Getting to know your parish

What is this spotlight?

This short spotlight brings together a range of information about your parish, both in terms of your congregations, but also the wider community living in your area. It covers areas such as Christian affiliation, population age and ethnicity profiles, household structures, deprivation, employment, schools and qualifications, alongside church statistics such as attendance and giving.

How should I use it?

This spotlight is not an end in itself, but rather a starting place for you to explore further. You may want to discuss it at a PCC meeting or with leadership teams. We've included some questions on each page to help you to think about the information, however some things will be of more relevance in some areas than others, and these are just suggestions to get you started. We've also included some bigger questions about what to do next at the end of the spotlight on page 17. There's space for you to write some notes here. It might be helpful to write a short paragraph to summarise your community profile or note down anything that has struck you as particularly important. There are also details at the end for where you can find further information should you want to dig a little deeper.

Questions

There is information at the end of the spotlight about where this data comes from and how it was calculated. If you have any further queries then please do contact the Research and Statistics team at statistics.unit@churchofengland.org



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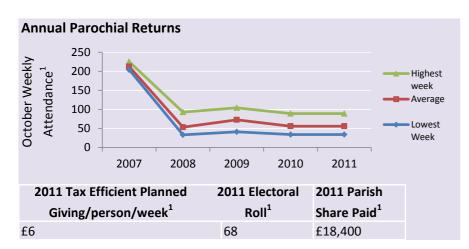
Parish of: Blackpool: St Paul Parish Code: 530176

PARISH OVERVIEW

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Archdeaconry	LANCASTER				
<u>Diocese</u>	Blackburn				
Included Churches					
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		Parishioners at glance			
		Population			
		2001 ³ 9,000	Age Profile (2011 ²)		L ²)
		2011 ² 9,300			Parish
		Proportion Christian	ē	0-4	7%
		2001 ³ 76%	Age Group	5-15	12%
Fresh Expressions	Sorry, no Fresh Expressions listed for this parish.	2011 ² 63%	с e	16-64	65%
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Issues to look out for in your parish



Unemployment

III-health/Disabilities Benefit Claiming Deprivation



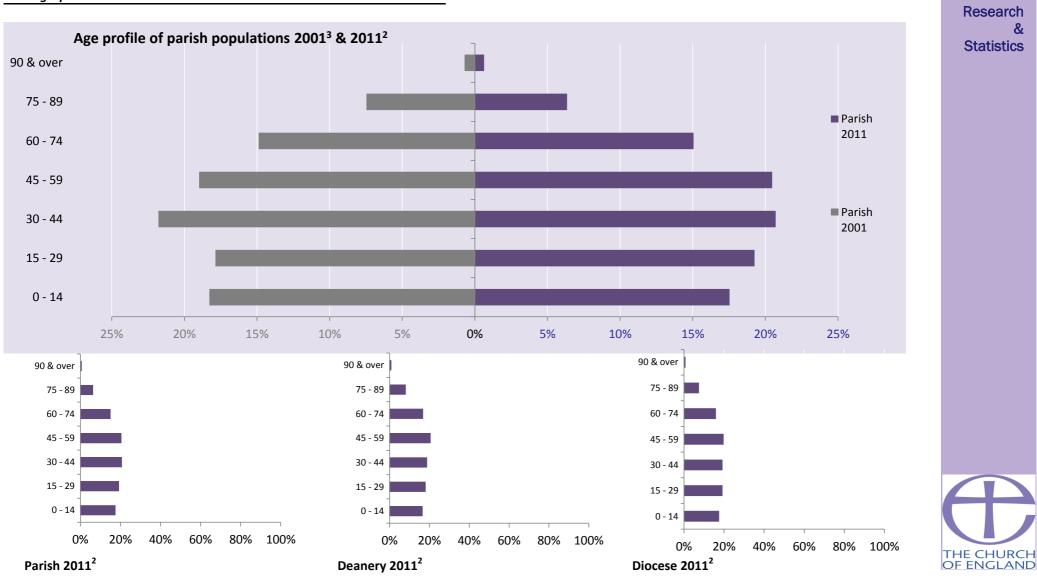
Male Life expectancy

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Demographics: AGE PROFILE AND ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES



Does the age profile of your congregation match that of your parish? Are you engaging with the parish's largest demographic: those aged 30 - 44?

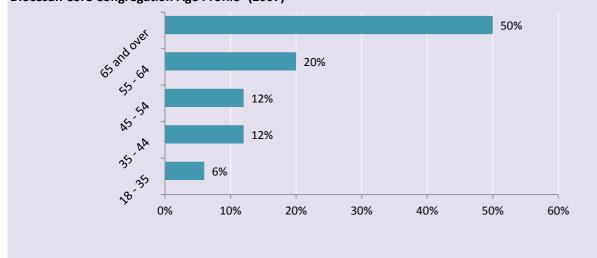
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Demographics: AGE PROFILE AND ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

Image: Comparable Age profile of Adults Image: Image:

Parish Population² (2011) **Highest Weeks** Infant & Juvenile Age (nearest 50) Attendance 2011¹ Baptisms 2011¹ 0 - 4 600 13 25 5 - 15 1,100 16 - 64 6,100 64 65 + 1,500

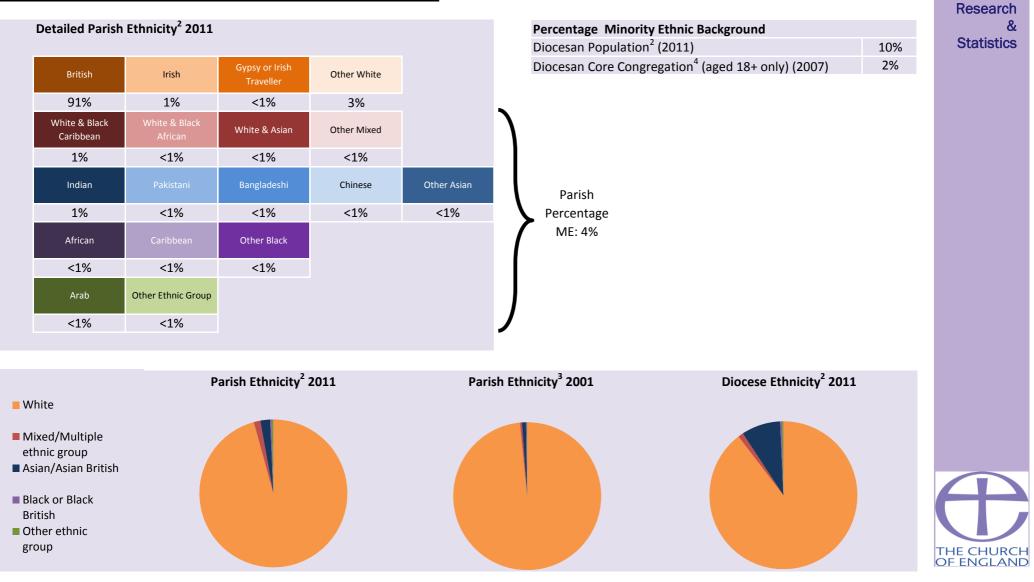
Diocesan Core Congregation Age Profile⁴ (2007)



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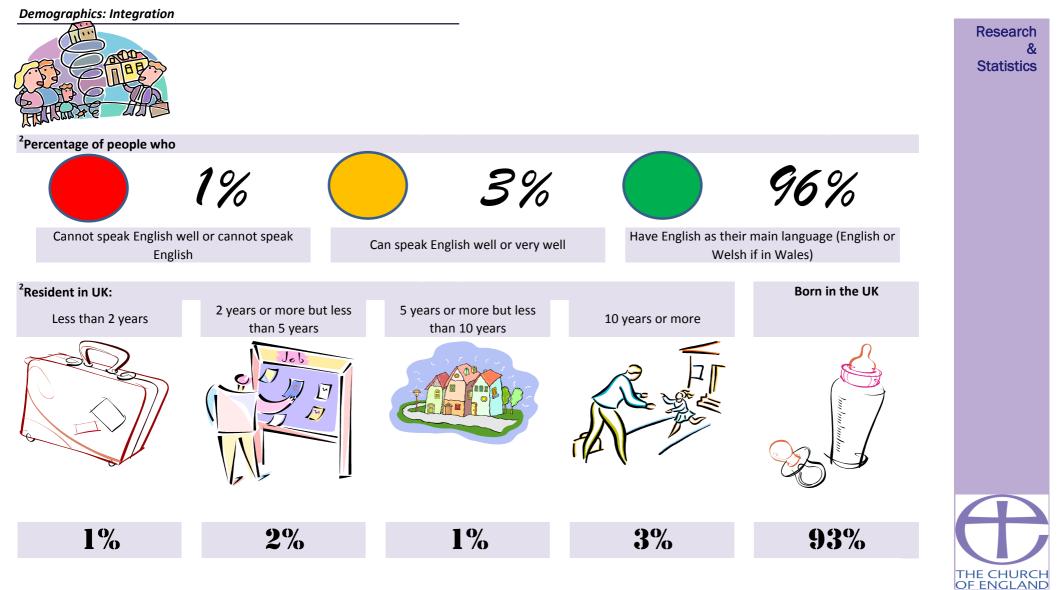
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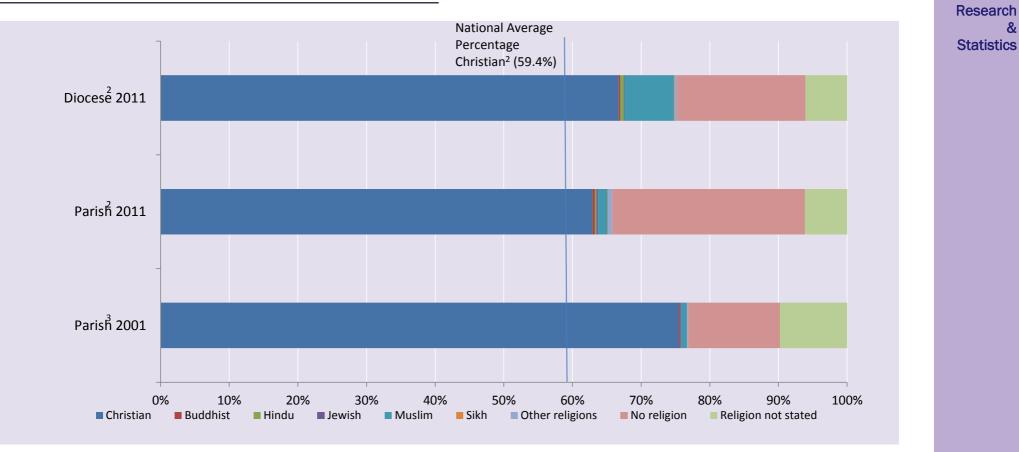
Does the ethnicity profile of your congregation match that of your parish? Are you engaging with the parish's largest demographics: those describing themselves as White or Asian/Asian British?

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Are services in your parish accessible to all residents? Do you offer any services in foreign languages? What can you offer those who may not have been in the UK for long?

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION



Christians in your Parish In your parish ²63% of the population (that is 5,900 people) declared themselves as Christian in 2011 Easter Communicants¹ 39 Easter Day Attendance¹ Statistics from the Annual 67 **Christmas Communicants**¹ Parochial Returns 2011 41 **Christmas Attendance**¹

How has the religious affiliation of those living in your parish changed over the past decade? How closely does it match that of the Diocese as a whole? Are Christians in your parish engaging with your churches? How are you engaging with other faith groups?

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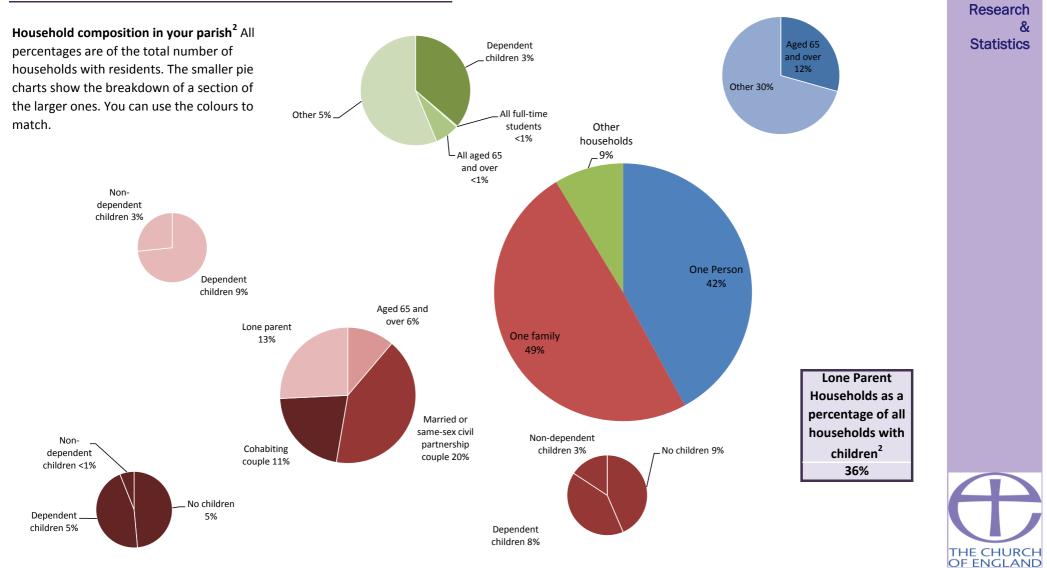
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HOUSEHOLDS, LIFESTYLE AND THE COMMUNITY I

Household Spaces ² 2011					
With at least one usual resident i.e. not vacant	91%				
Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	<1%				

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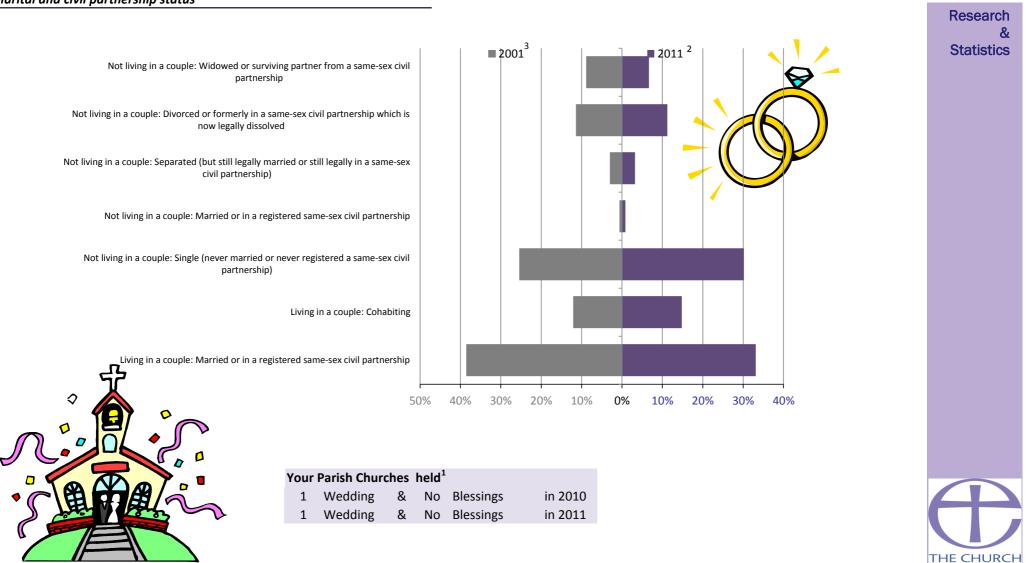




Who lives in your parish? Are there a lot of households with children? What about lone parent households? Are there a lot of people living alone?

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Marital and civil partnership status

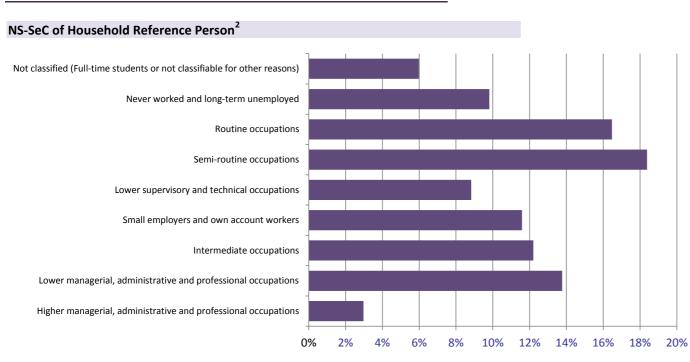


Do you hold many weddings in your parish? How is your parish supporting those in the above categories?

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EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL GRADE, LIFESTYLE



The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) is an occupationally based classification but has rules to provide coverage of the whole adult population.

The NS-SeC provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification. To assign a person aged 16 to 74 to an NS-SeC category their occupation title is combined with information about their employment status, whether they are employed or self-employed and whether or not they supervise other employees. Full-time students are recorded in the' full-time students' category regardless of whether they are economically active or not.

Finance Returns	2011 E	2010 E
Parish Income ¹	£31,460	£60,177
Tax Efficient Planned Giving (TEPG) ¹	£14,089	£18,555
TEPG/PERSON/WEEK ¹	£6	£8
Other planned giving ¹	-	£2,832
Other/person/week ¹	-	£4
Parish Expenditure ¹	£30,621	£61,978
Parish Share Assessed ¹	£29,002	£28,956
Parish Share Paid ¹	£18,400	£25,509

Please note, figures may differ from your financial statements in cases where the totals of components of income and expenditure given in returns do not sum to the financial statement totals.

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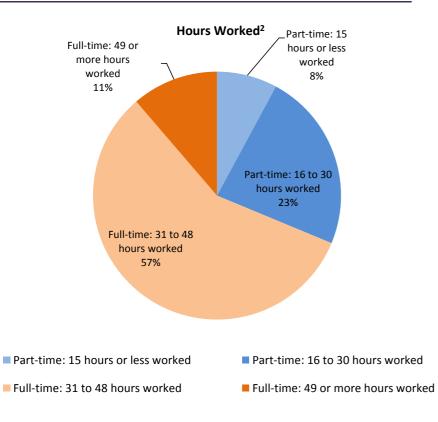
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How are your parish finances? How does this compare to your community profile?

Household Mobility²

No access to a car or van

Access to at least 1 car or van



Proportion of population aged 60+ who are in receipt of the Guaranteed part of Pension Credit ⁵	32%
Proportion of the population aged 16+ with no qualifications ²	34%
Proportion of working age population who are in receipt of a key out-of-work benefit ⁵	27%

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How much free time do residents of your parish have? How accessible are your churches to those with/without cars?

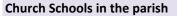
Households

46%

54%

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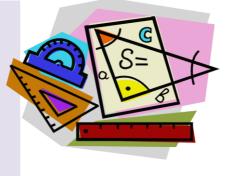
EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS



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16%



Parish² 2011 (proportion of 16+ population)

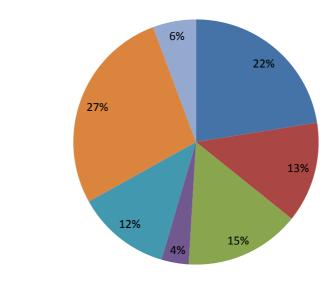
13%

17%

11%

3%

5%



No qualifications (No formal qualifications)

Level 1 qualifications (1-4 GCSEs or equivalent)

Level 2 qualifications (5 GCSEs or equivalent)

Apprenticeships

Level 3 qualifications (2 or more A-levels or equivalent)

Level 4 qualifications and above (Bachelors degree or equivalent, and higher qualifications)

Other qualifications (including foreign qualifications)



How qualified are residents of your parish? What Church of England schools are available?

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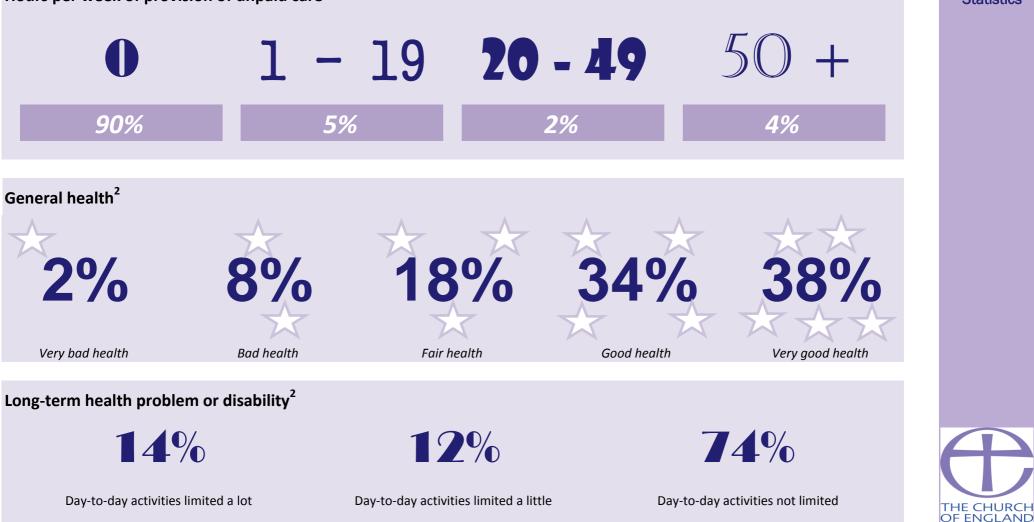
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National² 2011 (proportion of 16+ population)

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Are there people in your parish with health problems? Is there anything you can do to assist with day-to-day activities of those who have health problems?

Deprivation Indicator	10% or 50% of al. Score	Diocesan Position	National Position
6 Expectancy at birth (boys) ⁶ (1999-2003)	71	10% most deprived	10% most deprived
expectancy at birth $(girls)^6$ (1999-2003)	78	50% most deprived	10% most deprived
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ortion of the population aged 60+ who are in receipt of Guaranteed part of Pension Credit ⁵ (2012)	32%	50% most deprived	10% most deprived
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entage of working age persons (16-74) with no ifications ² (2011)	34%	50% most deprived	10% most deprived
r-level of skill or educational attainment is one indicator of social disadvantage. Qu	ualifications may make it	easier to find employment. Learning c	also helps promote active citizenship and combat social exclusion
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What are the particular issues that affect your parish? Are you doing anything to address these?

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DEPRIVATION AND KEY ISSUES AFFECTING PARISHIONERS

It is important to note that these statistics are a measure of deprivation, not affluence, and to recognise that not every person in a highly deprived area will themselves be deprived. Equally, there will be some deprived people living in the least deprived areas.

Deprivation covers a broad range of issues and refers to unmet needs caused by a lack of resources of all kinds, not just financial. The English Indices of Deprivation attempt to measure a broader concept of multiple deprivation, made up of several distinct dimensions, or domains, of deprivation. Seven domains of deprivation are combined to produce the overall Index of Multiple Deprivation. Each domain contains a number of component indicators. The English Indices of Deprivation are a continuous measure of relative deprivation therefore there is no definitive point on the scale below which areas are considered to be deprived and above which they are not. Deprived areas have been defined in this release as those containing LSOAs that are amongst the 10 per cent most deprived in England according to the overall Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Average Score for	Diocesan position	National position	•			Number of LSOAs amongst least deprived*		
			•		· · · ·			
-	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	3	1	2	0	0	0
		•	0	3	2	0	0	0
0.2	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	3	1	2	0	0	0
1.5	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	3	2	0	0	0	0
46.0	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	0	3	1	0	0	0
31.1	50% most deprived	50% most deprived	0	0	1	0	0	0
0.8	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	1	3	0	0	0	0
45.7	50% most deprived	10% most deprived	1	1	2	0	0	0
61.5	50% most deprived	10% most deprived	2	3	1	0	0	0
14.0	50% most deprived	50% most deprived	0	0	1	0	0	0
4.9	10% least deprived	10% least deprived	0	0	0	0	0	2
57.3	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	0	3	4	0	0	0
51.8	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	0	3	1	0	0	0
40.2	50% most deprived	10% most deprived	0	0	3	0	0	0
0.4	10% most deprived	10% most deprived	0	3	0	0	0	0
0.3	50% most deprived	10% most deprived	0	1	3	0	0	0
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 What to do next?

 This spotlight has given you some information about your parish both in terms of your own church congregations and your local community. This is not an end in itself, but rather a starting place for you to explore further. Questions to consider might include:

 • What does our congregation look like?

 • How does it compare to the local population?

 • What other churches are there in the area? What parts of the community do they reach? Which parts of the community are being missed?

 • What other local organisations or centres are there, that might bring people into our parish? Examples might be Hospitals or health centres, prisons, job centres, homeless shelters, schools, charities, mother and toddler groups, uniformed organisations, community centres, libraries, shops, offices, stations?

 How can we interact with these people?

 • What areas of our parish do we know well or less well?

 • How does the local community change between weekdays and weekends? How do our services and events fit with the shifting local population?

- Is our website/'A Church Near You' profile up to date?
- Are our records up to date?



Your notes



Sources of further information

Research & Statistics GIS http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics/census-2011.aspx Church Urban Fund www.cuf.org.uk A Church Near You www.achurchnearyou.com Police.uk - Local crime and policing information for England and Wales http://www.police.uk/ **ONS - Neighbourhood Statistics** http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/ Hint: Use the summary box UpMyStreet - UK house prices, property, crime, local neighbourhood & schools http://www.upmystreet.com/ Hint: Use the "My Neighbourhood" tab The network of Public Health Observatories - Health Profiles http://www.apho.org.uk/default.aspx?QN=HP FINDSEARCH2011 Public Health Observatories - APHO JSNA Datasets (The datasets are intended to cover a range of issues, focused on underlying determinants of health and conditions which account for substantial numbers of preventable diseases and deaths.)

www.apho.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91736 *The Poverty Site - Geographic Analysis* www.poverty.org.uk/summary/regional.shtml

AboutMyArea - The local interactive site - news, reviews, what's on, events, businesses http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/ Homeless Pages - Information, Research and Publications on homelessness http://www.homelesspages.org.uk/ MurderMap - London Homicide Reported Direct from The Old Bailey http://www.murdermap.co.uk/ London Street Gangs - Territory maps and background information http://www.londonstreetgangs.com/ Hint: Scroll to the bottom of the "Gang Maps" page to see boundaries.



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Annual parochial returns These have been collected annually between 2007 and 2011 by the Research and Statistics team, Archbishops' Council. Finance data may include estimates. If a field contains a zeros or blank in our records, they will be reported as "-" as we are unable to distinguish between the two. **ONS Census data 2011** Estimated using postcode and OA level data sourced from ONS Census Data 2011, ONS **ONS Census data 2001** Estimated using OA level data sourced from ONS Census Data 2001, ONS 2007 Church Diversity Survey http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics/clergydiversityaudit2005linkpage.aspx DWP Proportion of the population aged 60+ who are in receipt of the Guaranteed part of Pension Credit (August 2012) Estimated using LSOA level data sourced from http://83.244.183.180/NESS/BEN/iben.htm Proportion of the working age population who are in receipt of a key out-of-work benefit (Q3 2012) Estimated using OA level data from DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate from http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/census output area data/index.php?page=census output area data ONS Life Expectancy at birth (boys) (1999-2003) Estimated using ward level data from ONS. Life expectancy at birth (girls) (1999-2003) Estimated using ward level data from ONS. HMRC Percentage of Children under 16 in Poverty (2009) Estimated using LSOA level data from http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/statistics/child-poverty-stats.htm **Department for Communities and Local Government** IMD (2010) Estimated using LSOA level data from Communities and Local Government, 2010. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6320/1870718.pdf When analysing data, it is important to consider that some parishes are very small and proportions may be very large even where very few cases meet the criteria.

When quoting figures derived from this data, care should be taken with the level of accuracy auoted.

Methodology: Government data are published on government boundaries that do not match ecclesiastical boundaries. In order to produce parish population and demographic estimates we have worked with the ONS to use a best fit modelling process. As such, these statistics can only be considered estimates and, particularly in very diverse areas, are best used in the context of local knowledge. Where parish populations are sparse the figures for government areas overlapping the parish are used.

2011 parish estimates from the census have been calculated using the census postcode population headcounts published by the ONS. The parish population count is the sum of all postcode headcounts within a parish. Proportions for characteristics of the population from the Output Area Census data are then applied to the postcode headcounts and summed to get parish figures. Where parishes have not been allocated population as no postcode centroids fall within the parish boundaries, proportions for demographic variables have been calculated based on the output areas overlaying the parish. The population count and other statistics for 2001 are estimated using Output Area Census data in the same way as postcode data is used for 2011 statistics.

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