



Parish Profile

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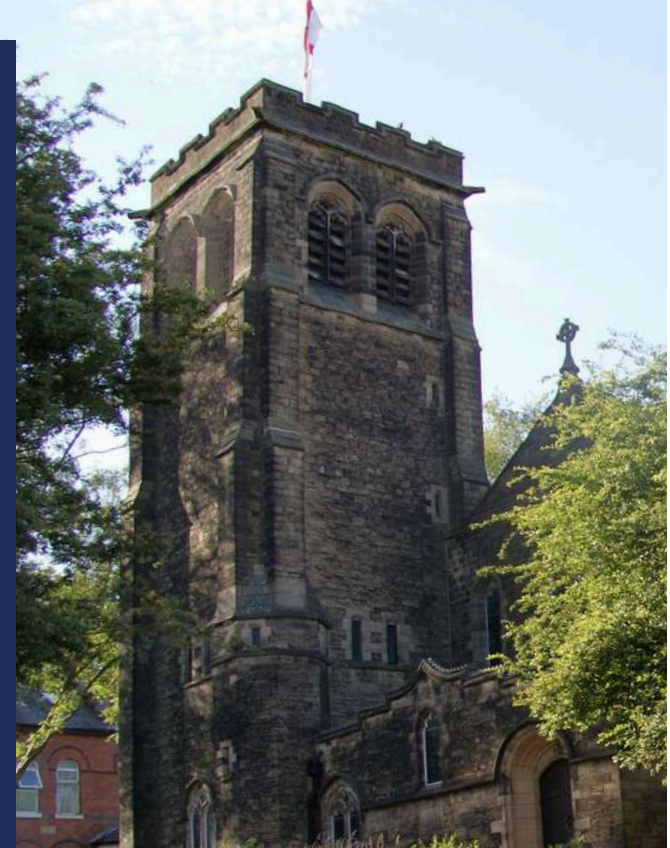
**ST MATTHEW
WITH ST MARY**
CRUMPSALL

Who We Are

We are the Parish of St Matthew with St Mary Crumpsall, a vibrant Christian community rooted in the heart of North Manchester. Our church family celebrates the rich diversity of our multicultural neighbourhood while standing firm in our devotion to Jesus Christ, our cornerstone and saviour. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to share God's transformative love with everyone who walks through our doors.

Our mission is deeply personal yet universally welcoming: to help people know Christ and experience the joy of walking with Him. We believe that every person is precious in God's sight, and we are committed to sharing the Gospel message while serving our community with compassion and understanding. In our diverse parish, we see the beautiful tapestry of God's creation, where people from different backgrounds come together to worship and grow in faith.

Our church building, a focal point of the community, was consecrated in 1910 and has been maintained over the years, but is now in need of refurbishment and repair which we have begun to start addressing.



What We Offer

A welcoming congregation with a rich history and a commitment to community outreach. We are open to new ideas that would continue a Christian community here in Crumpsall and recently began a process of self-reflection that is already seeing those new ideas bear fruit (the bell is ringing again!). We offer a space in which change can happen, embracing both traditional values and contemporary approaches to ministry.

Our parish hall serves as a vibrant hub of activities, used by various community groups every day of the week, from youth organizations to senior social clubs, creating meaningful connections across generations.

The physical space we offer extends beyond worship areas - the parish includes a spacious 5-bedroom rectory with a garden, complemented by a separate office at the front of the building, allowing for a clear distinction between work and personal living space. This thoughtful layout enables our clergy to maintain a healthy work-life balance while remaining accessible to the community they serve.



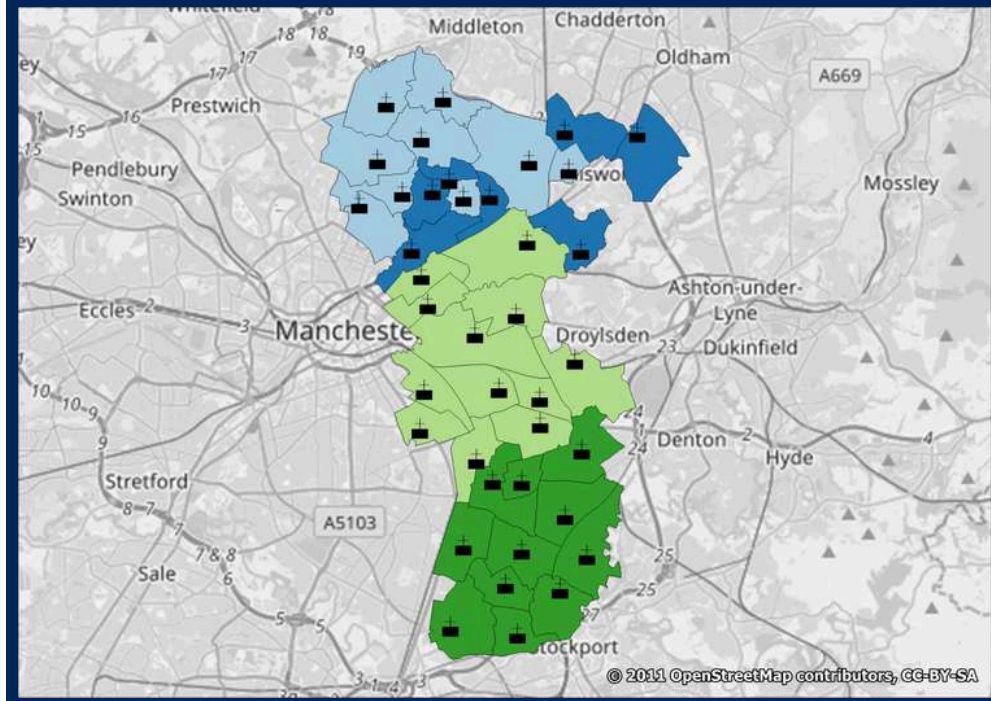
Who We Expect

We seek a priest who is loving, kind, caring, with a good sense of humour, and able to connect with people from all walks of life. Experience in working with other denominations, faiths, and cultures is valuable. We need help in engaging with younger demographics and strengthening our community ties. Experience overseeing community projects would also be advantageous as we seek to renovate both our church and hall. Our parish has a longstanding and valued relationship with St Thomas' Church, and we look forward to our new priest continuing and nurturing this important partnership.

Our Vision For The Future

- To continue God's work in our parish
- To grow and connect with all age groups in our community
- To strengthen our partnerships with neighbouring parishes.





Deanery & Diocese

We are part of the **Diocese of Manchester** and the **Manchester North and East Deanery**.

Manchester is a vibrant diocese of opportunity and creativity. Its rich mixture of church traditions makes it a wonderful place to engage in Gospel ministry.

The vision is to be a worshipping, growing, and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community.

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Community Context

■ Crumpsall is a vibrant, diverse area with a growing population of 18,000.

■ Around 70% of the population are from minority ethnic backgrounds.

■ Around 55% of the population are Muslim, 25% Christian and 6% Jewish.

■ It is home to North Manchester General Hospital, currently undergoing improvement works

■ There are two primary schools, as well as a Roman Catholic church and Methodist church.

■ The largest public space is Crumpsall Park which is well used and maintained

■ Has two tram stops within 15 minute walk. Crumpsall (9min) and Abraham Moss (13 min)

■ Served by major bus routes connecting Crumpsall to central Manchester, Bury, Salford, Oldham and Ashton-Under-Lyne

Challenges And Opportunities



Church Repair

Following our latest Quinquennial it is evident that the Church is in need of significant repair over the next few years. The estimated costs are significant. But this gives an opportunity to re-order the church in a way to suit a modern population



Hall Repair

Both buildings were built at a similar time and as such have similar repair needs. The hall being in full time use receives more wear and tear than the church, and being two storeys presents additional challenges. We have the opportunity and necessity to upgrade the hall in a way to suit the needs of its users.



Low Growth

We have been able to sustain our congregation numbers, but our aim is to grow. There has been renewed enthusiasm recently as part of our work to renovate the church and gather feedback from the community.



Aging congregation

There is no hiding that we are all getting older and need to work on bringing Jesus Christ to the next generations in a way that is attractive to their lifestyle.



What We Are Looking For

Essential Qualities

- Loving, kind, and caring
- Good sense of humour
- Ability to connect with diverse populations
- Experience in multi-faith and multi-denominational work
- Visionary leadership

Desirable Qualities

- Strong communication skills
- Ability to engage younger demographics
- Collaborative approach
- Good organizational skills
- Experience with community outreach



About The Church

Worship and Services

- Traditional Church of England worship using Common Worship
- Regular services:
 - Thursdays, 10.00am – 10.45am followed by Coffee, Cake, Carnations and Conversations
 - Sundays, 10.30am – 12.00 noon`
- Dedicated Services:
 - Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day, Pentecost, Harvest, Remembrance, Advent, Toy Service, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Midnight, Christmas Day

Community Involvement

- Parish hall (Crumpsall Community Hall) in regular use by community groups offering foodbank, over 50's services, exercise and martial arts groups, NHS services and party hire
- Monthly lunch club
- Toddler group
- Summer and winter fairs

Buildings And Resources

- Church building in ok condition but in need of renovation and re-ordering
- Parish hall built in 1927, a key asset for outreach
- Large rectory with a garden and garage



Support For The Priest

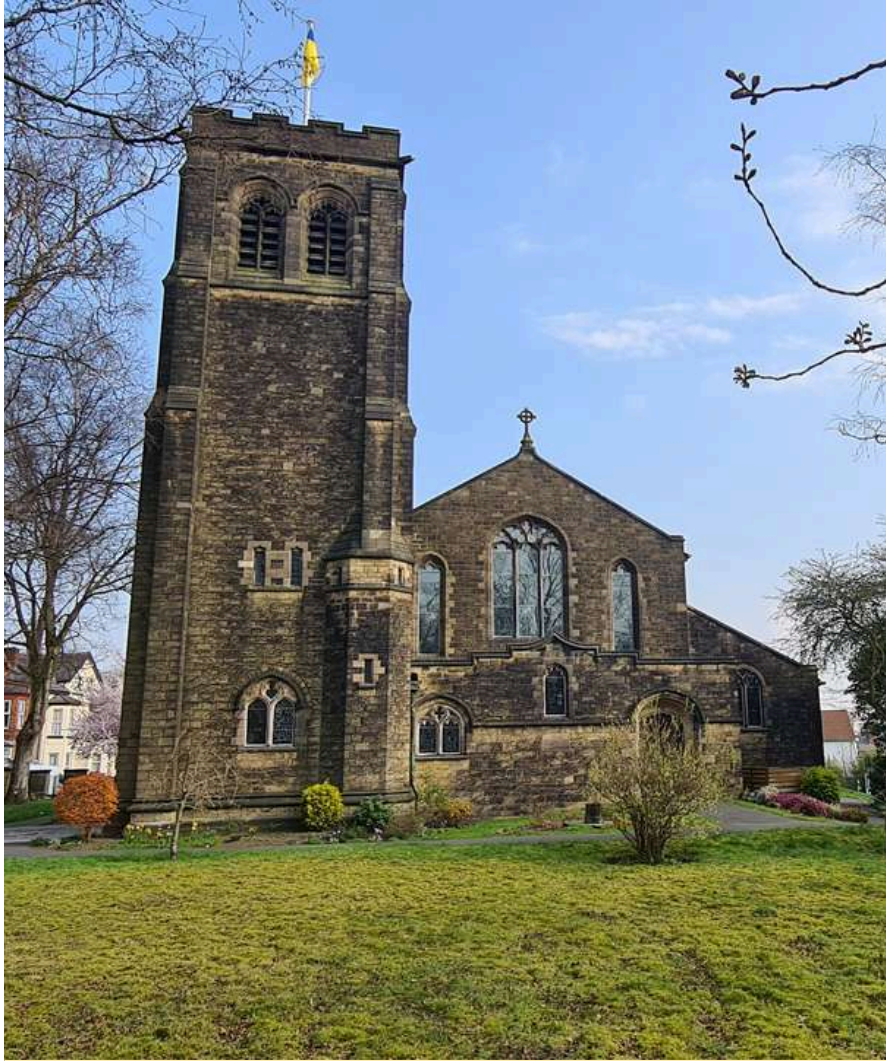
We currently operate a small team and PCC to provide our 2 services a week and calendar of events.

Assistance will be provided in creating rotas for readers and service support.

We employ an admin assistant for 10 hours a week to help with parish administrative activities such as writing of our weekly pew sheet, newsletter and monthly magazine, as well as assisting with running the hall.

We also have a caretaking agreement with Rainbow Surprise who operate the foodbank in the parish hall to provide cleaning and maintenance services and handle hall bookings.





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