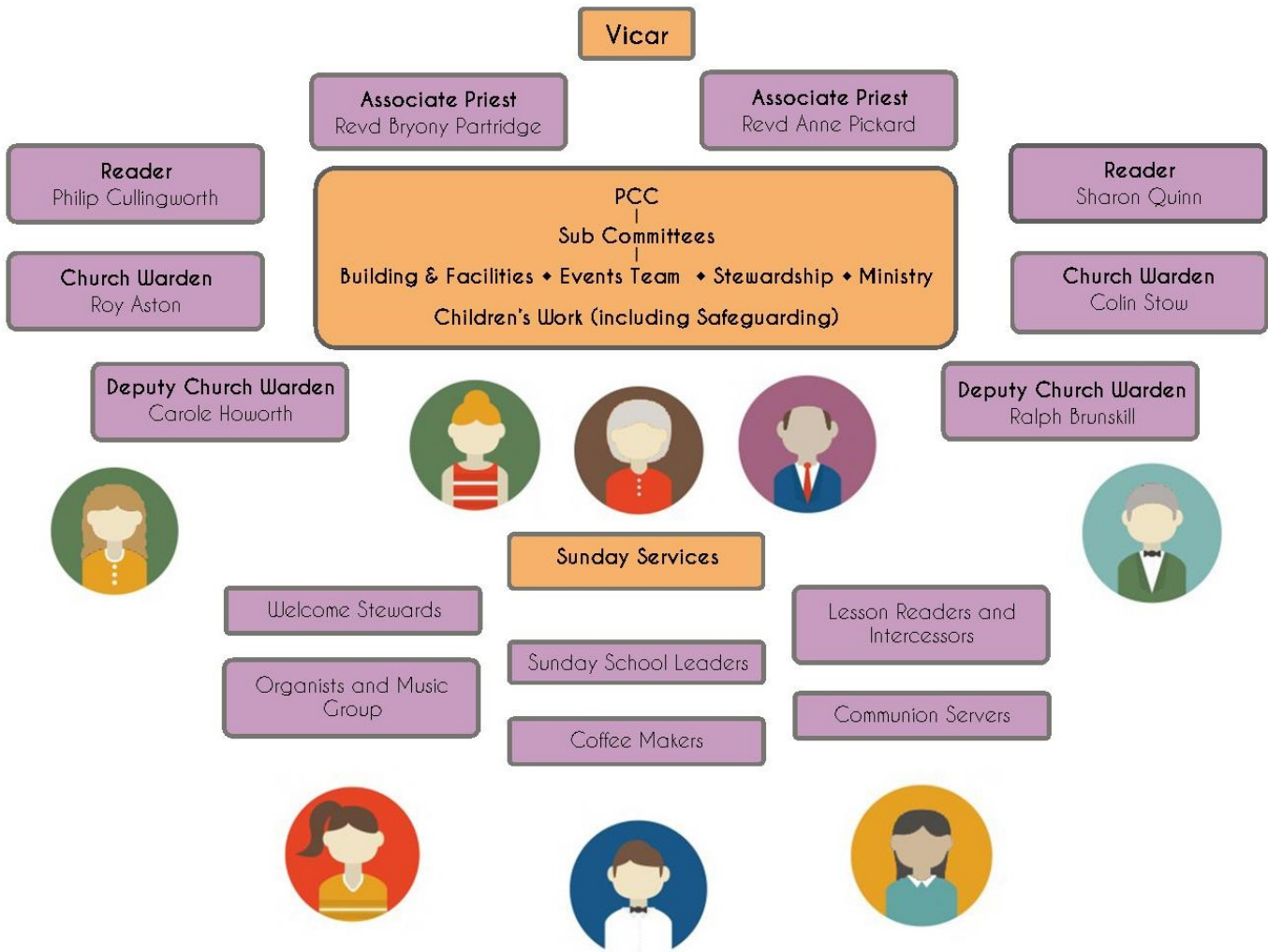
Supporting and participating in the social life of church and community.



Church People

In the Parish of Oakworth we are blessed to have two Associate Priests, Revd Bryony Partridge (Self Supporting Minister) and Revd Anne Pickard (Permission To Officiate) along with two Readers, Philip Cullingworth and Sharon Quinn. We also have many members of the congregation who have an active involvement in the preparation and delivery of services.

We have two Church Wardens, Roy Aston and Colin Stow, and a Deputy, Carole Howorth. The Deputy Church Warden at St John's Newsholme is Ralph Brunskill. Our PCC members bring a wealth of experience from their varied work lives and are committed to the development and growth of the churches. The PCC secretary is Lynn Stow.



Church People



Over the past 30 years Christ Church has nurtured four Ordinands and five Readers. We would describe ourselves as a seed church for the ministry.

Services enjoy different musical styles: traditional organ music played by a father and son team, Steve



Living Waters Music Group

and Adrian, and Living Waters, a group of musicians and vocalists with a relaxed, contemporary style. St John's have a delightful old pipe organ which is used at every service, played by Esther.

Our church family is known for their warm welcome which is extended to all whether people live locally or are just visiting the area. Services are varied and during each month, many styles of worship are offered.



Parish Weekend 2019

We asked our Sunday Club Explorers group what kind of person they would like for their new vicar, using a game of consequences. Here are some of the vicars they drew! We wonder if you would fit the bill?



Oakworth Parish

The parish of Oakworth consists of Christ Church situated in the village of Oakworth and St John's nestled in the rural hamlet of Newsholme, a mile or two from Oakworth.



The regular congregation at Christ Church is around 45 adults and between 5 and 10 children. Approximately 25% are male and 75% are female.

St John's has a small regular attendance of 7 people.

Christ Church Oakworth was consecrated in 1846, shortly after St John's Newsholme had been licensed for worship. Both congregations were originally in the

diocese of Ripon, but were amalgamated to form one parish in 1974 and are now part of Leeds diocese, in the Aire and Worth deanery. The two churches hold separate services on most Sundays, with the responsibility for leading and preaching at these services shared by the ministry team on a rota basis. We also occasionally hold joint worship services. The PCC includes members of both congregations and we are fortunate to have many talented, hardworking volunteers who help with Sunday Services, run Home Groups and organize social events.

Christ Church is situated on the main road that goes from Keighley through to Colne and is a visible landmark. St John's Newsholme is possibly unique in that it is housed within a farm with the farm owners charging a peppercorn rent.

Now that the church has recently been reordered, the congregation at Christ Church are keen to build the church's profile in the community and have organised a number of successful community events in recent years (see page 14). St John's community events include the hugely popular Harvest quiz and the Harvest Service followed by a lively charity auction of produce.

It is the aim of the churches and the PCC to try to get more people from the villages to join us and discover the Gospel. A variety of services are held, with events like the annual Christingle service attracting hundreds of people.

The services are mostly traditional, liturgically. Until recently, Christ Church held a monthly prayer and praise gathering called

Heartbeat, which invited members of other churches to join us. Some members of the congregation would like to revive this.



Church Services

1st Sunday	Christ Church Eucharist 9:30am	St John's Eucharist 11:30am
2nd Sunday	Christ Church Said Eucharist 8:30am	
2nd Sunday	Christ Church All-age 9:30am	St John's BCP Evensong 3pm
3rd Sunday	Christ Church Eucharist 9:30am	St John's Eucharist 11:30am
4th Sunday	Christ Church Eucharist 9:30am	St John's BCP Evensong 3pm
5th Sunday	Christ Church Eucharist 9:30am	St John's BCP Evensong 3pm

The new incumbent would be expected to officiate at St John's Eucharist on the third Sunday of each month. The Eucharists at both churches on the first Sunday of each month can be shared by the Ministers. The five members of the Ministry Team would be free to share other service responsibilities as they wish. The PCC would be happy to review this pattern with the new incumbent after an appropriate period.



At Christ Church we have Morning Prayer at 9:00am on Mondays,

"It's the people who make Christ Church great!"

Tuesdays and Fridays and a Said Eucharist at 11:30am on Wednesdays which follows our Wednesday coffee morning. We also have Parish Prayers followed by Breakfast which is held at 8:30am on the 1st Saturday of each month. This is organized and led by Roy Aston.

Sunday Club Explorers for age 4 - 11 year olds, runs every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays at Christ Church. The group follow the Blackburn Diocese programme Weekly@. Children are actively encouraged to join in with the All-age service which takes place on the 2nd Sunday in the month.

We also hold regular ecumenical services at Oakworth Manor care home. Our visits are very much appreciated by the residents, some of whom have been church members for most of their lives but are now unable to attend services at church.

Seasonal Services

Rogation Service † Village Remembrance service at war memorial †



Remembrance service at Tewitt Hall for Canadian air crew † Christingle services at both churches † Carol singing at Oakworth Social Club and Oakworth care home † Celebration of Christmas with Living Waters † Carol Train (KWVR) † Carols in the Barn.



Church Services

Other Church gatherings

We run many groups and activities within the parish. Four active home groups are long established and have been successful at building fellowship and discipleship. There is a monthly 'Living With Loss' group and a weekly Wednesday coffee morning which is followed by a said Eucharist. We have had some successes with Start, Alpha, and Just Asking courses but we would like to develop our outreach into the community. We run regular Parish Weekends away with guest speakers, which gives us an opportunity to enjoy ourselves and strengthen friendships.

A flavour of our seasonal services

Ascension Thursday
Evening Service
 at Christ Church, Oakworth.
5th May at 7pm

Commemorating the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

...he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24: 50-51



Christingle Christmas Eve



At Christ Church Oakworth. 4.30pm.

We supply all you need for the Christingles. Remember to bring some cash for our Children's Society collection if you are able.

This year marks 50 years since The Children's Society brought Christingle to this country.

You're invited to join the celebrations as, together, we make this 50th anniversary year the biggest for Christingle yet.

Please see the opposite page to find out what the Children's Society are doing in our own local area.





"A Celebration of Christmas"

With music from **Living Waters**

Join us at Christ Church, Oakworth for a relaxed evening of traditional and modern carols with seasonal readings and poems. Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

Tuesday 18th December At 7.30pm



Carols in the Barn

Come and sing carols among the sheep, shepherds and donkey.

at **New House Farm** (off Station Road)

Followed by Fairtrade mulled wine, fruit punch and mince pies. (Wellies and torch recommended).

Sat. 15th December at 6.30pm

All welcome Follow the stars!




Rogation

Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service **Sunday 13th November**

10.00 am - (NB early time)

Led by Rev Alan Raine

At 10.40 am, those who wish to parade round to the Cenotaph for the Memorial Service will be led by the Uniformed Organisations




Carols by candlelight

Sunday 16th December At St. John's Newsholme, 6.30pm



The Church and the Community

We offer weddings, baptisms and funerals; there is also a crematorium in the parish where our priests may officiate. We have preparation sessions for weddings and baptisms to help people understand the role of the church in these life events.

Our church buildings, particularly Christ Church are used for a vast range of different activities organised by our church members for our church family and also the wider community. The Community Group organises many events some of which are free to attend and build vital links with our local village community. See next page.



Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

Oakworth Mothers' Union are proud to have a local branch in the village which meets every fortnight on Tuesdays at Christ Church. Actively participating in local, national and global campaigns, one of the members is currently Bradford Area President.



"Ever since I came to Christ Church to attend my brother's funeral, I have felt at home here. I love the church family and they welcome everyone"

The church building is also used regularly by Rainbows and Brownies and Operation Oakworth, which organizes regular village tidy ups and litter picks.

Oakworth village has particular strengths and unity towards the welfare, wellbeing and care of family life, including our young people. Christ Church is no exception. Our previous Vicar sat on the Board of Governors at Oakworth Primary School and our clergy regularly lead assemblies there and at the more rural Oldfield Primary School. Pupils and teachers of both schools visit Christ Church for special services and events at Easter and Christmas.

The Church and the Community

As a church we work well with other village groups, including the Oakworth Community Trust and Oakworth Village Society. The church helps with the organisation of our annual village Remembrance Day service and Tewitt Hall Memorial Service.

Most of our church members are not only actively involved with church life, but also with the life of our friendly and vibrant village. Some attend Oakworth School to help with reading, run Rainbow and Brownie groups or are Trustees of the local Alms Houses. Members support "Rewind" events at Christmas and Easter, organised by "Christian Links in Keighley Schools".

We have casual links with the local Methodist church, historically working together on Pentecost projects and shared services. The Methodist Minister is very keen to foster this relationship and this is something which could grow.

A flavour of our community events

The collage features several event posters and photos:

- Tour de Yorkshire**: Watch it from here... with a Brew, Cakes, Biscuits. Sunday 5th May 11am-2pm. Race due at 15.5pm ish.
- BBQ**: THE GREAT GET TOGETHER Oakworth 2019. Photos of people at a BBQ.
- Friday Night Takeaway**: Come and share a Pizza at our Friday Night Takeaway. Friday 14th September 7:00pm. Christ Church Oakworth.
- SOUPa SATURDAY**: Saturday 28th October is SOUPa SATURDAY. At Christ Church Oakworth 12-1.3. Join us for delicious homemade very warm Christ Church NO SET PRICES, JUST DONATION OF YOUR CHOICE.
- Christmas Crafts**: IT'S FREE. Christ Church Oakworth Saturday 22nd December.
- Coffee Morning**: Here on Wednesdays from 10am... Coffee Morning. Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Juice, Biscuits.
- DOG SHOW**: FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW. 1st June 2019. Christ Church Oakworth. Dog show classes, judging, stalls, food, face painting.
- Cake & Crafts**: @Oakworth Gala Field Saturday 6th July. Grab a bargain! Including... Cup cakes, Cake decorating cutters, mounds & ribbon for sale!
- Wine TASTING EVENING**: CHRIST CHURCH OAKWORTH. Fri. 23rd November At 7.30pm. Tickets £15. See the website for ticket purchase details. www.oakworthchurch.org.uk/news-ar
- Living with Loss**: An opportunity to meet and share informally with others who are walking the difficult path of life without a loved one. You are warmly invited to come and have a cuppa and a chat with other people who have been bereaved and who understand something of what you are going through. We

Church Buildings

Christ Church is a Grade II listed building dating from 1846. Although the external appearance of the church has changed little since then, there have been numerous alterations to the interior. A re-ordering project in 1990 divided the main worship space at the tower end to create a large room downstairs and two meeting rooms and a small print room upstairs. The toilets were located in the base of the tower and the old choir vestry was converted into a kitchen. The most recent change was a complete re-ordering of the worship space which was started in 2005 in the sanctuary and finally completed in April 2019 in the main congregational worship space.



We have already seen the benefits of this more flexible space in a number of events which would have been impossible with the existing pews. We are eager to expand and offer this space to the wider community in Oakworth.

The church is equipped with a Makin electronic organ, good PA system and deaf loop. Phase 1 of our ambitious project has been completed at a total cost of around £125,000, with all the money being raised by the congregation's hard work and sacrificial giving.

The next phase is to improve access to the church grounds, to develop better parking facilities and to upgrade the toilets and kitchen. These were mentioned in the latest quinquennial report of 2017. We will need to access other sources of grants/funding to help us to realise our vision.

A Buildings and Facilities sub-committee of the PCC have oversight on the upkeep of the building and grounds and meet regularly to plan future work. A small band of volunteers carry out small tasks in the building and keep the lawns and gardens well maintained and looking good.

St John's Newsholme church buildings comprise a worship space with a small pipe organ and include tiered seating for up to 75. There is also a community room with kitchen and toilet.



These spaces are not owned by the church and are not subject to quinquennial inspections but nevertheless, the congregation have upgraded the facilities over the years and kept the building well maintained. There is a small parking area to the front but the farm allows parking in the large farmyard to the rear.

Church Finances

The parish has never missed a share payment. Planned giving accounts for 80% of the voluntary giving, plate donations and other fund raising events make up the remaining 20%. Regular stewardship campaigns are held.

The current account has a reasonable surplus and there are separate accounts with reserved funds. Christ Church recently completed Stage 1 of a reordering plan. When the decision was taken at PCC to go ahead with the work, the amount that would be needed was well in excess of available funds, but one PCC member said, 'I think we should step forward in faith and do it.'

The Christ Church Challenge was launched, whereby every church member was invited to use their talents to raise some money, whether making or selling a product, or offering and selling a



service. In the space of a few months, an impressive £12,000 was raised. Several significant donations were made, and the works, which needed a six-figure sum to be raised, were completed on time and without having to access the emergency funds on deposit. The new chairs alone cost £22,000, but the response of the parishioners has been remarkable. Their commitment and generosity testify to the heart and life of the parish.

About the village of Oakworth

The village of Oakworth is situated near the town of Keighley on the edge of the beautiful Pennine moorland with the hamlet of Newsholme just a mile away.

Oakworth is close to its more famous literary neighbour, Haworth—home of the Brontë family, and enjoys a share of tourists that come to visit the steam trains on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway with the historic station in Oakworth which featured in the 1970's film of the Railway Children.



Oakworth Village



Oakworth Station

More recently, it has become a destination for cycling enthusiasts wanting to test their stamina on some of the gruelling hill climbs experienced during the Tour de France and latterly the annual Tour de Yorkshire both of which have passed Christ Church.



Tour de Yorkshire

In the last 25 years Oakworth has expanded with several developments of new estate housing but still retains a friendly village atmosphere. The communities' immediate needs are served by two shops and a selection of food and service retailers. It also has three pubs and a social club which contribute lively events and social activities. Those looking for sports will find a thriving cricket club, junior football team and golf club within the parish bounds. The village has its own GP surgery which is part of a larger partnership group and an independent pharmacy.

About the village of Oakworth



In Victorian times, the village boasted an elegant house, built in the style of an Italianate villa, which belonged to MP, inventor and manufacturer, Sir Isaac Holden. All that remain now are the portico and the grottos which form part of Holden Park.

Oakworth Manor Care home is a small, privately-owned residential care home looking after older people, including those with physical disabilities and dementia.

Oakworth has a Methodist Church which supports a range of village activities as well as its regular services of worship: a pre-school group runs four days a week during term time; a weekly lunch club offers a hot meal and social activities for over 55's and a hugely successful children's pantomime is staged annually during February half-term.

Schools

Oakworth has a two-form entry primary school with nursery which is consistently rated "Outstanding". The school is now part of the Bronte Academy Trust along with Oldfield Primary, a small but much-valued rural community school.

Beckfoot Oakbank is the local secondary school situated just outside the Parish. Most local young people go there, with a small number of students catching dedicated buses from Oakworth to state-maintained, selective grammar schools in Skipton and Halifax.



The ownership of the village hall has recently been transferred from Bradford Council to a Community Trust. It now offers rooms for hire for weekly classes, meetings and events as well as seasonal fairs and social occasions.

About the village of Oakworth

The majority of workers travel outside the parish to their place of work but there are a significant number of small local businesses within the village and surrounding hamlets. Farming is still a valuable source of income in the area and this is celebrated in the life of the churches by Rogation and Harvest services.

The composition of the village is predominantly white with 63% of working age and 23% aged 0-19 (Bradford Council Ward Plans 2012). Residents are relatively affluent and most households have access to a car.

The wild countryside and peaceful farmlands make the major conurbations of Leeds and Manchester seem a world away but these are easily accessible by road or public transport. Bus links to Keighley, Haworth and surrounding villages are excellent. Rail services from Keighley station to Bradford and Leeds and Rail services from Hebden Bridge to Manchester are frequent. Indeed, Oakworth's location has the all the advantages and amenities of countryside, town and city.

For those who enjoy being outdoors, the village offers a maze of footpaths and bridleways which connect with other villages and major long-distance trails. You can guarantee that you will receive a warm greeting from fellow walkers and if you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes - it's bound to change!

Within a 30 minute drive from Oakworth you could be visiting a West End show in Bradford, indulging in afternoon tea at Betty's in Ilkley, or yomping over the peaks in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales.

Who wouldn't want to live here?




The Vicarage – Sunhurst Drive

The vicarage is a spacious modern, purpose-built four bedroomed detached property built about 1970. The vicarage is west-facing and is about 300m from Christ Church which can be seen from the front rooms of the property. It is about a five-minute walk from the centre of the village.

Downstairs comprises kitchen, lounge, dining room, study, utility room and toilet. Upstairs, there are four double bedrooms, shower room and bathroom with toilet. The facilities are modern and well-appointed with many up-graded features.

Externally, there is a single garage with access from the house and parking for up to four cars to the front. The gardens are well-maintained at front, side and rear. There are a variety of cultivated beds around the house and a large lawn to the rear.



A photograph of a narrow, unpaved dirt road winding through a rural landscape. The road is flanked by stone walls and green fields. In the background, there are rolling hills under a bright, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on the road.

Is this
the path
God has set before you?

Come and join a parish where your
enthusiasm and commitment will make a real
difference to the community.

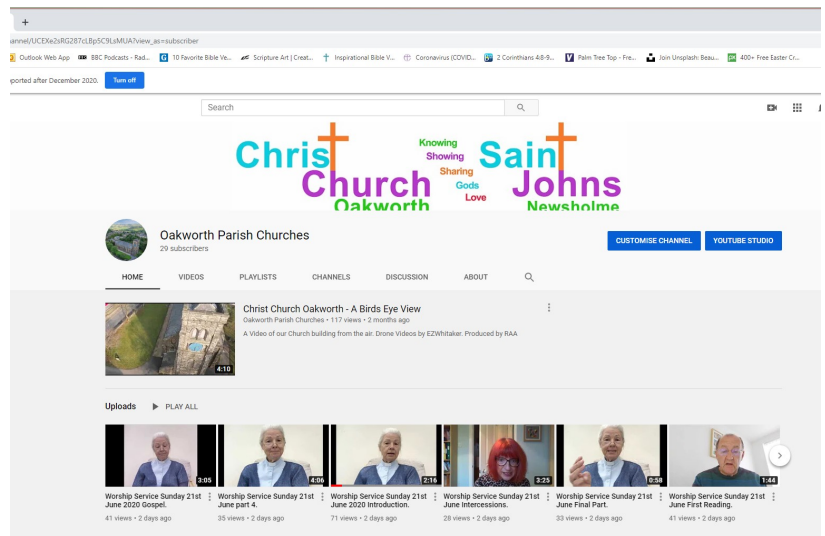
Benefits include weekend working, a walk to work
policy, a newly refurbished 'office', proper tea
and a genuine Yorkshire welcome.

We look forward to meeting you.

Update on the Parish During the Covid - 19 Lockdown

Worship

From the start of the lockdown our PCC and Worship Team have risen to the challenge of providing our congregation with opportunities to participate in “corporate” worship. Since we have been unable to meet together our Sunday Services have gone on-line. The content has been pre-recorded and made available from 9:30am each Sunday as a weekly ‘Worship Service Playlist’ on our newly established YouTube channel. Bryony and Anne have taken the lead and recorded the service content and they, along with Philip and Sharon have delivered sermons. A range of people have been asked to record the readings or intercessions, many of whom would not normally do so in church. These services have been much appreciated and have helped maintain the links with our church family.



Here is the link to our YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCExe2sRG287cLBp5C9LsMUA>

Here's a link to one of the Sunday Services.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMTg2clv3_Y&list=PL6Qr02ySXe0xyxeEUX2UlvxpG6RWz0IJX

Evening Prayer and Morning Prayer are also available with resources accessed via our website or our Facebook page. Bryony has also live streamed some evening services. People without access to computer technology have been supplied with printed service sheets and reading resources to help them through this time. They have also had telephone support with regular calls from other church members.

Update on the Parish During the Covid - 19 Lockdown

Since the lockdown has eased a third of the congregation have felt able to return to our church buildings to join in socially distance worship each Sunday.



Pastoral

There are many informal groups who are in contact with one another for mutual support. One group of 22 ladies – some of them living alone, have formed a messenger group sharing thoughts, experiences, prayers and worship songs.

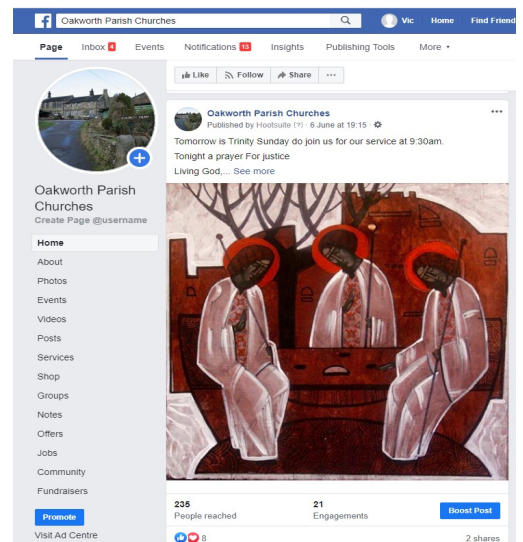
Home groups have been replaced by Zoom meetings where possible.

We are confident that anyone in our church family is able to find help and support if needed.

We have increased the content of our Facebook page with regular prayers, links to services,

inspirational

bible quotes and children's activities which appeal to a wider village audience. We have even had a Virtual Spring Fair with weekly prize competitions which has increased the engagement with people in the village of Oakworth and resulted in many new, 'non church goers' liking and commenting on our page.



Update on the Parish During the Covid - 19 Lockdown

Administration

Business has been conducted on-line via e-mail and the PCC have been able to come to decisions where necessary in this way. Foreseeing a potential reduction in Church finances during the lockdown period, each member of the congregation was contacted regarding their financial giving and there has been an encouraging response from this.

Development Programme

Before lockdown we were making good progress at Christ Church on our wish to modernise our toilets and kitchen. We have got as far as designing the new toilets but need building regulations before submitting the plans for faculty application.

During lockdown, we have concentrated upon developing plans for widening the entrance at Christ Church and laying down areas for car parking. We have the necessary Local Government planning permission to start this work and the plans are now ready to put into a faculty application.

Church Family

We have all found it very difficult to be apart when we are so used to gathering together and sharing fellowship within our church building. We have tried to support and encourage each other as much as possible. Supported by our Ministers we have also tried to make use of this time apart for more personal reflection and with the use of technology some of us actually feel more connected than ever. It will be interesting to see if we will carry forward some of these new ways of worshipping in the future.

As a church family we have sadly lost a couple of longstanding members of our congregation during the lockdown period, due to non Covid related illnesses. It has been very difficult for us to be unable to join together at a funeral service for them. After the lockdown is lifted and it is possible to arrange one we would dearly like to hold a memorial service for them when we can celebrate their lives and celebrate being back together as a congregation. On a lighter note we have also celebrated one member's 100th birthday with video messages sent to her via her son.

The Anglican Diocese of Leeds

In this diocese we are working with three core objectives:

Confident Christians: Encouraging personal spiritual renewal with the aim of producing clergy and laity who are confident in God and in the Gospel.

Growing Churches: Numerically, spiritually and in their mission to the wider world.

Transforming communities: For the better, through our partnership with other churches and faith communities, as well as government and third sector agencies.

The Diocese came into being at Easter 2014 following the dissolution of the historic dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield. This followed a three-year process of debate and consultation driven by the Diocese's Commission. It covers a region whose economy is greater than that of Wales. Background papers to the reorganisation process can be read at www.wyadtransformation.org

The Diocese comprises five Episcopal Areas, each coterminous with an Archdeaconry. This is now one of the largest dioceses in the country and its creation is unprecedented in the history of the Church of England. It covers an area of around 2,425 square miles, and a population of around 2,642,400 people.

The three former dioceses were created in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to cater for massive population changes brought about by industrialisation and, later, mass immigration. The diocese comprises major cities (Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield), large industrial and post-industrial towns (Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury), market towns (Harrogate, Skipton, Ripon, Richmond and Wetherby), and deeply rural areas (the Dales). The whole of life is here, along with all the richness, diversity and complexities of a changing world.

The diocese is dissected by major motorways (M1, A1M, M62) and major trunk roads (such as the A650, A59), making road and rail communications good. Access to airports is also good, with Leeds-Bradford in easy reach and Manchester only an hour away.



The Anglican Diocese of Leeds

The Diocesan Bishop is assisted by five Area Bishops (Bradford, Huddersfield, Kirkstall, Wakefield and Ripon) and five archdeacons (Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, Pontefract, Richmond & Craven).

There are 306 stipendiary clergy, 165 self-supporting clergy and 398 clergy with PTO along with 408 Readers, 125 lay pastoral ministers and 52 chaplains in 656 churches with 256 church schools. In the Bradford Episcopal Area there are 54 stipendiary posts serving 64 parishes and 3 Bishop's Mission Orders with an average weekly attendance of 5,949 from a population of over half a million.

The Diocese is unique in having three cathedrals: Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield and over the past year the cathedrals have begun to work together on the key Diocesan services as well as developing three strands that they will offer to the diocese – pilgrimage, civic engagement and apologetics. This new diocese, led by the bishops, is working out how best to create a diocese with more than one cathedral, and to develop the ministry and outreach of these cathedrals in a way that secures their future and recognises their distinctiveness.

The diocese has inherited strong partnership links with Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Southwest Virginia, Skara (Sweden) and Erfurt (Germany).



**Bradford Archdeaconry
Deanery structure from 1 January 2017**



Terms of Appointment and Accommodation

The Post is a half-stipend role (3 days plus Sundays). Provision of the house includes water rates and Council Tax. All expenses are paid. Removal costs and a resettlement grant are available.

The appointment is made under Common Tenure and is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the DBS.

There are six weeks holiday per annum plus Bank Holidays (pro rata).

Participation in annual Ministerial Development Review and in-service training is required and an annual retreat is strongly encouraged

Is God calling you to this post?

To arrange a visit or conversation, contact:

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Closing Date: Midnight on **Monday 12th October 2020**

Interviews will be held on **Friday 30th October 2020** followed by a further meeting with the Diocesan Bishop prior to a final offer of the post. An enhanced DBS will be required.

Useful Links



OakworthParishChuches

Oakworth Parish Website: <http://www.oakworthchurch.org.uk>

Oakworth Parish YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEXe2sRG287cLBp5C9LsMUA>

History of Christ Church 1846-1996:

<http://www.oakworthchurch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1507024281.pdf>

History of St. John's:

<http://www.oakworthchurch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1566740261.pdf>

Parish Annual Report 2019:

<http://www.oakworthchurch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1565636270.pdf>

Parish Accounts 2018:

<http://www.oakworthchurch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1565642036.pdf>

Christ Church Statement of Significance:

<http://www.oakworthchurch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1565636373.pdf>

Bradford Council Ward Plans 2012:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/3125/worth-valley-ward-plan-2018-19.pdf>

Oakworth Primary School: <https://www.oakworthprimary.co.uk/>

Oldfield Primary School: <https://www.oldfieldprimarykeighley.co.uk/>

Beckfoot Oakbank School: <http://www.oakbank.org.uk/>

Village Society: <https://www.oakworthvillage.com/>

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28