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SECTION A – THE PARISH

All Saints' parish encompasses the village of North Ferriby. Situated in the East Riding of Yorkshire, on the north bank of the Humber estuary about nine miles from the city of Hull, the village is a quiet, attractive residential community, considered to be one of the most desirable places to live in the area.

Population

At the 2001 census the parish numbered 3819 inhabitants, a total which has probably increased very slightly since that date, although there has been no major building. The population presents a fairly even spread of young families, middle-aged people and retired individuals or couples.

Employment

Parishioners are engaged in a wide variety of occupations but professional and managerial work predominates, with local centres of employment being Hull and the BAE Systems, (formerly British Aerospace) factory at Brough. The percentage of unemployed people is very low. More detailed information on this and other socio-economic aspects of the community can be found in the 2001 Census Profile in Appendix 1 of this document.

Housing

Housing in the parish varies from very small, terraced properties dating back to the days of large-scale agriculture and the existence of a brick factory, through post-war estates to very large houses of all ages. Most recent developments have tended to be of the "in-fill" variety, taking advantage of the large gardens attached to many of the older properties.

Schools

The only school in North Ferriby is the C. of E. Primary School, which currently has 300 pupils. The great majority of children leaving this school go to South Hunsley Secondary School in the neighbouring village of Melton.

The village primary school has a strong Christian ethos. The incumbent of All Saints' is an ex-officio member of the Governors and the P.C.C. nominates two other Foundation Governors. The previous incumbent held regular weekly assemblies in the school, in tandem with the local Methodist minister. He also led occasional services for school pupils and parents such as the Christingle and annual School Leavers' services.

There are a number of nursery and play-groups in the village. None of these has any direct links with the church.

Other Denominations

The village has a well-supported and active Methodist church. Relations between the two churches are good and each month a joint evening service is held, alternating in venue. The recently formed Christian after-school club at the Primary school (see page 5) is a joint venture, started and led by members of both churches.

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SECTION B - THE LOCAL CHURCH

Church Worship

(a) We attach considerable importance to biblical exposition and teaching, incorporating a firm belief in the gospel-based tenets of the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection and the miracles.

(b) The church tradition is not one that can be easily categorised by one of the standard labels. Our custom and practice has been to honour a wide-range of liturgical traditions, ranging from the Book of Common Prayer, through Common Worship to more informal worship and special approaches such as Taizé services.

We regard this variety of approaches as a strength because, although there are effectively different congregations in our church, there is considerable overlap between them and they co-exist harmoniously. With good leadership we can continue to work together to achieve much for our community and to the greater glory of God.

(c) Normal services in church alternated between 3 and 4 each Sunday. Services were attended by over 120 people each week. A detailed schedule, with average attendance, is attached as Appendix 2. Morning Prayer was said in church each weekday except Wednesdays, when Holy Communion was held. This pattern of services, with slight amendments to allow for the absence of an incumbent, will continue through the interregnum.

A short act of worship is included in the activities of the ABC Club (see page 5) on 30 weeks of the year. Regular monthly services of Holy Communion are held in the residential home for the elderly in the village.

There were 12 services of Holy Communion per month. Special guest services on themes, e.g. medical, education, have been successful, as well as Valentine services for the renewal of marriage vows.

(d) As one of the centres of our local community the church is the scene of many baptisms, weddings and funerals. Statistics for these occasional offices can be found in the table in Appendix 3. The church's policy on baptism is a sympathetic one and all genuine requests for the baptism of infants, children and adults are welcomed. Baptisms may take place during the regular worship at a scheduled family service or at a separately arranged service.

In respect of weddings, the church has shown a sympathetic understanding of the spiritual needs of divorced people. If appropriate they could be married in church; otherwise a blessing was offered.

(e) Clergy and lay assistants usually wear choir dress, i.e. cassock and surplice, for all Sunday services. Vestments are not normally worn.

The Communion Table is furnished with the liturgical altar frontal, flowers, two candles and a cross.

(f) We are fortunate to have several talented musicians and music plays an important part in our worship. The church has a Director of Music who is paid a monthly retainer. Two hymnbooks are used regularly: Mission Praise (predominantly) and the Anglican Hymn Book. These are supplemented by other music on an occasional basis, as appropriate to the theme of the service.

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Church Organisations

(a) The electoral roll of All Saints' currently numbers 250 souls, of whom approximately 20 are not resident in the village. The parish has a vibrant spiritual and social life with many organisations run by and/or involving members of the church family.

(b) The Parochial Church Council has 17 members, including the incumbent, and meets monthly throughout the year except in August. The Mission Committee and Parish Hall Committee operate as sub-committees of the P.C.C.

(c) The Mission Committee has grown considerably in strength of purpose and commitment in recent times. It has become a strong focus for fellowship and sees its role very much as raising awareness within the community of the wider needs in the world that we can help to meet. The Committee organises events and fund-raising for the various charities that we support (see list, p.8) and has hosted a number of local and regional events for them in our parish hall. A recent initiative has been the setting up of an emergency disaster relief fund, which enabled us to send £500 immediately to help the victims of the S.E. Asia Tsunami.

The parish has a Mission Partner in the Sudan who is supported by prayer and giving. Two years ago a special appeal from this source resulted in a donation of nearly £3000 from the parish.

(d) In recent years the Home Groups in the parish were re-organised and now comprise seven groups which meet regularly for study, worship and discussion, based on EMMAUS material; membership ranges from 6 to 10. Enquirers and new members of the church are encouraged to join one of these groups.

(e) The "Ferryman" are a group of men from the parish who meet monthly to discuss issues of the day from a Christian viewpoint.

(f) The Mothers' Union has an active joint branch with our neighbouring parish of St. Barnabas, Swanland. It meets monthly and in addition to fellowship, worship and study has been very successful in recent years in supporting and raising funds for M.U. projects at home and overseas.

(g) The N.O.E.L.A. Group (No One Ever Left Alone) brings together widowed and single people in the village who may otherwise be in danger of being without company or companionship. Social events and outings are organised, including a joint annual lunch with the M.U.

(h) The parish Julian Group, which meets monthly for silent, contemplative worship, has a membership of a dozen people. The group was deliberately set up as an ecumenical activity and includes Roman Catholic members.

(i) The Lay Pastoral Group (L.P.G.), chaired by the vicar was established to support the incumbent in his pastoral work. Its function is to identify pastoral needs in the parish and to ensure that they are met by a team of appropriate people, rather than by the vicar alone. An example of its work is the pre-baptism visits made to families and the post-baptism follow-up carried out by the same member of the L.P.G.

(j) One of the priorities identified by the parish strategy group was the need to develop work with children and young people. The traditional Sunday School continues to operate, with relatively small numbers, but has been

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supplemented in the last four years by four other initiatives.

(k) All Saints' Youth Club operates every Wednesday night in term time in the Parish Hall, with a junior section (Years 6 & 7) and a senior section (Year 8 and above). The activities of the Club are currently secular in nature, all the leaders being members of All Saints' church, who launched the initiative with the support of the P.C.C., the Parish Council and the local police. Average weekly attendance is 45 children in the junior section and 25 in the senior.

(l) The ABC Club (Adults, Babies and Children) meets every Monday afternoon in the Parish Hall and includes a short act of worship. Attendance often reaches 40 babies and children, with accompanying adults.

(m) In September 2004, after several months preparation, members of All Saints' and the Methodist church launched an after school Christian club called SupaClub and based on ideas and materials from Scripture Union. The school has been very supportive of this move and allows free use of the premises and equipment. The Club meets weekly in term time and is open to 30 children in years 4 & 5.

(n) A group for older children, called "Double Figures", met in the vicarage on Sunday evenings. We hope to maintain and develop this group as young people of this age are clearly seen as a priority in our future plans.

(o) The church has a small but growing and enthusiastic choir who sing each Sunday according to a schedule arranged so that they participate in both the B.C.P and C.W. forms during the course of a month. The choir is

robed or not as appropriate to the service. We have a policy of inclusiveness and the only requirements for members are that they should enjoy singing and be prepared to practise. The choir schedule includes B.C.P Choral Evensong once a month and the recently introduced Taizé service.

(p) The church has six bells, including one cast in the 13th Century, and an enthusiastic band of twelve ringers. They ring once on Sunday and practise one evening each week. They ring for special occasions and weddings and welcome visiting bands and peal bands from time to time.

(q) Another recent, very successful initiative has been the Kneeler Group, which has met regularly under the leadership of a parishioner to make and embroider kneelers for the church. The meetings have proved to be very popular and draw people into church where they feel welcome as their work is honoured. The completed kneelers are gradually filling the church with colour and originality as more and more are dedicated.

(r) The Social and Fund-raising Committee does invaluable work in developing its own initiatives but also in supporting other groups in their activities. The availability of a modern parish hall means that meetings, social events and parish meals can be held on a regular basis, which generate not only funds for a variety of causes but also a strong community spirit. Christmas bazaars and summer fairs are an established part of community life and often involve local school children and their parents.

(s) The Parish Magazine was re-launched as "About Ferriby" four years ago and has been a great success,

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becoming a village magazine rather than something read only by churchgoers. The circulation of 800 belies a much wider readership across the community. A copy of a recent edition is available on request. The incumbent will normally be expected to make a monthly contribution to the religious or spiritual content of the magazine.

Development

As can be seen from the above, we are a very active parish. Nonetheless there are areas of church and community life which, given the right leadership and support could be developed further. This is particularly true of work with children and young people, which has been identified by many parishioners as a top priority.

The previous incumbent supported strongly those working with children and young people. What has been achieved has laid the ground-work for what could be exciting developments in bringing young people in particular into the church family and in the longer term towards filling the gap currently left by young adults in this parish as in many others. Inspired by the visit of the Archbishop of York to the parish, work with children and young people is our top priority.

Another priority identified in recent discussions is the need to develop the prayer life of the parish.

Assistance

(a) The parish has four trained Readers, one of whom is a Canon of York Minster. All four are active and involved in the worship and work of the parish. Two members of the congregation are currently in training to become non-stipendiary ministers.

(b) In recent years the Readers have led or assisted at services and home groups. They lead or participate actively in the work of the Mission Committee, the work with children, N.O.E.L.A., the choir and many other activities. One of the Readers, a retired G.P., has visited Nepal on a number of occasions to assist at surgical clinics, working for one of the charities that we also support financially. One of our parishioners, also a G.P., has visited Romania to work with the charity Children in Distress.

(c) The Parish employs a part-time administrator who works 17 hours per week in the parish office and a part-time caretaker for the hall, who works 7 and a half hours per week.

Other Institutions

The previous incumbent was chaplain to the village branch of the British Legion and to North Ferriby United Football Club. In addition, he regularly held services in the residential home for the elderly. Within the parish there is a home for young adults who have a range of disabilities, which has a number of links with the church.

The Church

(a) All Saints' is the only Anglican church in the parish. It is a pleasant building with a 50 m. high spire and is set in the middle of the village. The building dates from the early Victorian era, although there has been a church or equivalent building on the site since Saxon times. A recent village-wide appeal to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee resulted in the addition of two new clock faces to the existing one on the spire.

(b) The current quinquennial report was carried out in July 2000 and a number of recommendations relating to work on specific areas of damp have not yet

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been actioned, in order to assess the impact of recent external work intended to resolve the overall problem of damp. There are no other significant items of repair outstanding.

(c) There have been a number of urgent and/or expensive repairs to the church building during the last few years that were not contained in the recommendation within the quinquennial report. These have included extensive re-tiling and repairs to the church roof; repairs to the steeple which was discovered not to be properly secured at the top; and repairs and maintenance to the belfry.

There has been other work carried out; such as that to tackle the damp problem mentioned in the quinquennial report, and repairs to cracked stained glass windows. Additional work is due to be carried out in the near future, and this includes repairing the church path and in the process raising it to ease access into the church porch, continuing with the tidying up of the graveyard, and repairing a number of windows damaged during a recent burglary. The total cost of these non-routine items is in excess of £30,000 - with most falling within the last year.

(d) The Friends of Ferriby Church is a charitable trust set up to help with the upkeep and repair of the church. Their financial assistance has been invaluable in carrying out some of the work listed above.

(e) To assist those with disabilities the church is equipped with an excellent P.A. and loop system and a supply of large-print hymn books. The path to the main entrance is to be raised and smoothed in order to improve access for the disabled.

Church Property

(a) The parish is fortunate in having a modern hall, which is 5 years old. This is a pleasant, light, single-storey building with excellent facilities, including a large main hall with a capacity of 200 people and a slightly smaller section which can be used as one, two or three rooms, with the aid of easily moved partitions. The building also houses the Parish Office, a room for the part-time caretaker, two storerooms, and toilets. The kitchen is equipped with cooker, microwave, dishwasher and fridge-freezer. P.A. and sound systems, with loop facility, are incorporated into the building.

(b) The hall is widely used as a church and community facility. Regular meetings of all the church organisations described above take place in the hall. Many activities such as dance classes, Adult Education Courses, Yoga, and social activities such as children's parties contribute towards the financial upkeep. The hall has also housed local council consultations and the public inquiry into the new junction on the A63 trunk road.

(c) P.C.C. policy is that the hall should be self-financing and to date this has been the case. Currently the annual running costs of the hall, including payment of the caretaker, are covered by the rental income but this income may be insufficient to cover any major repair and maintenance costs that arise in future.

(d) The hall is run by a management committee, chaired by a member of the P.C.C. and reporting through him to the Council. The other members of the committee are generally representative of the church organisations that use the hall most.

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Church Finances

(a) The church's income and expenditure for 2004 may be summarised as follows:

INCOME

Sunday collections	£20,211
Standing Orders	£20,280
Gift Aid tax	£11,604

In addition, there were fees for weddings and funerals, and sundry donations.

EXPENDITURE

Parish Quota (100%)	£45,181
Fabric and repair costs	£13,488
Churchyard	£12,453
Administrator	£5,722
Insurance	£2,544
Paper and office	£1,925

These figures exclude money given to missions and charities (see below). The Friends of Ferriby Church made significant contributions to the sums spent on fabric and repairs.

The church has no significant debts.

The Gift-Aid scheme is administered by a member of the parish. During 2004 approximately 265 people contributed to parish funds via Gift Aid.

Giving To Charities And Missions In 2004

Tear Fund
£174.50

International Nepal Fellowship
£377.18

CMS
£199.23

DEC Sudan Appeal
£800.00

The Leprosy Mission
£250.56

Christian Aid £
1473.83

British Red Cross (S E Asia)
£500.00

Mothers' Union projects
£1000.00

N.B. Christian Aid is a village-wide, joint-church activity

Parish Life

(a) There have been a considerable number of events and developments in the parish in recent years, which could be described as significant. The growth of the Mission Committee and the home groups, the evolution of the parish magazine and the developments in work with children have been highlighted elsewhere in this profile. The training of Readers and ordinands and their contribution to Christian life and witness in our community and beyond are also of considerable importance.

(b) The parish responded strongly to the initiative launched by the Archbishop of York and entitled "Living the Gospel", which led to the establishment of a parish "Strategy Group". The Archbishop came to the parish and inspired a number of responses in considering and planning the best way forward for the parish. Out of these discussions came the agreed need to concentrate on children and young people, which is a theme of our work and of this document. A second priority identified was that of

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developing All Saints' as a centre of the local community and thirdly the need to follow up those who attend the church for the first time.

(c) Of specific significance in the work of the Mission Committee has been the development of a "Fair Trade" campaign. Following talks given during services, fairly traded goods are on sale in church once a month and have elicited a very positive response, both financially and in terms of raising awareness of the issues involved.

SECTION C – DETAILS FOR A NEW PRIEST

(a) The vicarage is a four-bedroomed modern house with an en-suite master bedroom. It is situated in a pleasant area of the village, about half a mile from the church. It has an integral garage, small gardens back and front, a study, central heating and all usual facilities. It is in a good state of decoration.

(b) Details of village schools are given in section A. Some children in the village attend schools outside the parish including Hull Collegiate School (a Church Schools Company school, for ages 2-18) and Hymers College in Hull (an independent, co-educational, 8-18 school)

(c) Most villagers divide their shopping between the local shops, the supermarkets that are a short drive away on the outskirts of Hull and the bigger shops in the city itself. The village has a small Co-op supermarket, a butcher/baker's, newsagent, a post office, chemist's, three ladies' hairdressers, a children's clothes shop and an estate agent. There are an Italian restaurant, a café and a fish-and-chip/pizza shop.

(d) There is one public house in the village and two social clubs, at the British Legion and the Football Club. There are numerous sports and games clubs, including bowls, cricket, tennis, squash, and bridge.

(e) Village services include a branch library, 2 G.P.s' surgeries, a dentist and two taxi firms.

(f) The village is on the main railway line out of Hull and has direct connections to York, Leeds and Doncaster. Direct trains to London stop at Brough station, 10 minutes drive away. There is a regular bus service to Hull and to the villages to the west of Ferriby. The village lies just to the south of the main A63 trunk road leading out of Hull to the west and onto the M62. The nearby Humber (toll) Bridge gives easy access into Lincolnshire and further south.

SECTION D – QUALITIES OF A NEW PRIEST

We are seeking a priest who is Christ-centred, to be the focus of a Spirit-led church. He/she will have a pastoral concern for the cure of souls and will be caring, loving, and considerate, a good listener with a sense of humour.

We attach great importance to inspired, Bible-based teaching from a pastor who believes in the reality of the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection and the miracles as portrayed in the Gospels. We believe that it is important that he/she should have an appropriate level of academic ability and education.

The person appointed should be at ease with traditional and innovative worship. He/she should be prayerful, flexible, open-minded, willing to work with the local Methodist church and other denominations, and inclusive in

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his/her relations with the parish and the wider community.

In order to meet the perceived needs of the parish for the immediate future we would welcome a priest who has experience of and a vocation for working with young people and is able to lead a team in expanding our current work with children.

Our parish has considerable human resources and great potential for development. A new incumbent should be able to work with a variety of talented lay people and be committed to broadening the appeal of the church to the local community at all levels.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council:

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APPENDIX 2

Summary of times and forms of service in use at All Saints' North Ferriby and average attendance prior to the current interregnum.

Sunday in month	Time of Service	Service and Rite	Attendance	Adults	Children
First	08.00	HC BCP	5	5	
	09.00	HC BCP	22	22	
	10.30	HC CW	70	58	12
	18.30	Evensong BCP	23	23	
Second	09.00	HC BCP	23	23	
	10.30	MP CW	7	54	16
	18.30	EP CW	15	15	
Third	08.00	HC BCP	5	5	
	09.00	HC BCP	23	23	
	10.30	MP CW (Bap.)	100	75	25
	18.30	EP CW	25	25	
Fourth	09.00	HC BCP	24	24	
	10.30	MP CW	80	65	15
	18.30	EP CW	25	25	
Fifth	09.00	HC BCP	22	22	
	10.30	MP CW	70	58	12
	18.30	EP CW	30	30	

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APPENDIX 3

a) Occasional Offices over the last 2 years

	2003	2004
Baptisms (Adults)	5	0
Baptisms (Children)	24	24
Weddings	18	18
Blessings of a Marriage	1	1
Funerals (in church)	13	21
Funerals (Crematorium only)	22	20
Confirmation Candidates		Adults 2 Children 1

In addition to the above and the regular festivals of the church year services or special events were held to mark the following:

All Saints' Day
 All Souls' Day
 Taizé
 Valentine Service (National Marriage Week)
 The Feast of the Passover
 Good Friday Meditations
 Christingle Services
 School Leavers' Service
 Friends of Ferriby Church Thanksgiving Service
 Remembrance Service
 Mothers' Union Communion Service
 Musicians' Service
 Service for Medical Workers