

# St James' and St Peter's Yeovil

'A Wholehearted Church'



## Parish profile for the Parish of Preston Plucknett, Yeovil, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells

### The churches of St James' and St Peter's

*Thank you for taking time to read this profile. If you choose to apply for the position as our new vicar, we look forward to meeting you.*

*If you choose not to apply, we pray God's hand will continue to guide you in your search for a new role.*



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We are two churches in one parish looking for an inspiring, enabling vicar to lead us forward in the work of bringing the Good News to our communities.

We are friendly, all-age, growing churches, with a relaxed open evangelical style, situated in an expanding parish which offers many varied opportunities to bring God's word to His people.

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## Our Parish Vision

In 2010, after listening to God and discerning his vision for our parish and churches, we were led to launch the 2020 Vision at our AGM. In ten years time what would our parish look like if we faithfully followed God's word? This vision has developed into the picture of a wholehearted church.

### Encountering God

in worship, within scripture, through prayer, by healing, in small groups, in daily life

### Gathering Community

growing in number and in love as a church, bringing people together in our everyday life settings, bringing people to faith in Jesus, and offering a generous welcome to the hurting

### Growing as Disciples

discovering and using our gifts, growing in character and holiness, growing in confidence and in love

### Living the Gospel

working out our Christian calling on our daily frontlines, at home, at work, in the neighbourhood and the community, living distinctive lives and sharing our faith in a natural way.

Our vision is to become churches where we:

- Encounter God more deeply
- Grow as Disciples
- Live the Gospel 24/7 in our everyday contexts
- Gather Community, both within our churches and across the parish

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## Our Parish Vision – Encountering God

For many of the church membership, the real heart of the church is our **Cell Groups**. This structure forges close bonds and provides real opportunities to Encounter God, to Grow as Disciples, and to encourage one another to Live the Gospel. There are 10 cells across the parish, involving over 90 members from both churches.

After our Sunday services, many of the congregation are ministered to by the **Prayer and Healing Ministry Team**, receiving prayer in a quiet, informal, confidential manner.

St James' is blessed with a dynamic and committed **Worship team**, whose aspiration is to help the congregation to Encounter God by leading worship in a sensitive way. The group has a wide repertoire of worship songs, from traditional to contemporary, mindful of both the variety of services we provide at St. James', and of the diverse makeup of the congregation. The group has recently started an initiative to encourage and develop the musically able children in the congregation to become the next generation of worship leaders.



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## Our Parish Vision – Growing as Disciples

The church encourages its membership to Grow as Disciples, both through the Cell Groups, and also by encouraging and supporting members to take part in the **Alpha** Course and other courses via the Deanery and the Diocese.

A **Preaching Group** was formed just over a year ago, in which lay-people within the church, identified as having a calling to preaching, are being trained to develop their ability to preach. The group currently numbers two women and one man. This is a very strong initiative, and not only benefits the individuals themselves, but also enriches the church as a whole.

The church spent several weeks a few years ago examining ourselves, trying to understand our individual gifts and how they may be used. One of the activities that came out of it was the **Lay Pastoral Assistants Group** – members of the congregation who are trained to come alongside others to offer comfort, care and a listening ear.

For many years the churches have had an annual **Weekend Away** with the opportunity for worship, teaching, fellowship and recreation. For the last 5 years this has been held at the Heatree Christian Activity Centre on Dartmoor.

A number from our congregations attend the **New Wine Summer Conference** each year, to reinvigorate their faith with fellowship, teaching, challenging talks and Spirit-led worship.



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## Our Parish Vision – Growing as Disciples *continued*

The younger members are also encouraged to Grow as Disciples through Sunday school (**Junior Church** at St. James', and the **Sunday Club** at St. Peter's), and the **LIFT** youth group (12-18 year olds) at St. James'. St. James' Junior Church is firmly focussed on making God a living reality in the children's lives: how to listen to God and how God can help them deal with life issues. St. Peter's Sunday Club, is a challenging undertaking, as the children are unaccompanied and unchurched from the Westfield Estate, and the helpers are elderly members of St. Peter's congregation. At LIFT, the focus is on Bible study and growing faith together, as well as supporting each other in the group. Once a month, LIFT gets together with the youth groups of other churches in Yeovil, in an initiative called **Unite**. This is a great opportunity for the youngsters to experience the wider body of Christ, and how exciting it can be to work together as a much larger body of Christians.



In recent years a number of the young people have attended the **Soul Survivor** summer event at Shepton Mallet.

Through our youth worker we also have strong involvement with the **Christian Unions** in two of our local secondary schools. These weekly meetings typically attract around 10 school children at each session.

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## Our Parish Vision – Living the Gospel

Jesus said 'Love one another' and members of both churches have felt called to bring Jesus' love to the parish, and to the Westfield Estate in particular. A number of initiatives have grown over the past eight years, welcoming the residents and children of Westfield into the church: Messy Church, Tea and Toast, St. Peter's Sunday Club ... but more of these later.

Since **Yeovil Street Pastors** were set up eight years ago, members of both churches contribute their time to Live the Gospel on the streets of Yeovil, ministering to those who inhabit the night time economy.

Both churches regularly contribute items to the **Lord's Larder Food Bank**.



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## Our Parish Vision – Gathering Community

For many in our parish, church means Messy Church, Tea and Toast or Café Church.

**Messy Church** has been held monthly at St Peters since 2008. Run jointly by the two churches, it provides a safe, family friendly and fun morning of Christian-based play activities, culminating in a simple service followed by lunch. Most of those who attend are people who would not normally come to church and hear the Christian message or Encounter God in their lives.

**Tea and Toast** is another very successful attempt at Gathering Community. For the last 5 years, working principally with challenging non-churched 14-17 year-olds from the Westfield estate, Tea and Toast provides a weekly safe haven, a place to relax, a listening ear, and the message of Christ. These are youngsters who really need to be shown that there *are* adults who care for them, adults who will always be there for them. The love of God is really at work here. This venture has been blessed and has recently expanded to include a second, younger group (11-13 year olds). The 6 volunteers minister to around 18 children over both groups at St. Peter's.

The **Café Service** is held one Sunday a month at the Abbey Manor Community Centre and is a relaxed and informal all-age gathering aimed at those on the fringes of the church.

Other initiatives and groups aimed at Growing Community include **Tots and Toys**, and **Abbey Manor Parents and Toddlers**. These provide a safe, friendly, fun, meeting ground for mothers with pre-school children at different locations in the Parish. The Christian message is deliberately low key and they are very popular, with around 50 adults and children attending each group.



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## Our Parish Vision – Gathering Community *continued*

There are a number of social groups at St. James', within which there is scope for fellowship and helping one another grow in our faith. These include a **Men's Group**, meeting in the pub, a **Ladies Group** and a monthly **Coffee Morning**.

One of the newest groups is **Knit and Natter** and after just a year, the group has grown to around 20 ladies, from both within and outside the church membership.

The **Luncheon Club** at St. Peter's provides a weekly lunch and friendship for an elderly group of people, many of whom don't regularly get out of their homes. This group currently ministers to about a dozen people each week.

One of the cell groups has also started a **Monthly Communion** service at one of the local retirement homes, a reminder of how a gentle approach to the Christian faith can produce much benefit.

Also associated with the churches are a number of groups who use the buildings as a venue, including **Bell ringers**, **Quilters**, a **Community Choir**, **Bingo**, **12 Steps**, **Brownies**, and **Rainbows**.



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## Our Parish Vision – some of our challenges

St. Peter's has a growing number of unaccompanied children attending every Sunday. Some are hungry when they arrive and most have had no experience of church. They have been graciously welcomed and accepted but the small, mainly elderly, congregation are struggling to provide adequate supervision to engage and interact with them.

To implement the proposal to include a small nearby parish (Odcombe Detached) into Preston Plucknett. This will increase our numbers by approximately a further 1000 people. (See appendix 1)

To encourage our congregations to reach out and bring the good news of Jesus to our local and wider community.

To encourage and nurture those on the fringes of our churches.

Like most churches, finances can be an issue. Parish share over the past few years has risen at a rate well above inflation and annual wage increases and, although it has always been paid, we need to continue to encourage our already very generous congregations to increase giving not just for church running costs but to maintain our levels of charitable giving.

To find ways of using our new facilities so that both churches can be seen to be at the heart of community life.

To raise sufficient funds to enable the replacement of St. Peter's old hall with a purpose-built community hall and to ensure that an acceptable form of management is agreed and incorporated.

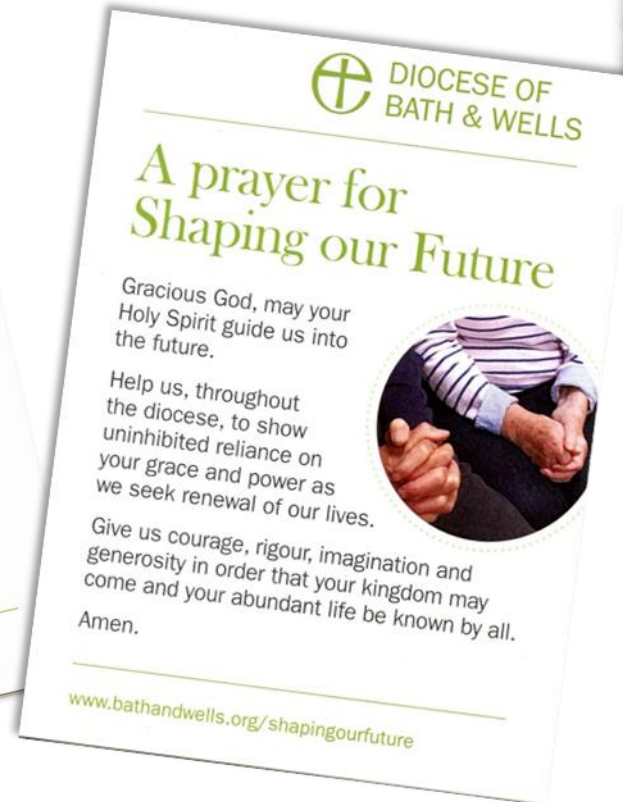
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## How does our Parish Vision fit into the Diocesan vision?

Our Bishops Peter and Ruth, both fairly new to the Diocese, have been encouraging us all to take a fresh look at how we seek to be God's people, living and telling out the story of Jesus. This stands firmly alongside our parish vision for a wholehearted church and encourages us to take the story of Jesus into our community in new ways.



**'In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus'**

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## The Diocesan vision *continued*

### A message from Bishop Peter

We are all part of the fellowship of Christians in Somerset and beyond. As followers of Jesus we are called to listen to his words, follow in his steps and allow him to transform our lives.

We have been thinking about how we might shape our future and been developing a new diocesan strategy with this purpose in our hearts. Prayerful discussion and consultation throughout the diocese has confirmed our conviction of the need to be more intentional and missional in our use of all that God has given and entrusted to us.

This conviction is driven by our vision for the diocese:

**In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.**

We will only deliver this vision if all of us across the diocese work together under God to help make this happen. I invite you to play a role in helping make this vision a reality.

This is the start of an exciting new chapter for Bath and Wells, one that we will need to continue to revisit, rework and develop as together we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.

I look forward to walking this journey with you as we seek together to follow Christ in all things.

+ Peter Bath and Wells

**Rt Revd Peter Hancock,**  
Bishop of Bath and Wells



We have discerned three priorities for action that need to be at the centre of our diocesan life to help each and every one of us to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'.

### To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do

This means that we will *shape* our life together to serve and embrace our communities better; we will undertake activities and initiatives with an explicitly missional purpose and engage proactively with our communities at a personal, parish, deanery and diocesan level.



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### To realign our ministry resources towards mission

This means that we will *shift* the balance of the resources we deploy towards mission and provide resources for explicitly missional roles; that we will seek numerical and spiritual growth as we trust in the leading and guiding of God's Holy Spirit.



### To identify, develop and use the gifts of all our people

This means that we will seek new ministry models that help us to make best use of the gifts and talents that God has given to his people; that we will seek to build congregations that flourish through serving each other, serving their communities and witnessing to the love of God in Jesus Christ.



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## The person we are looking for

We are looking for someone who:

- is a visionary leader with a passion for reaching people, whoever they are, with the good news of Jesus,
- is mature in faith, faithful in prayer,
- can work collaboratively and who can recognise, nurture and use the gifts and talents in our congregations,
- has a pastoral heart and who is able to relate to people of all ages,
- is open to the ministry and the encouragement of the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
- is able to hold together traditional and contemporary styles of worship,
- is committed to the development of male and female leadership in every aspect of church ministry,
- will encourage and welcome all-comers to our churches.

Because of our strong links to Preston CofE Primary School our new vicar would be expected to be a DBE Trust Appointed Governor of this local school.

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## What support we can offer

- An Associate Vicar, who currently shares his time on a half-time basis between St James'/St Peter's and a Deanery Mission role
- The support of a Distinctive Deacon (in training under the supervision of the Associate Vicar)
- A Reader
- A committed leadership team
- An administrator
- A supportive congregation
- A strong underpinning of fellowship and unity within the church, sustained by the established Cell structure of the church body

Other supporting roles include:

- A team of youth and children's leaders
- A team of volunteer lay pastoral assistants
- A prayer ministry team
- Music worship leaders
- Healing ministry
- A parish website

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## The Vicarage

A modern purpose-built vicarage (1992) approx. 100 metres from St. James'

- 4 bedrooms, 1 en-suite
- Family bathroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Dining room
- Downstairs study
- Downstairs cloakroom
  
- Solar panels
- Mature front and rear gardens
- Tarmac drive
- Double garage

Local shops, supermarket and schools within walking distance



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## Our town

Yeovil is the principal town of South Somerset with a growing population of around 45,000 and serves as a hub for the surrounding area. The major employer is Leonardo Helicopters (formerly Westland Helicopters) and several thousand are employed there and in associated industries. Another major employer is the naval air station of RNAS Yeovilton which lies about 6 miles to the north of the town and is the primary base of the Royal Navy's helicopter fleet.



Socially, Yeovil is an average town without significant extremes of poverty or prosperity and has relatively low unemployment. The social mix is mainly white British together with a recent significant Eastern European community within the town.



Yeovil is a pleasant town and prides itself on having "The Heart of the Country, the Mind of a City". Amenities include a theatre, health centres, a cinema complex, swimming pool, shopping centre, country park, and a district general hospital which offers a number of specialist facilities. The hospital trust employs about 2,200 staff. Yeovil has a country park and numerous recreational, sports and play areas. There is a further education college and a university centre connected to Bournemouth University. Yeovil Town Football Club (the 'Glovers') are currently in League Two, although they did spend one season in the dizzy heights of the Championship. Their stadium is on our parish boundary.

Communications are good, with rail links to London, Bristol, Weymouth and the South West. London is about 3 hours away by car and Salisbury, Taunton, Exeter and Bath can be reached in about an hour. There is superb countryside in all directions including the World Heritage Jurassic coast to the south, the Mendip Hills to the north and the Quantocks, Exmoor and Dartmoor within easy striking distance.



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## Our Parish

Preston Plucknett serves an area in the north west of the town and is one of the four parishes in Yeovil. It was once a small hamlet outside Yeovil but has grown with the building of new housing. The parish population is now approximately 14000 with new estates being built on the edges of the parish.

The parish has two churches, St. James', built in 1420 as part of the ancient hamlet of Preston Plucknett, and St. Peter's, built in the 1930s to serve the Westfield area.

The **Westfield** estate lies to the east of the parish. Much of the estate is social housing and it contains some of the more deprived areas in Yeovil. In the centre of the parish is **Larkhill** which is predominantly post-war housing. **Abbey Manor** is on the west of the parish, this is a modern estate consisting mainly of private housing.

The parish contains two of Yeovil's three secondary schools and a VC primary school as well as several care homes for the elderly.

The parish was formed in 1987, after previously being part of St. John's, the town centre Parish, and the Yeovil Team ministry. St James', as the senior of the three daughter churches of St John's, had traditionally been served by a full time priest in charge and had its own PCC and churchwardens.



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## The buildings – St James'

**St. James'** church is a grade II\* listed building built in C1420. It occupies a raised position on Preston Road, built of Yeovil stone quarried from the site that is now St. James's Close, with windows and mullions of local Ham stone. It is a small cruciform Somerset church with tower and 6 bells. The church was extensively restored in the 1850s and then remained untouched for a further 100 years until the then vicar and a team of enthusiasts built a vestry and organ loft and re-ordered the sanctuary. The churchyard includes the stump of the old preaching cross and some gravestones of note, and, at the rear of the church has been extended to provide extra burial space. The churchyard was closed for further burials by order of council in May 1985 but there is a cremated remains area in the north east corner.

When the church was built the farming hamlet it served had a population of less than 200 and the building stood at the east end of the village deep in the Somerset Countryside. With the huge expansion of population and housing over the last 40 years it is now at the centre of housing estates bordered by the Leonardo (Westland Helicopters) airfield on the south side and Retail Park and football ground to the west.

In about 1980 a faculty was obtained to build an entrance lobby onto the west end of the church with toilets and kitchen facilities and this was further extended in the late 90s to include a new kitchen, allowing the old kitchen to be converted as a parish office, and an octagonal church room that has proved to be a real blessing as a community space.



**St. James' Church, Preston Rd, Yeovil BA20 2EZ**

St. James' is a growing all-age congregation, reaching out to the community through a variety of services. Most of our folk are part of our 'Cell' structure and in recent years Alpha has formed the basis of our nurture programme. We are a friendly, prayerful, contemporary, scripturally-based, Spiritually-led community.

The church has grown consistently for the last 8 years. Average Sunday attendance is 95 adults and 25 children.

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## St James' *continued*

The church building, which seated 80 to 100 on fixed pews, has been outgrown by its congregation and as we have had regular congregations that exceeded that number over the past few years we have resorted to relaying the service into the church room on two Sundays of the month.

This has been one of the driving factors that led us to a total re-ordering of the interior of the building, which after many years of planning and fundraising finally came to fruition with work starting in September 2016. The work includes removing all the fixed furniture, replacing the floor with a stone floor and installing underfloor heating, new electrics and lighting with good audio/visual equipment. By the time a new appointment is made the church will be reopened as a warm, comfortable, adaptable worship space that will be open to the community seven days a week.

With flexible lightweight seating we will be able to reconfigure the church quickly to suit different styles of worship and community activities. We plan to have the church open every day and the south transept will be used as an inviting and quiet area for prayer and reflection.



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## The buildings – St Peter's

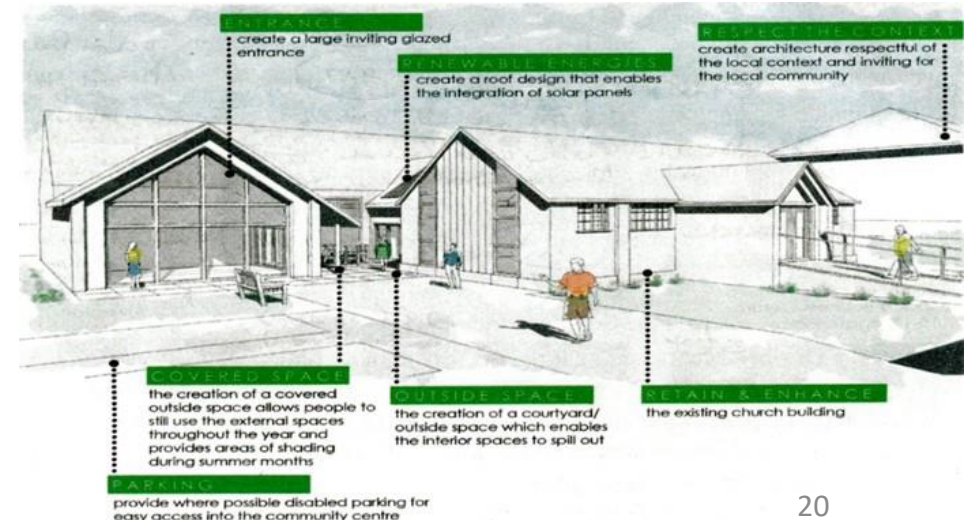
In the late 1930's the Westland Helicopters factory was expanding rapidly and there was a need for houses for newly recruited staff. Thus the Westfield Estate came into being before WW2 and St. Peter's was established as an outreach mission hall at that time. The building had a dual purpose serving as a church but also a screen could be brought down in front of the altar and the building used for dances and other social functions. The most significant development in recent years was the completion of a porch which was opened in 2009.

Originally, St Peter's was served by one of the curates based at St. John's and was administered via the PCC with its own church committee. Before becoming part of the new parish of Preston Plucknett it had many short term leaders, including Church Army Captains, but was held together by a strong lay leadership team. There is a strong tradition of lay involvement in leading worship.

The wooden hall was added in the 1950's (purchased in the first instance as an extended chicken unit from a village near Yeovil!). Recently the hall was partially revamped with the financial assistance of Yeovil Community Church who then sponsored a youth outreach programme on the Westfield Estate which continued for a number of years. Now the hall has become an increasingly attractive venue for community organisations, however as a wooden structure its days are numbered and plans are afoot to raise money for more up-to-date structure. The local council and residents are co-operating in producing plans and fund raising and an architect has been appointed.



St Peter's Church, Coronation Ave, Yeovil BA21 3DY



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## St Peter's *continued*

**St. Peter's** has a smaller and more elderly congregation, deeply embedded in the Westfield community which has been strengthened recently with the addition of some mature Christians who have moved to the area. Usual Sunday attendance is 20-25, 75% of whom are over 65. St. Peter's also hosts the parish Messy Church, which attracts 50+ each month, mainly people with whom the church has no other contact.

The church hall also hosts several social activities for older people, and is increasingly used by groups for children, youth and families.

Both churches have a relaxed ecclesiastical tradition, though in our more formal services the dress code for clergy/readers is surplice and stole.



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## Parish Statistics (2015)

Electoral roll

St. James' 129

St. Peter's 30

Membership

St. James' 150

St. Peter's 30

Occasional Offices

24 Baptisms

1 Thanksgiving

10 Weddings

23 Funerals

(11 at the church)

# Patterns of worship

St Peter's			
Every Sunday	9:00am	<b>Weekly service</b>	22 adults, 3 children
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	10:00am	<b>Messy Church</b>	45 adults, 25 children
St James'			
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10:30am	<b>Modern family-friendly service, Abbey Manor Community Centre</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> in the church	79 adults, 26 children 26 adults
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	10:30am	<b>Café-style service, Abbey Manor Community Centre</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> in the church	50 adults, 31 children 56 adults
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10:30am	<b>Contemporary Family Service</b> with children's groups	86 adults, 25 children
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10:30am	<b>Contemporary Family Communion</b> with children's groups	92 adults, 20 children
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10:30am	<b>All-age service</b>	88 adults, 21 children
1, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	6:30pm	<b>Holy Communion with Evening Prayer on 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	20 adults
Mondays	3:30pm	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	

- *St Peter's weekly services include CW Morning Prayer, Communion and informal 'Peoples' Service', using CD backing tracks.*
- *St James' formal services use CW Morning Prayer and Communion with worship led by organ and choir.*
- *Family Services use material from CW, Patterns for Worship, and are put together around the theme of the service.*
- *The Café-style service is an all-age, participative style of worship with regular use of DVD clips, prayer-stations and discussion.*
- *Services on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at St James' include a live video relay into the church room.*

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## Parish policies

**Infant Baptism** - All children are welcomed for baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend church as often as possible before a baptism takes place and an information and preparation session is always held before a date is fixed for baptism.

**Weddings** - Diocesan guidelines are followed with appropriate marriage preparation taking place.

**Safeguarding** - The Diocesan Safeguarding Policy with regard to children and vulnerable adults has been adopted by the PCC. Full details are available on the Diocesan website.  
Parish safeguarding officers have been appointed.

**Women's Ministry** - The ministry of women, both ordained and lay, is encouraged and welcomed in every aspect of parish life.

**Children in Communion** - Baptised children from age seven are admitted to communion provided they have parental consent and have completed a preparation course.

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## Finances

The finance tasks for the Parish are shared between a team of volunteers, and both Churches have experienced treasurers.

Both churches have always paid their parish share in full.

The parish employs 5 people including a parish administrator and a children's and families worker.

Our congregations give through planned giving, weekly envelopes, cash collections, and fundraising events. We actively encourage Gift Aid on all types of giving. Additionally both churches let out their church space to generate additional income.

Our PCC considers charitable giving a key Christian attribute and have pledged a minimum of £4,000 in donations this year to other registered charities both local and worldwide.

A breakdown of the parish finances are contained on subsequent slides.

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## Finances – *St James' summary*

	Year end Dec 2015
<b>Summary of St James' Finances</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Income resources from donors	89,935
Other voluntary incoming resources	22,039
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	14,971
Other trading activities	11,450
Income from investments	32
Other income	7,757
	<b>146,184</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Costs of generating funds	760
Grants	4,309
Activities relating of the work of the Church	113,962
Support costs	20,620
Church management and administration	1,214
Depreciation	3,267
	<b>144,132</b>
<b>Net movement</b>	2,052
Balances B/f	71,575
Net Movement	2,052
Balances C/f	73,627
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>6,678</b>
<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>1,407</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>65,542</b>
	73,627

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## Finances – *St Peter's Summary*

Summary of St Peter's Finances	Year end Dec 2015
<b>Income</b>	
Pledged and Loose plate giving	10,118
Donations and sundry income	3,714
Donations - Special Collections	1,367
Income from hall - less expenses	6,789
Income for Hall Project	3,410
Donations less expenses re Soul Survivor	1,811
	<b>27,209</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Common Fund	6,401
Clergy and Administration expenses	1,580
Church Running expenses	3,815
Church Charity Giving	730
Donations - special collections	1,511
Childrens & Youth Activities	2,359
Donations less expenses re Soul Survivor	0
	<b>16,396</b>
<b>Net movement</b>	10,813
Balances B/f	27,792
Net Movement	10,813
Balances C/f	38,605
Unrestricted funds	21,824
Restricted Funds	16,781
	<b>38,605</b>

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## The team



Associate Vicar  
Rev David Keen  
(half-time in the parish and half-time Deanery Mission role)



Deacon  
Rev Alison Handcock  
(full-time curacy)



Churchwarden  
St James'  
Maureen Harris



Churchwarden  
St James'  
Graham Hardacre



Churchwarden  
St Peter's  
Margaret Hamilton



Churchwarden  
St Peter's  
Stephen Baker



Reader  
Chris Harris



Pastoral Co-ordinator  
Elaine Beard  
(voluntary)



Administrator  
Joanna Newton  
(part time)



Safeguarding Officer  
Mike Cox  
(voluntary)



Sponsored Trainee  
Youth Worker  
Steve Miles  
(full time including training with Moorlands and SWYM)

**Our Children and Families Worker, Karen Eaton, has just left for another job after a very fruitful 8 years and so we currently have a vacancy for this paid, part-time role.**

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## Appendix 1- Proposal to transfer Odcombe Detached to Preston Plucknett

The Diocese are currently discussing draft proposals for benefice reorganisation on the western side of Yeovil.

One of these proposals is to transfer the parish of Odcombe Detached to Preston Plucknett. Odcombe Detached lies along the west side of Preston Plucknett (see map) and is mainly made up of industrial and commercial units varying in size from small, independent businesses to national traders. These include, Screwfix, Western Gazette newspaper, Yeovil Recycling Centre, a large retail park and most of Yeovil's major car sales outlets. It is also the home of Yeovil football club with a stadium and practice pitches and on the southern edge there are 400 homes.

There are no places of worship within the Odcombe Detached parish and the population of approximately 1000 naturally identify with Yeovil and Preston Plucknett, St. James', as their closest church rather than with Odcombe village some 2 miles away.

Preston Plucknett and the Deanery Pastoral Mission Group (DPMG) are supportive of this proposal but in order to ensure that the parish has the capacity to cope with this exciting mission opportunity some adjustment in the proportion of time allocated to the Deanery Mission Enabler/Associate Vicar Preston Plucknett, will need to be considered.

Currently the work load is shared 50% to the parish and 50% to the Deanery (with focus on new housing areas). In reality it is closer to 70% parish and 30% Deanery and it is proposed that this should be formalised by the DPMG both for the current post holder, and in the event of the post becoming vacant, to ensure that Preston Plucknett can provide for the extended parish.

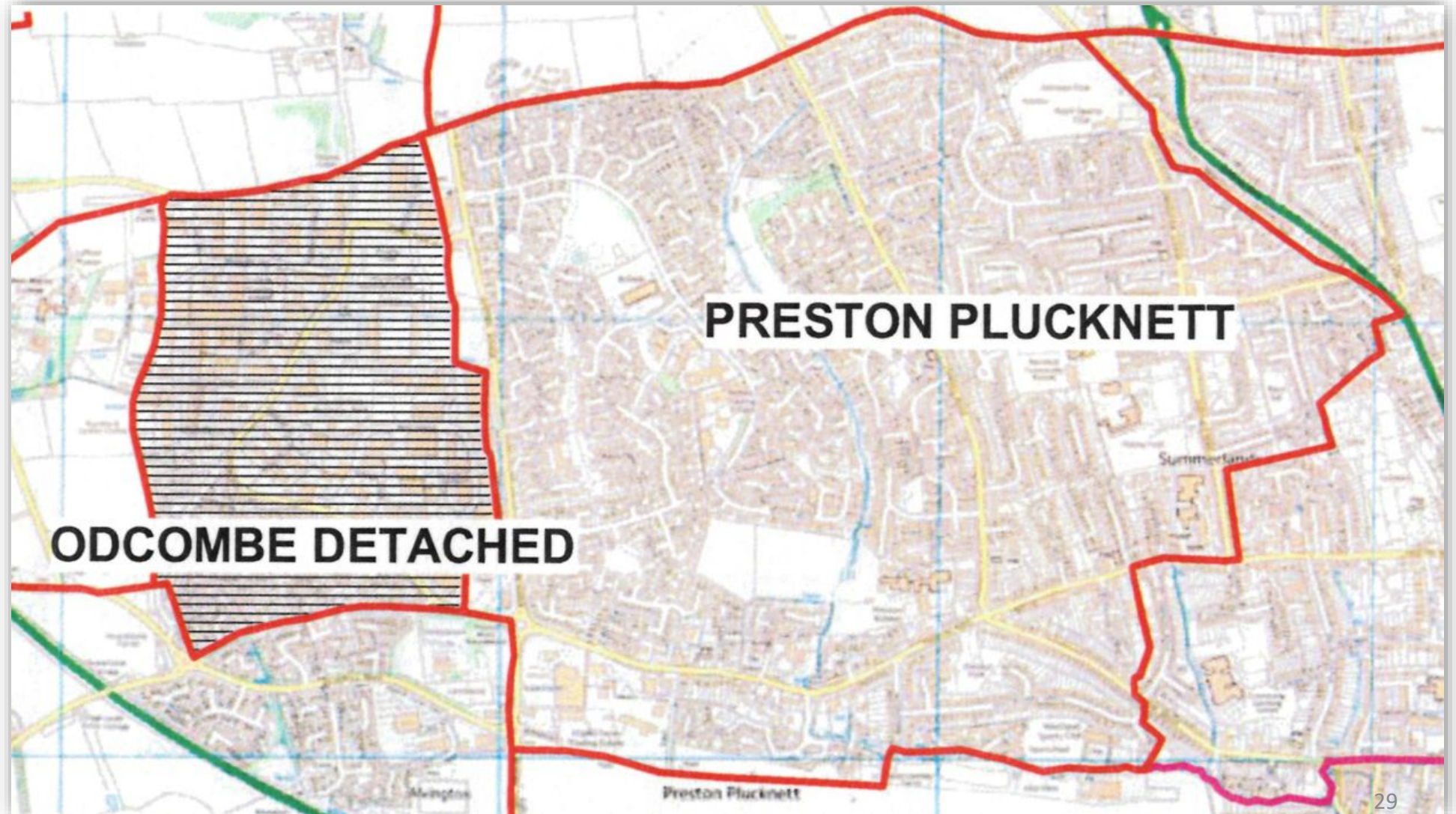
It is stressed that this proposal is still at the discussion stage, but it was felt essential that it was included in the Parish Profile as a possible future development. A map showing the current parish boundary and the proposed transfer is shown on the next page.

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## Appendix 2 - some useful links

Diocese of Bath and Wells - [www.bathandwells.org.uk](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk)

St. James' Yeovil - [www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk](http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk)

St. Peter's Yeovil - [www.stpeters-yeovil.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-yeovil.org.uk)

Yeovil Town - [www.yeoviltown.com](http://www.yeoviltown.com)

Somerset Tourist information - [www.visitsomerset.co.uk/](http://www.visitsomerset.co.uk/)