

The Diocese of Manchester

PARISH INFORMATION AND PROFILE

The benefice or parish of:

St. John The Evangelist, Moston, Manchester



Please return this document when complete, together with any other requested papers, to:

The Bishop of Manchester bishop@bishops court.manchester.anglican.org

The Suffragan Bishop or Assistant Bishop who looks after your parish.

The Archdeacon. Archmanchester@manchester.anglican.org

The Registrar **Diocesan Registry, 5th Floor, Church House**

90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2QH

A hard copy needs to go to the Registrar. Otherwise email copies suffice

INTRODUCTION

St. John's is an open, friendly, tolerant church set in the midst of a socially deprived area. Our style of worship is "catholic" linked with tradition yet liberal in our attitudes. We would have no objection to a woman priest.

The church is run on a day to day basis by a number of committed lay individuals who believe in the importance of sustaining the Anglican tradition within this area.

As a parish we are looking for someone who will focus his/her attention on this parish above all else to bring about growth within the parish. The right person will have all of the gifts and skills set out in section 13 but above all will be a person of faith, hope and optimism.

1. BASIC INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

1.1 Full name of benefice or parish(es)

St. John The Evangelist, Moston, Manchester, M9 4NT

1.2 Title of the post that is vacant

0.5 Priest-in-Charge

1.3 Name and address of patron (if the Bishop of Manchester, write "Bishop")

Bishop of Manchester

1.4 Archdeaconry, Deanery, and name of Area Dean

Archdeaconry of Manchester
Deanery of Manchester North and East.

Reverend Helen Scanlan
1 Windmill Lane
Denton
Manchester M34 3RN

0161 320 7244
07467 758405

1.5 Official clergy housing: address and brief description

The previous Rectory has been sold off.
The Diocese may be able to provide alternative accommodation.

1.6 Official population

5323

1.7 Number on electoral roll

29

1.8 Average Weekly Attendance for the last 3 years

35+ (All ages)

1.9 Average weekly attendance of children and young people under 16

6 plus

1.10 In the last twelve months, numbers (if applicable) of:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| a. those baptized | 0 | |
| b. those admitted to holy communion before confirmation | | 1 |
| c. those confirmed | 1 | |
| d. marriages | 0 | |
| e. Funerals | 0 | |

a. Christmas communicants (all services)

40 Communicants - 40 Attendees total

b. Easter communicants (all services)

55 Communicants - 62 Attendees total

1.11 Anglican churches and licensed places of worship in the benefice or parish(es) profiled here

- c. Name of principal church
St. John the Evangelist, Moston
- d. Approximate key dates for the building



Built 1908
Re-dedication 1992 and is fully DDA compliant
Listed Grade II

- e. Approximate seating capacity 250
- d. When was the last Quinquennial inspection done? What are the main things that the architect has highlighted as needing doing? How much did the architect estimate they might cost? What progress has been made thus far by the parish?

Quinquennial: August 2022
 Electrical Inspection (For EIG) 2023

- The bellcote was removed 2022
- The main things which need attention are mainly those around routine maintenance

- e. Name of any attached or nearby hall or other comparable facility

The church hall is part of the church building and is used by IntoUniversity, an educational charity, working in underprivileged areas, providing dedicated long-term support that can break the cycle of disadvantage.
 (<https://intouniversity.org/>)

- f. details of other Anglican churches or licensed places of worship in the benefice or parish(es) profiled here.

None

1.12 Details of publicity that the parish produces eg newsletter or magazine

We do not have a parish website.
There is no regular parish publication.
Weekly Newsletter sent by email/SMS

1.13 Address of website and other social media if applicable

1.14 Name, address, and telephone number of churchwardens

Mrs Denise Mulligan
6 Farnham Avenue
Blackley
Manchester M9 6FH

Mob: 07849641517

Mrs Denise Chow
66 Bluestone Road
Moston
Manchester M40 9HY

Tel: 0161 917 7243

1.15 Name, address, and telephone number of any representatives (usually two where applicable, but in certain notified cases more) appointed under the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 section 11 (1)

Church Wardens (as above).

2 PRIESTS (ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE 1993

In the Church of England women have been able to be ordained as deacon since 1987 and as priest since 1994. At the PCC meeting held within four weeks of the date on which notice of a vacancy is sent to the PCC Secretary (*Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 section 11 (1)*), the PCC must consider whether to pass a resolution that it will not accept a woman as the minister who presides at or celebrates Holy Communion or pronounces the Absolution in the parish (Resolution A) or a resolution that it will not accept a woman as incumbent, priest-in-charge, or team vicar (resolution B), or a resolution rescinding an earlier resolution which was to the same effect.

If any such resolutions have been put and formally voted on at that meeting, please record details below.

The parish fully supports the ordination of women.

3 PETITION FOR EXTENDED EPISCOPAL OVERSIGHT

Please give the date of any petition from the parish for extended Episcopal oversight

Not applicable

4 LOCAL COMMUNITY

What is the social character of the area?

Is the population stationary, rising, or falling, and what is its age profile and ethnic profile?

What would you say are the main issues facing your community?

What kind of houses make up the bulk of the parish?

What engagement with the local community does the church already have?

What significant institutions such as factories, shops, offices, and hospitals are there?

What else should be recorded?

Within the local community there is a large number of minorities chiefly of African and Eastern European origin. (38%)

The parish ranks as one of the most deprived in the country:
117 out of 12239 (CUF)

The housing stock is comprised of privately owned for rental, the latter meaning that population is transient in nature.

The age profile of the area is getting younger both in church congregation and the wider community.

The population of the area is rising as new housing continues to be built.

The parish is on the boundary with the new North Manchester Business Park and North City Shopping Centre with its Library and leisure centre with swimming pool and fitness provision. Nearby are large green spaces (eg Boggart Hole Clough Park), Youth facility (Factory Zone), riding school and Manchester Dogs Home. A six form college is near the Shopping Centre and secondary Academy are within easy reach.

Close by is Moston Lane which houses a variety of local businesses, predominantly of African and Eastern European ethnicity.

North Manchester General Hospital is approximately 3 miles away, doctors and dental surgeries are nearby.

The area is well-served by bus routes into the city centre and the tram service is just over a mile away from the church.

For further statistics
<https://cuf.org.uk/parish/240126>

5 SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

What schools are there within the benefice / parish boundary (church schools or other)? What links are maintained or desirable?

Moston Lane Primary School (400 pupils)
Lily Lane Primary School (400 pupils)

Which voluntary groups (other than church-based groups) have a presence either on church premises or elsewhere in the benefice / parish? What else should be recorded?

- In the past the Church had strong links with Lily Lane Primary School and there is a willingness of Moston Lane School to develop an active link.

6 WORSHIP AND WORSHIPPERS

What is the present pattern of Sunday and weekday worship? Which books and rites are in use, and what is the normal vesture for ministers? In the congregation(s), what is the mix of age, gender, and social groups? How many worshippers live outside the parish boundary? In the spectrum of church tradition how would you describe the worship – “evangelical”, “central”, “catholic”, or some variation, or in other terms? What else should be recorded?

Worship is Eucharistic, vestments are worn and the sacrament is reserved. On Sundays there is either a sung or said Eucharist (via TV screens). Major festivals are observed as are Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Common Worship and Common Worship : Times and Seasons are used.

Lay people assist with the chalice. Vestments are worn by ministers. The tradition is broadly “catholic” but modern and liberal rather than extreme. This tradition is unique within the immediate surrounding area, the adjoining parishes being Evangelical and Forward in Faith.

The age profile of the congregation is mixed. The social dynamic of the congregation is varied. A significant number of the members of the congregation are from majority ethnic groups, primarily African. The mix is approximately 50/50 split female to male. The majority of the congregation are of working age.

7 CHURCH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS

What church-based organizations and groups exist? Where do they meet and how often? What numbers are involved and what links are maintained or desirable? How would you describe the social life of the church? What else should be recorded?

There is a fortnightly Saturday morning “Pop In” which is run by members of the congregation. It encourages local people within the area to come along, walk through the doors and enjoy conversation, a coffee and a little company. There is a “good as new” for bargains and whilst a little money may be raised for church funds, the goal of this venture is for St. John’s to continue to be seen as a place where all are welcome.

Two congregational adult groups are in situ:

**Sisters of St John’s
St John’s Men’s Group**

8 NEIGHBOURING ANGLICAN CHURCHES AND PARISHES

Describe any collaboration you have with neighbouring or other Anglican churches and parishes. What activities or projects do you undertake or plan jointly?

Are there plans for a Mission Partnership with neighbouring parishes?

What else should be recorded?

It is proposed that St John's be linked with St. Mary's Moston and St. Chad's New Moston to create a new team of parishes working in collaboration.

Presently, we are part of a larger group comprising of 6 parishes, originally all under the same Priest-in-Charge. However, with a further parish interregnum within the mission unit and an existing incumbency (two parishes) re-organisation was desirable.

9 ECUMENISM

Are there churches of other Christian traditions in the benefice / parish or significant in the wider area? What links are maintained or desirable, formal or informal? Have ministers met regularly? Is there an active Churches Together or similar organisation in the area? Does another church or denomination use your building for worship or other activities? What else should be recorded?

In the past we had links with the Methodist Church on Moston Lane and St Dunstan's RC on Moston Lane and Anglican parishes as Moston Churches.

There are Black Evangelical/Pentecostal churches in the parish.

A black Pentecostal-type congregation uses our worship area for worship each Sunday..

10 MINISTRY

Apart from the parish priest, what other ordained ministers, if any, are licensed to, or regularly officiating with the bishop's permission in, the benefice / parish? Please name assistant curates, NSMs, OLMs, and retired clergy. Are there licensed or emeritus Readers who minister? Is vocation to various forms of authorized or accredited ministry explored and fostered? How is the ministry of the whole congregation understood and exercised? What else should be recorded?

The parish has no curate, no Readers, and one ordained minister licensed to officiate (Revd Canon Roy Chow) and there is no accredited Ordained Local Minister.

The congregation is faithful but is slow in 'coming forward'. The congregation is largely African migrant, attracted to the area because of low rented terraced housing. With appropriate encouragement they should be the future for St John's Church as the remaining 'white' members are elderly.

11 MISSION

What are the benefice / parish's aims and objectives in mission? Is there a mission statement or document? What are the mission priorities for, say, the next two years?

In what ways have you seen the church growing over the last few years? How do you hope to see the church growing in the next few years?

What further engagement with the local community do you hope to see developing?

What else should be recorded?

Our plans for growth are influenced by these factors:

Our worshipping community needs to become more aware of our needs and how those needs can be changed into opportunities.

Our church building which is full of light and beauty, fully modernised, converted for community use and well maintained is a great resource as we reach out to the wider community. To quote: "we are a worship centre, a point of stability" (see article and photos on the re-ordering of the church in "Opening our Doors" by Akker and Passmore published by the Children's Society 1996 pp 131 - 6)

We seek to develop and sustain an Anglican presence within the wider community and the church plant is a superb base to use. There is full disabled access.

Our worshipping community is loving, warm, diverse, open to newcomers and has non-judgmental attitudes.

Our need to address lay and ordained leadership issues have already been stated. We wish to see an expansion and development in our networking with other agencies and community groups.

12 FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Please attach copies of annual accounts for the last three years

Is stewardship practised, and when was the last campaign or renewal?

In what ways have you seen giving (in its broadest sense) increase in the last few years?

Is the benefice / parish committed to full payment of the parish share, and if it has failed to pay it recently what are the reasons? Were the parish priest's expenses of office met in full last year, and what was the total sum reimbursed? To what extent does the benefice / parish offer financial support to home and overseas mission work, including projects, appeals, and charities? What else should be recorded?

There is a need for a stewardship campaign but this is something which has been neglected.

The parish is fully committed to paying the Parish share which continues to be paid in full year-on-year despite increasing demands on our income. In it's history the Parish Share has been paid in full.

The parish is committed to charitable giving albeit financial difficulties in recent years have not always enabled the parish to give 10% of its income to charity. Nonetheless the parish remains committed to charitable giving.

13 THE NEXT PARISH PRIEST

In the light of and with reference to all of the above, and in particular your mission priorities (see 10), what kind of priest are you looking for? What are the key priorities that you would like them to address? What are the gifts and skills you would hope to they will bring?

The next parish priest must have some experience of building up a congregation.

The next parish priest will have the gifts and skills to work with us for growth. It is for us, a matter of his/her giftedness, rather than the importance of specific gender, age family situation etc. We fully support the ministry of women and welcome a woman as our parish priest. We accept wholeheartedly that this post will be a shared post but we are confident that the right person is out there.

The gifts and skills that the PCC hope for in this person can be summarised as follows:-

- A person to whom prayer and worship are central and who can inspire us to learn and pray more.
- Someone who can communicate in language that the people of Moston can readily understand and who has warmth of personality to which people can easily relate regardless of sex, class or ethnicity.
- A person who has ideas/strategies for young people and children in the worshipping congregation.
- A person who is able to connect with local schools and families in the parish.
- A person who has experience of community use of church buildings.
- A strong leader to take us forward in our mission
- Someone who is pastorally minded and who can encourage the existing mutual care within the congregation.
- A good team worker who can work with and support the PCC to promote mission and witness.
- Someone caring and approachable
- Above all - a person of faith, hope and optimism.



Easter Day 2024

Parish Statistics

Deprivation rank (1=most deprived, 12,239=least deprived)	117
Parish population (2021 census)	5,323
Parish number of occupied households	1,917
Area (square miles)	0.3
Population density (people per square mile)	21,214

% aged 0-4	9.3
% aged 5-19	28.1
% aged 20-29	11.1
% aged 30-44	22.5
% aged 45-69	24.6
% aged 70 and over	4.3

% Asian ethnicity	11.5
% Black ethnicity	35.1
% Mixed ethnicity	5.1
% White ethnicity	44.3
% Other ethnicity	3.9

% Buddhist	0.3
% Christian	57.1
% Hindu	0.9
% Jewish	0.0
% Muslim	13.5
% Sikh	0.1
% Other religion	0.3
% No religion	22.6
% Religion not stated	5.2

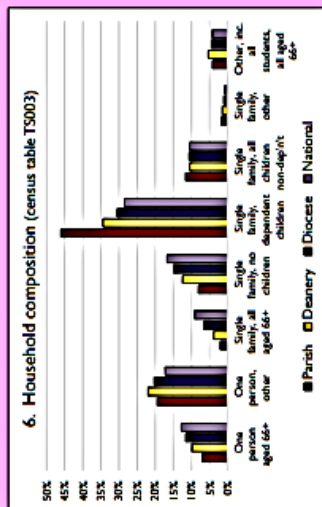
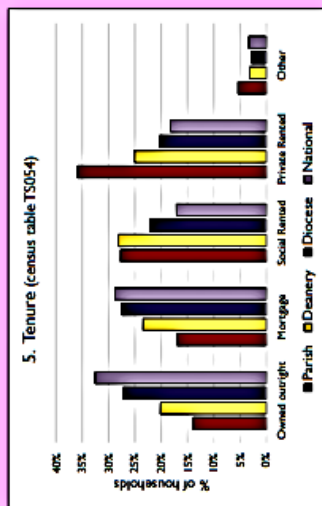
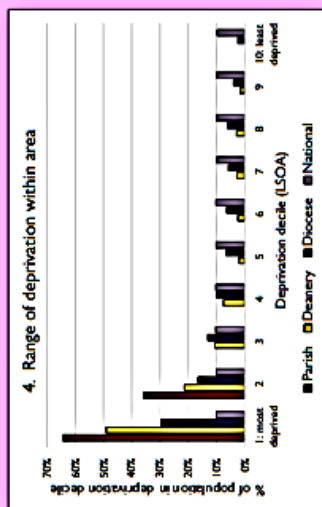
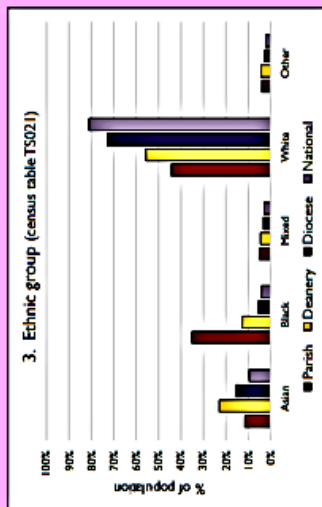
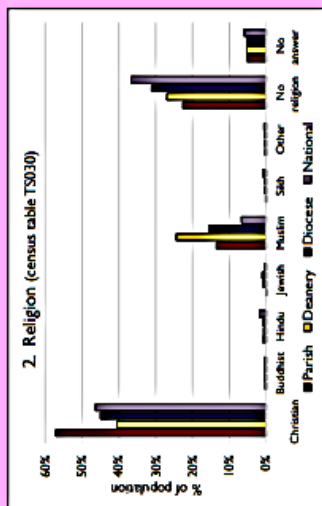
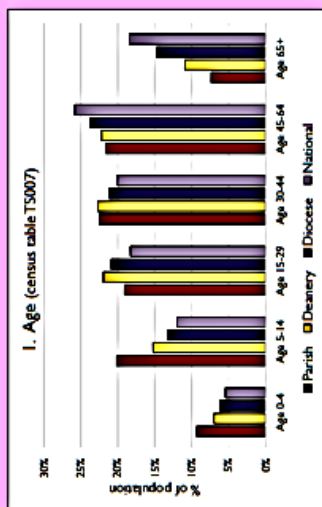
Parish Map

<https://arcg.is/1L0fbL1>

Church Urban Fund

<https://cuf.org.uk/parish/240126>

National Census 2021 Dashboard for the Parish of Moston: St John in the deanery of Manchester North and East



7. 2019 Deprivation Statistics				
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), domains, and subdomains				
IMD - overall deprivation 1%				
Employment	2%	Crime	0%	Health 4%
Income	1%	Education 4%		
Income: Children	1%	Children & Youth 8%		
Income: Old people	5%	Adult Skills 3%		
Housing & services	51%	Living Environ't 31%		
Local services	95%	Indoors 38%		
Accessibility	4%	Outdoors 12%		

	Parish	Deanery	Diocese	National
Population	5,323	376,859	2,231,382	56,506,784
Occupied households	1,917	125,977	748,439	23,444,438
Living in households	5,299	322,327	2,017,895	55,442,946
Average household size	2.76	2.56	2.42	2.37
Living in communal establishments	24	4,532	35,487	963,838

Notes & definitions

Census and deprivation statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries, and are therefore approximations. Census data as shown in figures 1-3, 5, & 6 are derived from the National Census 2021 produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). For details from ONS see: https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/source/census_2021.

For details it can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>.
 More details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>.
 Deprivation statistics are published at LSOA level. Figure 4 shows how the population of each area is split across LSOAs, categorised by LSOA deprivation decile.
 For more detailed parish census and deprivation information, see: <https://www.churchengland.org/about/data-services/resources/publications-and-data/>.
 For an interactive map showing parish deprivation and census statistics, see: <https://larc2a.io/lrsc4cs>.

Parish deprivation statistics in figure 7 are colour-coded by parish deprivation decile:



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Every effort has been made to ensure that data are reliable. We would be grateful to be notified of errors and to receive comments/suggestions: please email statistics.unit@churchofengland.org



PARISH OF ST JOHN MOSTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	23			22
RECEIPTS	General £	Restricted £	Total £	£
VOLUNTARY INCOME				
Gift Aided/GASD	6903.31	-	6903.31	5806.07
Open Plate	589.16	-	589.16	1637.63
Income Tax Recovered	1965.27	-	1965.27	1396.47
	<u>9457.74</u>		<u>9457.74</u>	<u>8840.17</u>
OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOME		-		
Donations	515.00		515.00	2425.00
Votive Candles	0.00		0.00	43.73
Charity Collection		140.62	140.62	100.00
	<u>515.00</u>	<u>140.62</u>	<u>655.62</u>	<u>2568.73</u>
ACTIVITIES GENERATING FUNDS				
Hall Rents	23241.00	-	23241.00	22761.83
Saturday Sales	1670.00	-	1670.00	
Band Concert	400.00	-	400.00	
Carol concert & supper	50.00	-	50.00	
Christmas Market		-		620.00
	<u>25361.00</u>		<u>25361.00</u>	<u>23381.83</u>
NON-RECURRING INCOME				
MDBF Loan	15630.00	-	15630.00	
MDBF Fuel Grant	330.00	-	330.00	1250.00
MDBF Grant	-	-	-	12000.00
BT refund				3.55
	<u>15960.00</u>		<u>15960.00</u>	<u>13253.55</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	51293.74	140.62	51434.36	48044.28

PAYMENTS	2023			2,022
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	£
Fundraising Costs	0.00	-	0.00	0.00
		-		
		-		
CHARITABLE GIVING	-			
WaterAid	-	84.20	84.20	100.00
Christian Aid	-	56.42	56.42	-
		140.62	140.62	100.00
REGULAR RUNNING COSTS		-		
Parish Share 2023	8000.00	-	8000.00	15260.00
Clergy Expenses	308.65	-	308.65	
Donations Leaving Parties/Gifts	207.76	-	207.76	-
Utilities	9677.77	-	9677.77	10242.42
Insurance	3459.96	-	3459.96	3163.99
Admin	597.04	-	597.04	85.70
Upkeep of Services	118.84	-	118.84	815.88
Maintenance/Cleaning	743.44	-	743.44	1182.30
Repairs/Electrical Survey	2498.04	-	2498.04	6568.92
Bell Tower	39324.00	-	39324.00	4592.40
MDBF LOAN	1306.50	-	1306.50	-
Misc	65.00	-	65.00	169.54
Fees to MDBF	-	-	-	343.00
Peace Garden				1380.00
	66307.00		66307.00	43904.25
TOTAL PAYMENTS	66307.00	140.62	66447.62	43904.25
Surplus/(Deficit)	(15013.26)	-	(15013.26)	4140.03

BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT – 31 DECEMBER 2023

	£
Brought forward 2023	4844.64
Plus interest	13.67
Plus Deposits	0.00
Less transfers to current	4000.00
Balance asat 31/12/23	858.31

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Cash Balances	23	22
	£	£
Current Account	3510.03	17118.56
Deposit Account	858.31	4844.64
TOTAL BALANCES	4368.34	21963.20