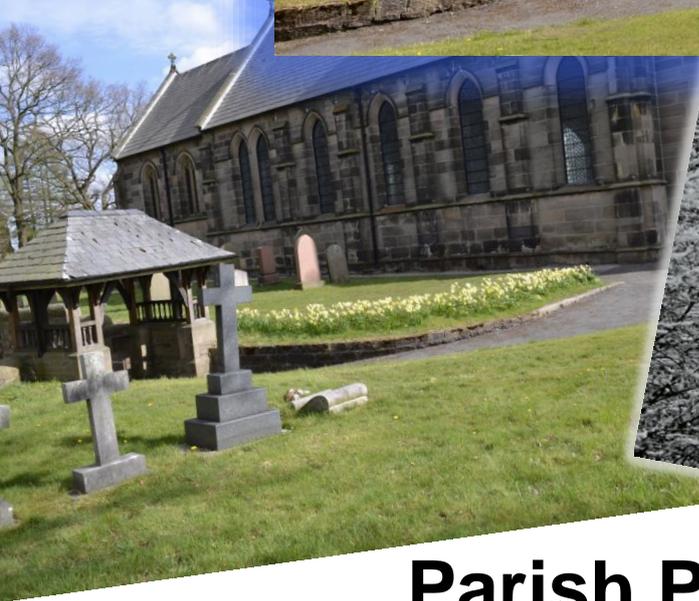
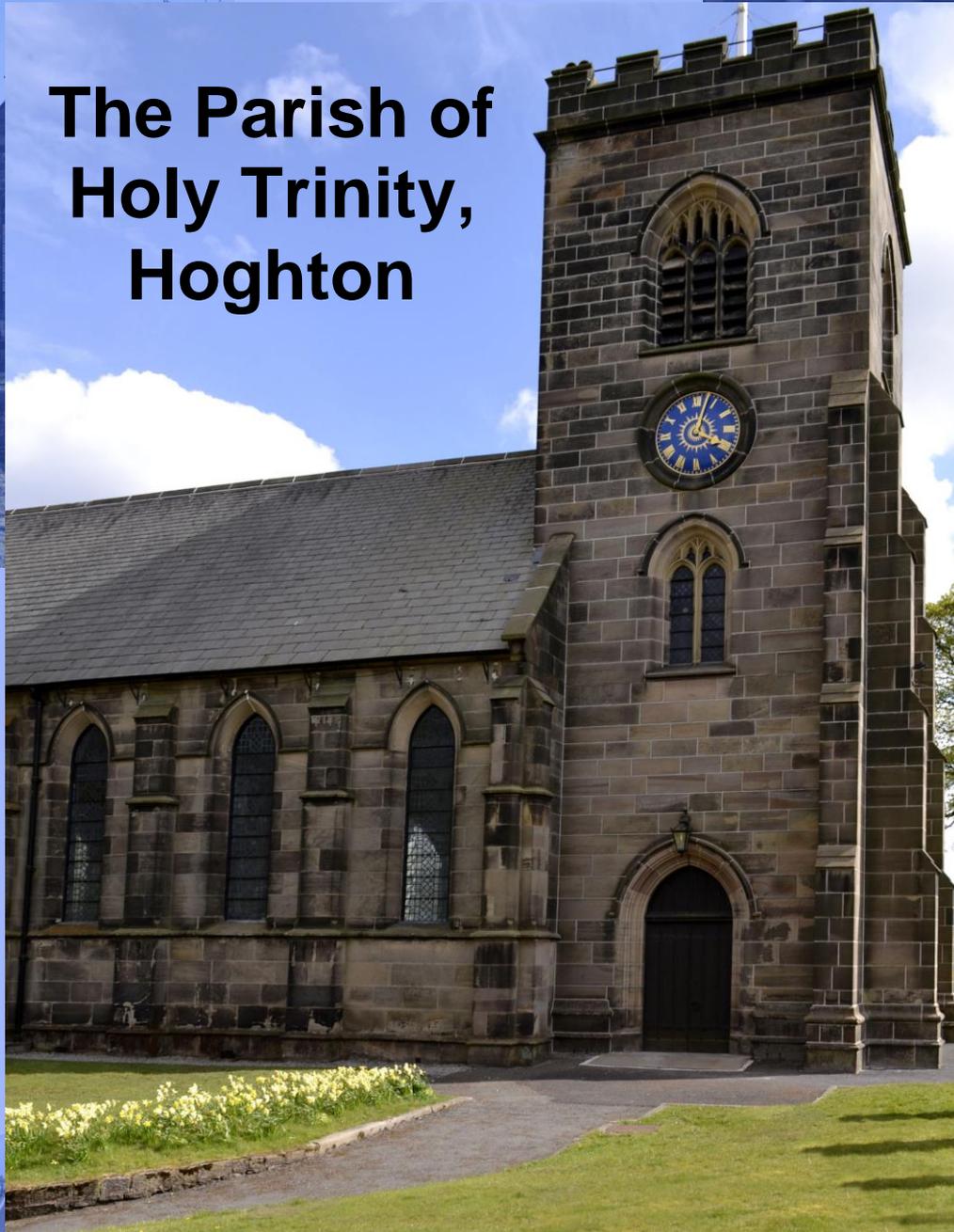




# The Parish of Holy Trinity, Hoghton



**Parish Profile 2016**

*Dear potential applicant,*

**Ministry in the Diocese of Blackburn**

Thank you for your enquiry about a vacant post in the Diocese of Blackburn, the Church of England in Lancashire. We believe God wants His Church to grow, and so are looking for gifted and prayerful clergy with a heart for the Gospel and mission, who have the energy and enthusiasm to implement Vision 2026, *Healthy Churches Transforming Communities*. You can read more about Vision 2026 overleaf.

Almost all of our parishes have Vision Champions who have volunteered to work with their clergy and lay leadership in keeping the Vision on the PCC and congregation's agenda. The Vision is about a radical change of culture, in which we engage in new ways in making the unchanging Gospel of Jesus known in our communities.



The spiritual, physical and emotional health and the ongoing development of our clergy is very important to us.

Please be assured of my prayers as you consider whether to make an application.

*+ Julian*

Bishop of Blackburn

**Living in Lancashire**

Lancashire people are known for their warmth and friendliness and those who are new to the area find it to be an easy place to make friends. There are excellent transport connections and the surrounding countryside is spectacularly beautiful. For those with children, the Diocese has over 180 church schools including 10 secondaries, the vast majority rated as Good or Outstanding.



**+Geoff Pearson**  
Bishop of  
Lancaster

**Our call to Mission**

As a Diocese we are fully committed to the breadth and diversity of the Anglican tradition. Traditionalist, evangelical, catholic, progressive, Eucharistic, charismatic – we don't care what the label is. As long as you are passionate about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and long to make new disciples, there is a place for you in the Church of England in Lancashire.



**+ Philip North**  
Bishop of  
Burnley



## **VISION 2026**

The year 2026 marks the centenary of the formation of the Diocese of Blackburn. In the ten years leading up to our centenary, Vision 2026 is a plan to turn around the long-term trend of gradually declining attendance. Our vision is for the growth of God's kingdom, not just of his church. Our vision is to develop healthy churches which transform their communities, a vision in which making disciples for Jesus Christ and pursuing social justice sit side by side.

Our vision has had a long gestation. When the Vacancy in See occurred in 2012 we began to look at how we were going to move forward as a diocese. On his arrival, Bishop Julian spent his first year visiting every member of the clergy in their homes and visiting all the parishes of the diocese. At the end of that first year, Bishop Julian shared his reflections and the vision began to become clearer. It was shared with the diocesan family in the deaneries and in a number of local events and unanimously adopted by the diocesan synod.

The first year was spent in prayer with the Vision 2026 as the focus. 2016 has seen the Vision develop, with parishes nominating Vision Champions who were commissioned in Preston Guild Hall along with Churchwardens in the presence of 1,600 people. As a diocese with our Vision, we are willing to face the cost of change; and in prayer we see the grace and power of God which can alone bring renewal and growth. We are committed to work together (clergy, laity, church schools, diocesan staff and the cathedral) to deliver Vision 2026 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
- 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
- Holding regular enquirers courses in as many local churches as possible
- Showing God's love in action through projects that meet a local human need
- Offering thorough and accessible Baptism preparation and follow-up
- Planting or renewing 50 new strategic congregations by 2026

### **Growing leaders for Jesus Christ**

- Supporting and equipping the current leadership for today's context
- Enabling missional leadership in every Christian community
- Liberating lay leadership for greater participation
- Creating the varied patterns of Sunday and weekday worship necessary to welcome all kinds of people, especially the newcomer
- Prioritising work among children, young people and schools to raise up a new generation for Christ

### **The Diocesan Vision Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the 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*

## Hoghton – The Village

Hoghton is a lovely rural village that is quite wide-spread, extending into the semi-rural parish of Higher Walton. The community of approx. 867 people is situated about half-way between Blackburn and the City of Preston and is conveniently near to a good motorway network for the North-West and beyond. The village is also close to great canal journeys and there are many good hills to climb.

There are no 'Satanic Mills' here! We are surrounded by beautiful countryside through which our walking group often roam. Lancashire is a beautiful County, with a very eclectic mix of people which adds to our cultural heritage.

We are very proud of our old and famous heritage, which is linked to Royalty! This is no sleepy backwater, as we have a thriving community with lots of activities going on both in the Parish, in the village and regular events at the nearby Tower of the De Hoghton Family, with whom we hold good links. Well worth a visit for history and the many events that take place there. It is said that the knighting of the Loin of Beef took place here! The Sirloin Free House is a good place to find out more.



The Parish is mainly rural with working livestock farms; farm shops and markets and some light industry.

There are many excellent pubs that provide excellent fare and great food is provided at many of our social events held in our Church and Village Halls, so you are unlikely to starve!



The people in the area are very friendly and pleased to help when and where they can.

Within the surrounding village there are nursery groups, toddler groups and play groups. There is a Church of England primary school and 3 County Primary Schools all within easy reach by car.

Secondary Schools and a local University and Colleges are not too far away in Preston and Blackburn. All are accessible through Lancashire bus services.

There are Doctors Surgeries and Dental Practices within a few miles radius of the Church.

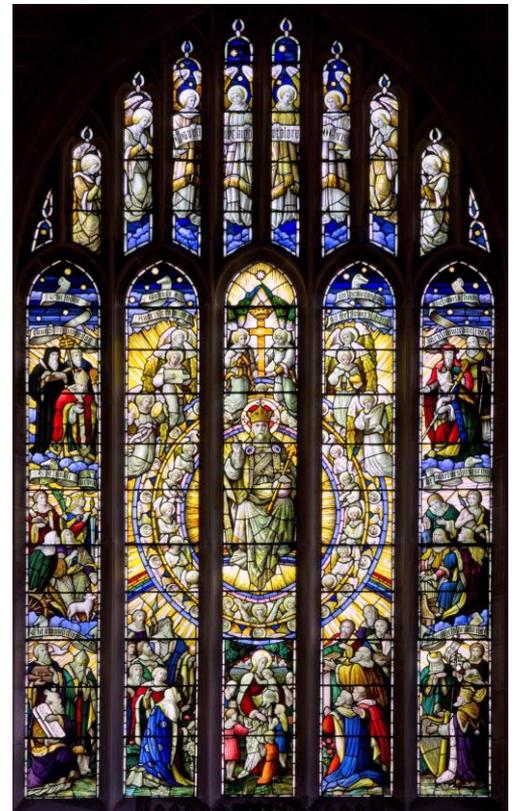
## **Parish Profile – Holy Trinity Hoghton**

### **Our Church and Church Hall**

Our Church is a distinctive feature of the village, having a long and distinguished history. The Church Building is grade II listed, built in 1823 and extended in 1887 but is in excellent repair and décor having recently been pointed and redecorated.

It is set back from the main road within the graveyard and has car park attached with space for about 80 cars including disabled parking. The church seats approx. 350 and has wheelchair access and a hearing loop.

There is a peal of 8 Bells which are rung at all regular services and also used by visiting ringers. We also have excellent hand bell ringers and a fine and rare organ built in 1886 by Thorold and Smith and fully restored in 2005, so is considered of historic importance and has been listed.





The church hall is situated next to the new graveyard and was built in 1983, extended in 1997 with a kitchen extension added in 2003. It is used by most of our organisations on a regular basis. Also, for periodic social events and refreshments after the Family and Parade services.

Community use of the Church Hall is growing and encouraged; the Parish Council meet here monthly. It is also used for outside functions such as children's parties and similar festivities.

## About the Church as People

We have a variety of talent; youth and experience and most of all we pride ourselves being a friendly church giving a warm welcome to everyone who comes through our door, in particular to all newcomers to our church. There are growing numbers of young families, introduced to our church through Baptism, Sunday club, monthly parade services.

We hold the diocesan '**Child Friendly Church**' award and love to see our church full of children enjoying the building and even offering vocal support to our sermons!

There are currently two bible study groups operating.

## The Church and Community

Our current pattern of service is as follows:

	<b>SERVICE TIMES:</b>	<b>TYPE OF SERVICE</b>
FIRST SUNDAY	10.30 am	Holy Communion Common Worship Order 2 in Traditional Language
SECOND SUNDAY	09.00 am	Holy Communion (said) BCP

	10.30 am	Family and Parade Service (Using our own booklet); also specific services such as Remembrance Sunday, annual Scout Service, Sunday Club Service etc.
THIRD SUNDAY	10.30 am	Morning Prayer BCP
FOURTH SUNDAY	10.30 am	Holy Communion (this is a Family Communion using our own designed booklet).
FIFTH SUNDAY	10.30 am	Morning Prayer BCP
<b>Midweek</b>		
The normal festivals i.e. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension are celebrated.		

In our worship we offer variety with some traditional and some more modern forms of worship and Liturgy. Baptism usually takes place within a Family service but we also have private Baptism services, if requested.

We offer a beautiful location for wedding services and some of those couples have continued in worship with us, which is great.



Special Services are held; the Remembrance Service is important to us, and for the children, Christingle on Christmas Eve.

We offer crèche facilities within church and bags of toys for the children if they wish to stay with their parents in the pews. Our excellent sound system enables parents to still take part in the service and also supports those who have hearing challenges through our loop system. There is a baby changing table in the church hall.

We are keen our church is accessible; every week during May – September we have 'Open Church' on a Wednesday afternoon.

The Social Committee reformed a few years ago and organises many popular events. Annually, we hold Summer and Christmas Fairs aimed at encouraging the community to explore, discover and celebrate their parish church. Over the last year we have organised coach trips to Chester Market for Christmas shopping, two theatre trips and a visit to Liverpool for Cunard's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Christmas Quiz, Abseiling down the Tower and Treasure Hunts are some other exciting events we have held. At the 2013 Summer Fair we held a competition with the children, to skydive their teddy bears from the top of the Tower. It was great fun! Prizes for all particularly those reaching the furthest distance!



We have celebrated the Queen's record as longest serving monarch and her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## Outreach

We have a team of parish visitors who go out to those unable to attend church; this includes home communion.

## In and Around the Village

Within the village of Hoghton there are many groups; walking; autumn club; luncheon club, a thriving Amateur Dramatic group which put on many shows and a pantomime society who perform every two years. Also, Women's Institute (The WI).

Many cricket matches are held in summer plus much more. You will not be bored living in this community!



1<sup>st</sup> Hoghton Scouts are affiliated to the Church and have recently renovated their premises.

Mothers Union within the Church is strong and active; it is linked with our neighbouring parish of All Saints, Higher Walton.



## Clergy House

The Vicarage is located on Chapel Lane, Hoghton, which is about half a mile from the church heading towards Preston.



The house has a large garden and is set back from the road in its own grounds to provide both quiet and privacy. It has open fields to the rear looking over to the Pendle Hills and the front looks over fields to Hoghton Tower. It is a detached dormer bungalow with single garage, built about 45 years ago. There is a study, lounge, dining room, kitchen, larder, utility room and cloakroom on the ground floor with four bedrooms, bathroom and separate toilet on the first floor. It has gas fired central heating and is double glazed throughout; there is a tarmac area at the front of the house for additional car parking.

## Finance

Our Standing Committee who deal with the day to day finances reporting back to the PCC for approval on major work and capital projects.

Recently money has been spent on the Quinquennial work including repointing the whole exterior and interior decoration. The heating in the church hall has recently been replaced as have the windows in the first part of the hall and are now double glazed. We pay our parish share in full every year and are solvent.

## Communications

The team continues to update the website with links to social networking sites to reach the wider and younger community. We have a successful church magazine produced on a monthly basis with a variety of interesting articles from the ministry and congregation. Many of our organisations have social

media presence. We promote our events through the community newsletter, website, distributed posters and prominent displays in and around the village.



We have great church parties and celebrate key seasons such as Harvest which usually has some form of celebration and includes us trying to become thespians for a day!

Easter, includes a 'Passover Party' where we role-play the Jewish tradition followed by a feast, before partaking in Holy Communion;



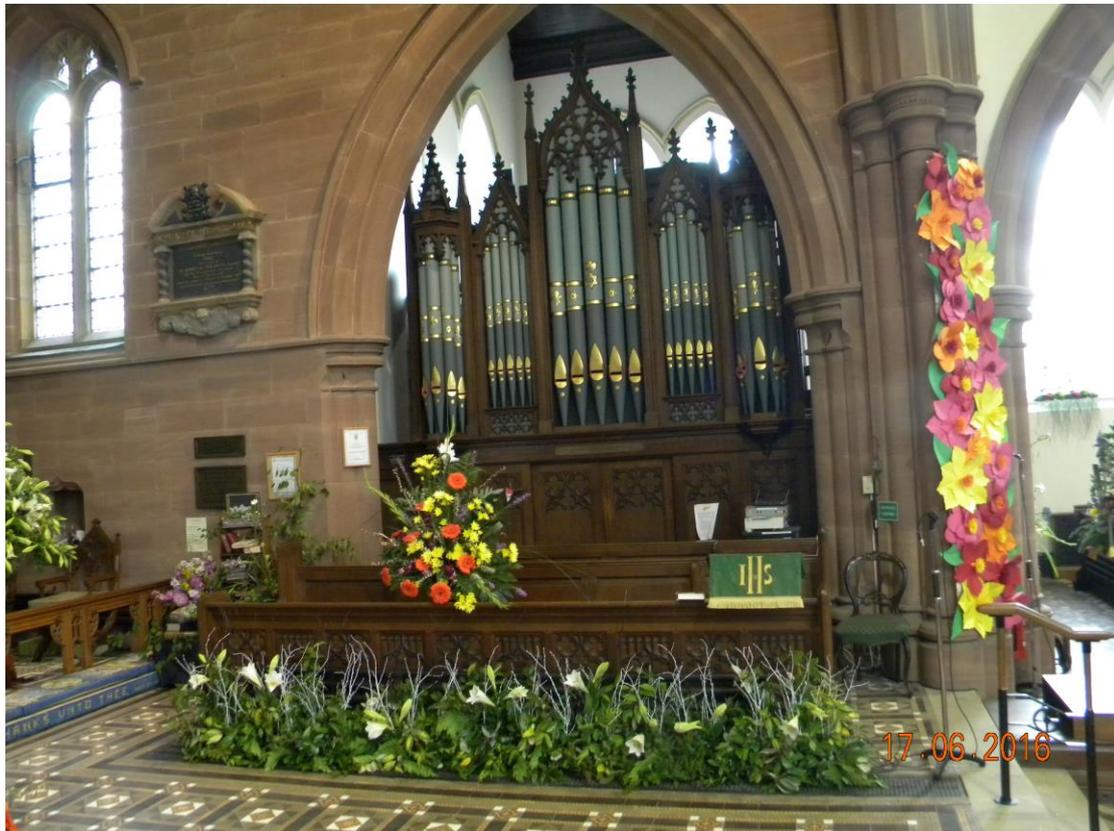
Christmas is when our manger comes to the fore and the children celebrate Christingle. Not to forget the annual visit to our Christmas fair by Father Christmas! Come and see us, you will be most welcome.

We held a Christmas tree festival encouraging the congregation to produce their own versions and as you will see from the photo, there were some novel ideas. This will become an annual event.



We held a very successful Flower Festival over three days which was opened and blessed by Bishop Philip. The theme of the event was Community Spirit and we invited organisations from the village and local churches to participate with evening events culminating in a songs of praise service in the Sunday evening. A raffle was held with prizes generously donated by local businesses.





## The Characteristics and Qualities

Holy Trinity Parish Church of Hoghton shares in the Diocesan Vision 2026 and has a Vision Champion to assist in its mission to the people of Hoghton Village and beyond so we are looking for an inspirational and prayerful vicar to walk alongside and lead us into the next phase of our ministry.

To share their love of God with a vibrant team of committed Christian Lay people in working to build our Church family here at Holy Trinity Hoghton.

We hope they will be openly filled with the Holy Spirit; have a heart for God and a heart for people and to be able to offer inspiring and intelligent preaching through their commitment to biblical teaching; helping us to learn from their faith, experience and knowledge.

We would like them to have vision and energised faith to help us to develop our mission and evangelism to our Parish of over 800 people; 203 (not all from this parish), are on the electoral roll.

We would like our new parish priest to work with those who lead our Sunday Club and uniformed organisations, in order to share their faith and vision.

We hope we can attract someone who will share an appreciation of the heritage of our buildings and surroundings within the community as well as valuing our good quality tradition and contemporary Church Music in Worship

and who will support us to move forward with new and exciting methods of reaching out to others.

We hope they will see and appreciate the huge potential for further growth and witness in developing God's Kingdom in this beautiful part of Lancashire and for the people who have served and worshipped here so faithfully in both good and challenging times.

## **In return we offer you:**

A committed and friendly congregation, who are experienced in lay service within the parish, which has its roots in history; who are keen to share fresh ideas and new ways of worship, alongside traditional forms.

A ministry team of two Readers, one male and one female, will support you and share the load with you; in addition there is the shared support of the congregation.

We have a strong musical tradition currently directed by our Organist over many past years. We will advertise for a new organist when our priest is appointed to allow our organist to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

God will call you to make the right decision; if that is with us, then you will have a congregation consisting of adults and children for Family and Parade services. Local Baptism and funeral services can be well attended so you will have ample opportunity to reach many people within your ministry.

## **The Context for Ministry at Holy Trinity Hoghton**

### **Churchwardens**

There are 2 Church Wardens in our Parish who meet regularly with Clergy. They seek to fully support the clergy and provide communication links throughout the Parish. Their responsibilities include building finance, clergy housing and importantly see their role as both spiritual and pastoral.

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## **PCC and Other Committees**

The PCC consists of 12 members elected over a three year rolling period plus the Readers and Church Wardens; the Vision Champion and Deputy Warden are co-opted to the PCC. Under the present organisation we have a team Standing Committee. We have a Social Committee and these committees typically meet on a monthly basis.

## **Ministerial Team**

The team currently consists of **2 Readers:**

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**Ordination of Women;** the parish has always recognised and welcomed the ministry of women priests.

## **USEFUL LINKS:**

[www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)  
[www.blackburn.gov.uk](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk)  
[www.chorley.gov.uk](http://www.chorley.gov.uk)  
[www.blackburn.anglican.org.uk](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org.uk)  
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Twitter: @hoghtonchurch