



*Dear potential applicant,*

### **Ministry in the Diocese of Blackburn**



In the Diocese of Blackburn we profoundly believe in the difference that the Gospel makes to peoples' lives and so have a deep commitment to building healthy churches which can transform the communities in which they are set. We are looking for curates of all backgrounds and traditions who share our passion for making a difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

'Vision 2026' is a bold and ambitious strategy which presumes that growth is what God wills for his church and which seeks to deliver growth through making disciples, being witnesses and growing leaders. You can read much more about this on our diocesan website.

Our Diocese serves an area of extraordinary variety, from the stunning countryside of the Trough of Bowland to the former mill towns of East Lancashire, from the University cities of Preston and Lancaster to the seaside towns of Blackpool and Morecambe, from elegant villages to Presence and Engagement Parishes, there is something for everyone. We have Parishes of all traditions and are strongly committed to the principle of mutual flourishing. We are also seeking to grow 200 new congregations by 2026 so need people who are gifted as pioneers and evangelists.

If you think that the Church of England is at its eventide and that decline is inevitable, then a curacy with us is probably not for you. But if you believe that all things are possible if we trust God, love his people, pray fervently, preach the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ and work hard, then we would love to hear from you. And please be assured of our prayers as you seek to discern where God is calling you.

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**The Bishop of Blackburn**  
*The Rt Revd Julian T Henderson*

**Dear Prospective Curate,**



Thank you for your interest in a potential title post in the Diocese of Blackburn.

2022 will be an unusual year in the life of the diocese because we are seeking to import seven curates and so in this pack you will find details of thirteen potential curacies from a wide range of traditions and set in a diverse portfolio of communities across Lancashire. The breadth of contexts and traditions is a reflection of our commitment to mutual flourishing in the broadest sense: this is a diocese in which we can be honest about our differences and also choose to work together to proclaim afresh the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are a diocese that believes in parish ministry but also recognises the need for new things to be birthed alongside the best of that which we have inherited from those who have come before us. That is why we have a commitment to both renewing the life of many of our parishes and establishing 200 new worshipping communities by 2026 in all contexts and of all traditions across the diocese. At the time of writing, 45 of these new worshipping communities are already in place.

We are also a diocese that believes that our clergy are not simply a resource to be deployed but people to be cared for, supported and equipped so that they can flourish as they minister and lead God's people in mission and ministry. For all our clergy, including curates, this means that they can expect to be known by our Bishops and other senior staff, and supported in their ongoing development. For curates, this development is rooted their parishes and supported by the diocesan IME2 programme, which is regularly reviewed and refined as a result of feedback from our curate cohorts.

We hope and pray that as you read these parish profiles you get a glimpse of a curacy that the Lord may be calling you into from June 2022. If you like further information or an informal conversation about any of these curacies, then please contact me using the details below.



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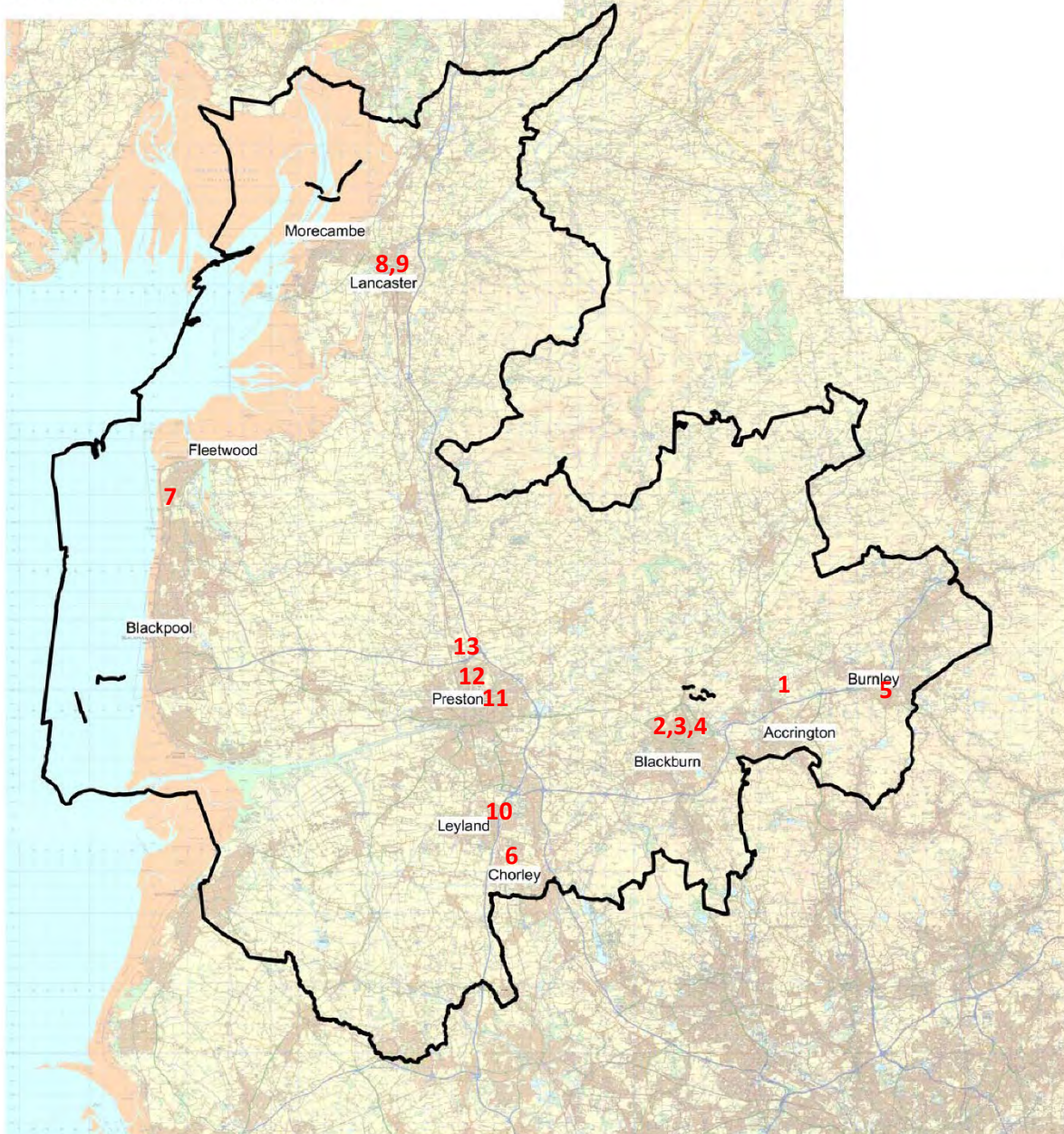
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## All Saints' Clayton-le-Moors with St James' Altham

### Two East Lancashire parishes seeking to make God's love known in their communities

#### The Parish

Clayton-le-Moors is a township of c8,000 which adjoins Accrington – the population is mainly white, with a mix of deprivation and relative affluence and a strong community spirit. Altham is a small rural village with church, pub and school.

#### The Churches

Altham St James is proud of its long history and beautiful building, is home to a friendly congregation (average 30 adults, 7 children), and reaches out especially through schools work.

All Saints' Clayton is a busy church with a lively Friday Praise as well as Sunday and Wednesday congregations, a robed choir, developing worship band, organisations and strong school links. The picture shows the Tots' Praise group in the churchyard – links with young families are important part of the missional work of the churches.



Both churches are central/open evangelical in tradition.

#### The Team



Toby Webber has been vicar here for 6 years, so is well established and looking to take things forward as we move out of life under covid restrictions. Toby is aware of how important and empowering a good curacy can be, with a good supervising TI and supportive congregation. He is a member of the diocesan vocations team and has experience as a training supervisor.

The wardens of the two churches – Sarah and Linda at All Saints', Les and Sue at St James' – form the backbone of the lay leadership team. The churches have a context-based ordinand, Peter, who is on permanent placement and is beginning his second year of training. A second ordinand is expected to join the team in September.

#### The Curacy

You could gain a good grounding in parish ministry in a northern post-industrial context. As well as playing a full part in the life of the parishes, a curate would be given clear leadership responsibility to grow and develop our youth ministry with those before and after confirmation, including the formation of a team of volunteers.

#### Want to find out more?

Visit [www.allsaintsclaytonlemoors.org](http://www.allsaintsclaytonlemoors.org) and [www.stjamesaltham.org](http://www.stjamesaltham.org) and take a look at their Facebook pages, or e-mail [nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org)



Christ Church is a conservative evangelical church close to Blackburn town centre.

### **The Parish**

The church serves a UPA parish where 65-70% of the parish population are of Indian or Pakistani heritage. There is also a growing number of people who have successfully applied for asylum in the UK. The ethnic mix is increasingly reflected in the makeup of the church family

### **The Church**

We aim to be a healthy local church where –

- More people will become disciples of Christ. We want to continue to serve the town by proclaiming Christ in a way that is culturally sensitive but clear in its emphasis on his uniqueness.
- More people will grow into maturity in Christ and so become effective in helping others to grow in discipleship.
- The transforming power of the gospel is seen in our church and in the wider community around us. We want to provide opportunities to 'come and see' as well as to 'serve and share' and to 'go and tell'. We are praying, in Matthew 9:38 terms, for more workers to be sent out into the harvest – including some who will be called to ordained ministry.



### **The Team**



The vicar of Christ Church is Andrew Raynes. Prior to moving to Blackburn, he was curate/director of evangelism at All Saints Crowborough (Chichester diocese). He has also worked in Pakistan and with UCCF as a staff worker. During his time at Christ Church, he has served as Area Dean and on various diocesan bodies. He has experience of training curates at Christ Church, which offers an excellent environment to train: a supportive PCC and a congregation with a good mix of ages and backgrounds.

The team also includes a part-time youth and families minister, Hannah Hale. We currently have a vacancy for a co-ordinator of our ministry to people of Asian heritage.

### **The Curacy**

The person we are praying for will be someone with a deep love for Christ and his church and with a desire to see others won for Christ. He will be an able Bible teacher, seeking to teach others and to model a life of obedient discipleship in his own life (and, where appropriate, in those of his wife and family). He will also be a team player and able to lead others in a gentle and collaborative way.

Alongside ministry at Christ Church, we have taken informal responsibility for St Andrew's church. Our expectation is that the person appointed would live in St Andrew's vicarage and look in time to help replant/revitalise within the parish of St Andrew's.

### **Want to find out more?**

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St Luke's is a strategic development fund supported youth resourcing Church plant based in Blackburn and part of the Holy Trinity Brompton Network.

### The Parish

St Luke's is a church that is uniquely positioned to be a missional centre for youth outreach. Within a one-mile radius of St Luke's are six key educational institutions: three primary schools and three secondary schools, including an adjacent Church of England Academy. There are both amazing opportunities and serious challenges within the parish. It has a population of around 5,900 and is in the top 2% of most deprived parishes in the country. The area consists of the Galligraeves estate, residential housing and an extensive area of industrial units with some retail.

### The Church

St Luke's are a family on a mission to love God, love each other and love God's world.

The vision of St Luke's is threefold: *A thriving multi-generational church*, empowering people of all ages to reach and disciple emerging generations from amongst those who have no or little existing contact with the Christian faith. *An equipping church* providing new vision and resourcing for churches across the diocese to reach and disciple young people. *A multiplying church* with an established network of church planters across east Lancashire.



St Luke's have received funding from the Church Commissioners to help us achieve these goals, which has helped us to build team and to start a building and refurbishment project at St Luke's.

### The Team



Jason and Rachel Gardner are the co-leaders of St Luke's. Jason was licensed as Resource Church Leader at St Luke's in the early Summer of 2021. His key passion is equipping lay people to engage in street evangelism and follow up discipleship. Rachel Gardner is highly experienced in schools and youth work and a nationally known author and speaker. In addition, there is a hugely talented team of highly experienced youth and children's workers. Rebecca Martin is the Operations Manager, Ethan Noble is Worship and Creative Lead, John Reynolds is the Emerging Generations Lead and Dave Martin is the Children and Families Lead.

**The Curacy:** The St Luke's curate will join a dynamic, passionate and supportive team. They will have ample opportunities to take risks when it comes to connecting with people outside of the Church, to grow in *leadership* by taking responsibility for key programmes, to grow in *communication skills* as they nurture their ability to adapt their teaching for a whole variety of contexts. Chiefly though, they will be *being equipped towards the big adventure of heading up the first church plant from St Luke's* by the end of their curacy.

### Want to find out more?

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# United Benefice of St Stephen's with St James, Blackburn

St Stephen's with St James is a united benefice on the with a heart to offer confident witness to Jesus in this majority-Muslim area of north Blackburn.

## The Parishes

St Stephen's and St James' are both deeply deprived communities (20% and 10% respectively) and also have large Indian and Pakistani heritage Muslim populations. There are two Church Primary Schools, two social housing estates, a medium sized sheltered housing complex and lots of Victorian terraces.

## The Churches

While the united benefice is well established and works well, both churches retain their individual identity. St Stephen's strapline is "We love Jesus - we love our neighbours. We respect diversity in Little Harwood", while St James' is "Seeking to spread our faith in Jesus Christ in our own locality and beyond in words and actions". The worshiping tradition of both parishes is described locally as 'Lancashire Low', which means that they are broadly central but with some aspects of their worship that are more Evangelical than Catholic in origin.



## The Team



The vicar of the United Benefice is Sarah Siddique Gill. Sarah is an enthusiastic and creative priest with a zeal to engage and reach out to the wider community. She is a member of the Bishop's Leadership Team, Bishop's Advisor for the United Kingdom Minority Ethnic (UKME)/Global Majority Heritage (GMH) issues, a Trustee of Emmanuel Theological College and an Assistant Director of Vocations for the diocese. Sarah also leads the monthly Diocesan Multilingual service. In the benefice, she has two ordained colleagues, Revd Joanne Macholc who is an Assistant Priest (Self Supporting) and the Revd Canon Roy Braithwaite who has Permission to Officiate (PTO) alongside a good range of committed lay leaders.

## The Curacy

A curacy with Sarah and her team at St Stephen's with St James will offer a rich experience of working alongside a gifted Parish Priest in a Presence and Engagement context combined with ministry in areas scarred by high levels of deprivation. Alongside the usual experience of pastoral care and church leadership, a curate will have the opportunity to engage with local mosques, community centres and other local businesses and to meet human needs through lunch clubs and a seasonal a community café, while maintaining a clear focus on sharing faith in Jesus in word and deed.

## Want to find out more?

Visit [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11445/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11445/) and [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11440/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11440/) or e-mail [nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org).

# St Cuthbert's, Burnley and St Luke's the Evangelist, Brierfield

St Cuthbert's and St Luke's are traditional churches situated in the old mill towns of Burnley and Brierfield.

## The Parish

St Cuthbert's and St Luke's are presence and engagement parishes and are set in deprived and diverse multicultural communities. Both churches have close links with local community primary and secondary schools, and other community initiatives.

## The Church

St Cuthbert's and St Luke's exists *"to be vibrant loving places of God's mission, worship, and outreach committed to sharing the love and light of Christ to all"*. Both churches offer vibrant Eucharistic worship, inspiring preaching and teaching, and loving fellowship. They are friendly, caring, and welcoming churches with a good mix of all ages. Typical attendance pre-lockdown was around 80-100 adults, children, and youth. Post-pandemic our particular focus is on revitalising discipleship, leadership, and outreach programmes.



In the next five years St Cuthbert's and St Luke's have three main goals:

- To grow the congregation spiritually through a deeper understanding of the gospel.
- To grow their children and youth in faith through engaging with the scripture.
- To grow their friendships with our wider community through sharing the love of Christ.

## The Team



The Vicar of St Cuthbert's and St Luke's is Revd Munawar Din (pictured here with his wife, Lubna). Munawar's background is in teaching and education, and he is passionate about making disciples of Jesus, growing leaders (both ordained and lay) for Christ, and witnessing Christ to the diverse communities. Munawar is part of the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship and is on the Diocesan vocational team as a Vocations Advisor and he is also the UKME (BAME) vocation champion. At St Cuthbert's and St Luke's, he has an ALM (pastoral assistant) Marina together with a wide range of other lay leaders including Sunday School leaders Michelle and Julie and the youth coordinator Daphne.

## The Curacy

The setting for this curacy is a multi-cultural community marred by deprivation but also in churches who have confident hope in Jesus Christ and under the leadership of a gifted and wise training incumbent. With an inspiring vision action plan to grow discipleship, leadership and outreach for children, youth, and adults, this curacy offers the opportunity to develop and deploy leadership skills and gifts in a wide range of areas of ministry. The specific scope of the curacy will be developed with the successful candidate, but areas of focus could include development and oversight of youth ministry, a leading role in community ministry (Outreach) with potential of a new worshipping community (fresh expression) and a key responsibility in the discipleship programme.

## Want to find out more?

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## St George's is a traditional church in the centre of Chorley

### The Parish

St George's is one of 5 Church of England churches in the centre of Chorley. Our parish is an urban-priority parish made up of a variety of ethnicities, and includes a large number of the high street shops. We have a close links to our church primary school and secondary school.

### The Church

As a church we are working to reach out to the people around us through a balance of traditional engagement (occasional offices, schools work, and social engagement) whilst also seeking to innovate with new ways, and expressions of church. We take teaching, preaching, and the sacraments seriously, and are working hard on building up a healthy church which is equipped to transform the community around us.



### The Team

The Vicar of St George's is the Revd Michael Print (pictured here with his wife, Natalie, and daughter, Amelie). Mike is passionate about discipleship and takes the lead on the Diocesan Devotionals (for Advent & Lent), he is a tutor of the diocesan lay training course (Routes of Faith), and enjoys reading, movies, food, and running. Mike works closely with other local priests to ensure that the town-centre churches support one another, whilst also find their own distinctive way to serve Chorley. Mike enjoys schools ministry and as well as serving his own school is also helping another primary school which is building back after a difficult few years. In addition to the parish priest there are many gifted lay-people who enable one of the largest churches in the diocese to keep running and serving the people around about us.



### The Curacy

This is a great opportunity for a someone who is looking to learn all the skills of a 'normal' parish priest, whilst simultaneously being given responsibilities for developing and launching a new expression of church into a deprived area of the parish. Mike and the PCC will help to ensure that anyone who comes to serve in our parish will be able to develop their God-given skills, whilst also being able to grow into a priest who will be able to serve anywhere in the Church of England.

### Want to find out more?

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Christ Church Thornton is an Evangelical church beside the seaside in Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire.

### **The Parish**

The parish of Thornton-le-Fylde is a suburban residential area with a family-friendly village feel, overlooked by the local landmark of Marsh Mill on the doorstep and Blackpool Tower in the distance.

### **The Church**

Christ Church Thornton is a church which is trending up. It is growing. It is turning heads. People are discovering Christ. Over the last five years they have seen a 28% rise in regular Sunday attendance. This growth is primarily due to an intentional drive to grow in faith, grow in fellowship and grow in number, with a resolute focus on everyday discipleship and everyday outreach.



The church describe themselves as Bible-believing, Gospel-driven, Spirit-led Christians who take seriously the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They prioritise friendliness over formality but when tradition matters, they do so with a contemporary touch. They have multiple expressions of worship on a Sunday as well as many ways to understand the Bible through the week.

Christ Church Thornton has been ministering to the people of Thornton since 1835 and has in its DNA a desire to plant churches in unreached areas. In the past it planted three of the six nearest parishes and so it is not surprising then that they are making plans to plant a congregation by 2026 to the nearby Burn Naze estate.

### **The Team**



The Vicar is Revd Damian Platt with over 20 years of church ministry experience, with a track record of developing leaders. Damian came to Christ Church Thornton in October 2015. He is married to Lauren, and together they have two children, Harry and Ruby. Damian trained at Oak Hill Theological College. Working with Damian are two brilliant churchwardens, two very active retired ministers, and an operations team of seven paid staff covering management, welcome, hospitality, finance and maintenance. There is a healthy and heartening culture of volunteering in the church family.

### **The Curacy**

Alongside all the usual parish experiences, led by the Holy Spirit, the thrust of your ministry as part of a team will be teaching God's people from the holy scriptures, creeds and historic formularies. You will be invited to either take on the pastoral responsibility for the 'Treehouse' family worship congregation, having the opportunity to significantly shape the worship and teaching, or pioneer the new church plant to Burn Naze. You will be equipped with the ministry toolkit to help you flourish in your lifetime of ministry. You will have the space and encouragement to specialise in areas such as biblical counselling, apologetics, to reflect on leadership, cultural engagement and any specific areas of interest to yourself.

### **Want to find out more?**

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## St Luke and St Chad, Skerton

St Luke's and St Chad's are two urban churches in the Catholic tradition.

### The Parish

St Luke's and St Chad's are located in Skerton, a lively, growing, young suburban area of Lancaster. There is significant social deprivation, including two estates. The church is actively engaged with the community primary school and church primary school in the parish.

### The Church

St Luke's and St Chad's are seeking to grow together in Christ, breaking down walls and becoming a dwelling place for God at the heart of our community. The Eucharist, preaching and teaching are central to the life of the churches. Both are friendly and welcoming, and local people feel a strong relationship with them.



The congregations are small at present but there are many opportunities for growth. There is a growing and exciting ministry to young people through junior church, confirmation, youth group and school's work. St Luke's has a significant relationship with the traveller community, who have contributed substantially to the fabric and worship life of the church, and this is something we are seeking to honour and develop. There is a lot just beginning to happen and much exciting work to be done!

In the next five years the churches have three main goals:

- Growing the provision for youth and children
- Deepening discipleship through inspiring worship, prayer and study
- Becoming a resource and focus for the local community

To support this the St Luke's church building will need to be developed.

### The Team



The vicar of St Luke's and St Chad's is Rev'd Caitlin Carmichael-Davis. Caitlin is passionate about training and education. An experienced teacher, she is currently training ordinands. Her faith is grounded in the Eucharist and the Bible, she enjoys preaching and writing and has contributed words for published musical compositions. There is a part-time context-based ordinand, a musical director, as well as a retired clergy colleague.

### The Curacy

A curacy here would provide an opportunity to lead churches in the early stages of redevelopment and growth. Depending on the gifts and passion of the curate, possible areas of leadership include, but are not limited to, taking responsibility for one of the churches, leading on youth and children's ministry, developing a system of bible teaching and housegroups or planning community outreach and social justice initiatives. Crucially, a curate would be able to play a key role in shaping the future of the churches, and would gain the skills needed for growing or planting a church in the future.

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## Christ Church Lancaster

a vibrant, inclusive worshipping community

Christ Church Lancaster is a liberal Catholic parish on the east side of the University City of Lancaster.

### The Parish

The parish is on the east of Lancaster, with a population of around 9000. There are a mix of Victorian terraces, 60's council estates and new-build homes, with further development planned. Although there are some areas of affluence there are areas of significant deprivation, and Christ Church is in the top 15% of most deprived parishes nationally. There are also two residential/nursing homes, HMP Lancaster Prison (which has its own chaplain), and a rehab centre for people with alcohol issues. There are two primary and two secondary schools, and the church has good links with one of each

### The Church

Christ Church is liberal Catholic in its worship style. The choir sings approximately once per month and there is a steady stream of occasional offices. The church is going through a period of significant development, and there is a five-year vision of becoming a vibrant, growing, Christ-centred and Jesus-shaped, outward-facing worshipping community of disciples who are confident and equipped to take the Gospel out to people, to listen and learn, and so provide worship that retains its sacramental core but includes varied styles and opportunities to suit people's lives, along with appropriate pastoral care. As part of this, work is underway to significantly grow the connections with children, young people and their families, including broaden the range of worship services on offer.



### The Team



Revd Carol Backhouse has been Vicar of Christ Church since March 2020. Carol enjoys hillwalking with her dog, Bonnie, especially completing the 'Wainwrights' in the Lake District, which is easily accessible from Lancaster. Carol is supported by Dr Pat Allen (LLM), four retired clergy and a team of lay volunteers. As part of the five-year vision, in August 2021, the parish appointed Julie Tinnion as a Children, Youth and Families Co-ordinator.

### The Curacy

Alongside all the usual experiences of parish ministry, a curacy with Revd Carol at Christ Church offers the opportunity to be part of leading transformational change in the life of a liberal Catholic parish where the church is seeking to honour the best of the past while stepping confidently into the future. A curate will be given real leadership responsibilities for part of the five-year vision in keeping with their gifts, experience and passions, and can be assured of the support of the team and the congregations.

### Want to find out more?

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St Andrew's is a Gospel hearted church, with a hunger for God's Word, and a desire to reach our neighbours with the good news of Jesus.

### The Parish

We are thankful that God has placed us in Leyland, a small town, with a tradition of manufacturing and a deep sense of community. With great transport links Leyland has proved to be well-positioned to enable us to use our resources to help grow and plant churches across our region.

### The Church

St Andrew's Leyland is a conservative evangelical church of around 300 adults and 70 children. God has blessed us with growth and resources that enable us to support the ministry here, and benefit gospel growth elsewhere.



We have a history of training, in partnership with the North West Gospel Partnership who run many of their courses from our buildings. This has given us a legacy of trained and mature leadership which we look to develop and build on.

Our vision is to 'Reach Leyland together, Grow like Jesus together, and Send workers together'.

### The Team



Our vicar, David Whitehouse, along with his wife Gaynor and children Naomi, Lydia and Reuben, moved to Leyland in 2019, before which he served as a training incumbent, and Assistant Area Dean in Southport. Having spent 20 years in Parish based youth ministry he is passionate about equipping all ages for the task of building one another up to lives as disciples of Jesus. This pattern of training has involved writing and delivering courses and material in the local church, as well as regionally and nationally at conferences, retreats, and training days. Yet by some distance the most valuable training has been built around a pattern of meeting individually to study the Bible and pray.

At St Andrew's this is facilitated by a dedicated and experienced staff team that enables and releases the church family to serve across a wide range of ministries. Our Vicar and Associate Vicar are joined by a Children's' Ministry Coordinator, a Youth Pastor/School Chaplain, a Pastoral Intern, and a well-resourced Office Team overseen by our Church Manager.

### The Curacy

St Andrew's is working with the diocese to establish a regular pattern of church planting and revitalisation. We are therefore looking for a curate who will serve a Title that is focussed on developing gifts and experience preparing them to plant or renew a church after three years of curacy. Specifically, we would expect them to develop our evangelism within our own community and equip others to share in that work. In time there may become a focus on preparing a team to join then in working towards whatever opportunity may open up, but that will depend on the nature of the gospel ministry that we are looking to establish at the end of the curacy.

### Want to find out more?

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# Broughton St John Baptist with St Peter's Chapel and St Martin's Chapel

Broughton St John Baptist and St Peter's Chapel and St Martin's Chapel/Parish Hall are churches in the moderate Catholic tradition set in North Preston and are one of the largest parishes in the area.

## The Parish

St John's Church is situated in Broughton and St Peter's Chapel is in St Peter's Primary School. St Martin's chapel is currently being rebuilt for the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the heart of Fulwood. The churches have excellent relationships with their schools and the wider community which they serve.



## The Churches

The churches are an integrated trio of worship centres which retain the richness of the Anglican liturgical and musical tradition in the parish church and offer opportunities to expand modern ways of worship and outreach at St Martin's and St Peter's. Through worship, Jigsaw Sunday School and social events the people strive to work together to bring Christian hope and share the good news of Jesus Christ.



In the next five years as a parish, we are looking to:

- Increase our work with young people in Jigsaw and in the choir
- Create outreach opportunities in the new housing estates in the parish
- Complete the rebuild at St Martin's and work to create a place at the heart of the community
- Focus on stewardship and learning in the parish to deepen faith and commitment

## The Team

Rev Canon Fleur Green is new in post (October 2021) and is an experienced supervisor and training incumbent. She has a passion for encouraging people to be able to realise their full potential and guiding people along their journey of faith as well as reading and collecting costume jewellery. Within the parish, she has an ordained colleague, Rev Pauline Taylor who is a permanent deacon; and lay ministers: an LLM, Canon Andrea Titterington; an ALM and Pastoral Care Assistant. The team is ably supported by a part time parish administrator and a good team of volunteers.



## The Curacy

With our plans for the next five years this curacy offers the opportunity to develop and deploy leadership skills and gifts in several areas of ministry across the three different worship centres and into the wider parish. Areas of specific responsibility will be shaped around the gifts of the curate but could include looking after one of the worship centres; leading outreach to the new housing estates or strengthening our work with young people across the parish. Fleur and the wider team in the parish would ensure continued support, encouragement and guidance which would lead to a fulfilling ministry and time in curacy.

## Want to find out more?

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St Cuthbert's is a Charismatic Evangelical church based in a modern building in north Preston.

### The Parish

St Cuthbert's is set in a socially and ethnically diverse community in north Preston. The church is actively engaged in two local community primary schools, as well as in the deanery secondary school.

### The Church

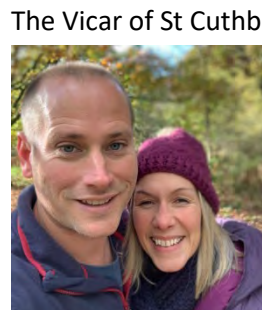
St Cuthbert's exists "to see people fired by the love of God". The church is evangelical and charismatic in nature, and offers dynamic worship, inspiring preaching and teaching, and loving relationships. It is a lively and growing worshipping community, with typical attendance pre-lockdown of around 200 adults, children and young people. There is a significant ministry to asylum seekers, reaching Farsi speakers in particular.



In the next five years St Cuthbert's has three goals:

- To become a house of prayer for all nations (UP)
- To become a community of disciples (IN)
- To become a hub for the wider community (OUT)

### The Team



The Vicar of St Cuthbert's is Revd Mark Bradford (pictured here with his wife, Sarah). Mark is an experienced supervisor and trainer, and is passionate about discipleship and spiritual formation in Christ, as well as outdoor pursuits and sport in general. He has published two books, is part of the New Wine Network, and is the Assistant Director of Vocations for the diocese. At St Cuthbert's, he has two ordained colleagues, Revd Liz Gethin who is a Minister in Secular Employment as well as Revd Chris Jackson who has Permission to Officiate. There is also a full-time context-based ordinand, LJ Tiffney, and two LLMs (Readers) Jonathan Greening and Janet Mortimer, together with a wide range of other lay leaders. A youth coordinator position and operations manager position are currently open for appointment.

### The Curacy

With ambitious plans to expand mission in the local area, the curacy offers the opportunity to develop and deploy leadership skills and gifts in several areas of ministry. Whilst the specific scope of the curacy will be developed with the successful candidate, areas of focus could include: oversight and development of one of the Sunday morning congregations, a leading role in establishing a new local congregation, or leadership of the new 'Community Hub' project which includes a 'Neighbourhood Chaplains' team. Mark and the broader church community will provide support and encouragement to enable the curate to derive maximum benefit from their time in post.

### Want to find out more?

Visit [www.stcuthbertsfulwood.church](http://www.stcuthbertsfulwood.church) or e-mail [nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org).



# PRESTON MINSTER

Preston Minster is a Resource church at the heart of Preston and part of the HTB network.

## The Parish

We are located on the high street right in the heart of the city, and have a citywide reach. With UCLan University and Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College close by, we have an emphasis on students and young people, as well as a heart to serve those most in need literally on our doorstep and living the estates in our parish.

## The Church

Our vision is:

***“To play our part in the re-evangelisation of the nation, the revitalisation of the church, and the transformation of society.”***

We do this with our simple invitation to the city:

**Find Your Home.**

**Find Your Purpose.**

**Transform Your City**



We keep things simple. We invite people to “*Find their Home*” through our Sunday services that are relevant to those exploring faith, and by running large Alpha courses all year round. We encourage people to “*Find their Purpose*” through our Groups, and to get involved with “*Transforming their City*” through serving on one of our Teams.

Preston Minster was re-launched in September 2019, and our theology is that as God grows us, we give away. So far, we have helped to plant two churches, and this is something we believe God want us to do regularly as the primary way to see the vision realised in our city, region, and nation.



## The Team

Sam Haigh and his wife Hannah lead the church along with a staff team, including an Associate Vicar, Creative Pastor, Kids Pastor, Youth Pastor and admin support. We believe in developing leaders and have a large “core team” made up of staff, other key leaders within the church, and interns.

## The Curacy

Curates are an essential part of the team and the outworking of the vision here. If you join us, you will be a “planting curate”, and the overarching aim of your time here will be to learn from the culture, establish a planting opportunity, and gather a team from the Minster to go and plant a church that will become closely connected to Preston Minster. If that gets you fired up, then this could be for you! During your time at the Minster, you will be given a couple of clear areas of responsibility for you to own, along with joining in with all that’s happening.

## Want to find out more?

Visit [www.prestonminster.org](http://www.prestonminster.org) and [www.youtube.com/prestonminster](https://www.youtube.com/prestonminster), or e-mail [nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org).

## What our current curates say...

“Blackburn Diocese really cares about its people. I feel known and supported by senior staff, including the bishops.”

“God is doing something exciting in Lancashire!”

“The diocese worked really hard to find a great house for me - it's really helped me to feel settled here.”

“The other curates are great and we enjoy meeting up with each other. I'm new to the area, so it's great to know people are friendly and want to help you make Lancashire your home.”



“The Bishops and Archdeacons welcomed me into the fold, the local clergy made me feel like part of the team and the IME2 Director has nurtured a space where curates feel they belong.”

“I've received a friendly Lancashire welcome from a warm and supportive congregation”

“The IME2 programme is excellent. I have been stretched and challenged alongside colleagues from all traditions and built solid friendships along the way that will continue to sustain me in my ministry.”

“The bishops are regular features of our IME2 sessions, showing dedication and commitment to us as curates and future incumbents, both as a group and individually too.”

“I have met people I would never have met in my previous context and have experienced worship and ministry and community in a completely new and different way.”

“I was nervous moving here, but the leadership and staff have been absolutely brilliant. I feel so encouraged and supported that I now try and encourage people to come to the diocese!”

## Diocesan Retreat House

Our diocesan retreat house, Whalley Abbey, is situated in the beautiful Ribble Valley.

Dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century, the Abbey has long been a place of Christian pilgrimage and it has recently been relaunched as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer under the leadership of the Revd Adam Thomas.

Adam and his team host many key events within the life of the diocese, including our pre-ordination retreats and much of the IME-2 programme. They also offer a comprehensive residential retreat programme and parish weekends. Importantly for our curates, Whalley Abbey is also available free of charge to diocesan clergy to come for retreat days to be refreshed amidst the demands of ministry.



Adam says, “I know how important it was for me during my curacy to have time and space to be renewed in prayer away from the pressures of parish life and so it is a joy to be able to offer that to all of our curates here at Whalley Abbey.”

You can find out more about Whalley at [www.whalleyabbey.org](http://www.whalleyabbey.org) or via the main diocesan website [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org).



## Vision 2026

### 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'

We desire to make the Good News about Jesus Christ more widely known, because we believe:

He is the One who brings 'life in all its fullness'

- Healthy church communities have a positive and transformative impact on our society.
- We will work together to achieve this by:

### Making disciples of Jesus Christ



- Knowing the Scriptures better through reading, teaching, preaching and study
- Praying with greater depth and urgency for the Kingdom of God to come
- Worshipping in spirit and truth
- Giving generously of our time, talents and money to the cause of Christ

### Being witnesses to Jesus Christ

- Sharing the Gospel of salvation with confidence
- Meeting human need: actions as well as words
- Planting 10 Strategic Church Plants and 200 New Local Congregations
- Caring for God's creation



### Growing leaders for Jesus Christ

- Developing a diocesan-wide culture of vocational discernment so that all may hear God's call and use their gifts in the service of the Gospel.



- Discerning and forming theologically literate lay and ordained leaders, rooted in prayer and with a deep love of the Lord Jesus
- Nurturing a healthy partnership between clergy and laity by fully implementing the Lay Majority Ministry framework
- Forming and supporting a pipeline of highly motivated deacons and priests in order to enable the Diocese's clergy deployment strategy

## Inspiring Children and Young People to raise up a new generation for Christ

- Discipling and nurturing children and young people in their Faith
- Holding regular worship that is accessible and appealing to children and young people and their families.
- Enabling growth in the numbers of leaders of children and young people
- Leveraging a step change in ministry with those aged 11-16
- Facilitating effective partnerships between churches and schools



## The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses, to grow leaders and inspire children and young people.

Give us eyes to see Your vision,  
ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit  
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

You can find out more about Vision 2026 at [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org)

