



## Community Consultation 2018 Summary

Holy Trinity Huddersfield was consecrated as a place of Christian worship in 1819. As we enter our 200<sup>th</sup> year, we continue seeking to discern how best we may fulfil our vision: **to make committed followers of Jesus, and to share his transforming love.**

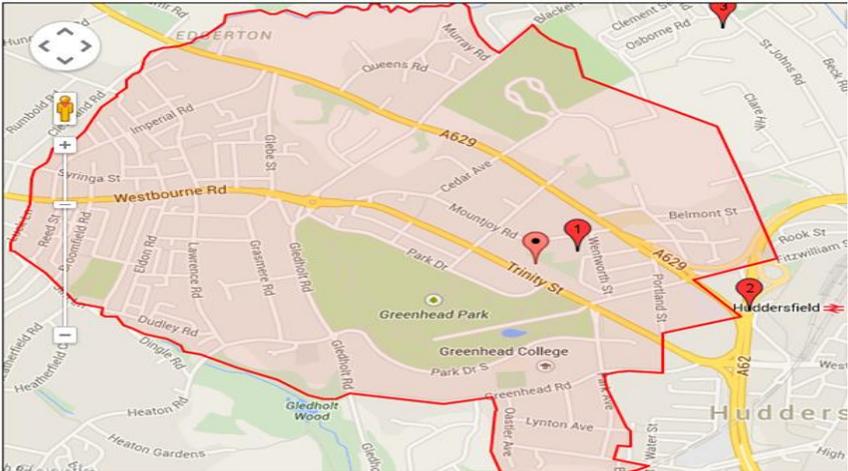
In 2018 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) commissioned a community audit/consultation of our parish, to enable us to:

- hear what our community felt were the key issues in this area
- explore how we might play our part in supporting and investing in our local community.

This process was overseen by *Futurekraft* ([www.futurekraft.org](http://www.futurekraft.org)), a Bradford-based Christian organisation, with members of the Holy Trinity congregation heavily involved in gathering the data. This document summarises the findings of Futurekraft's report, which was presented to the PCC in September 2018.

## OUR PARISH

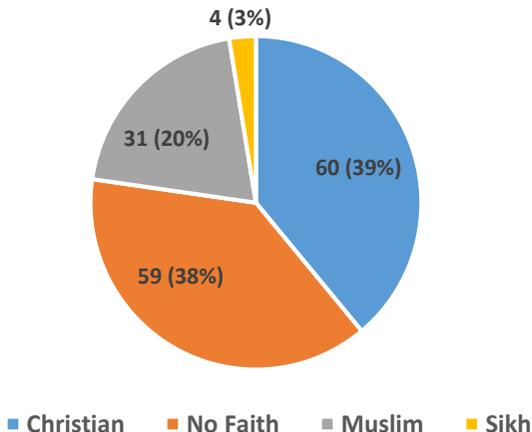
Situated on the western side of Huddersfield, the parish of Holy Trinity constitutes approximately 6,200 people. The parish includes the areas of Edgerton, Highfield, Marsh, and Springwood and Greenhead Park also lies within our parish.



## WHO WAS CONSULTED?



154 people completed a survey, 150 (97%) of whom lived in the parish. In addition, local community groups were also consulted (e.g. Friends of Greenhead Park, local councillors, Marsh Forum, Trinity and Greenhead Residents' Association). Those responding identified their religious affiliation as follows;



## KEY FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTATION

*The 'best' things about our parish are:*

Proximity to the  
Town Centre

Greenhead  
Park

The  
Community

*The 'worst' things about our parish are:*

Traffic/Roads/  
Parking

Crime and anti-  
social behaviour

Litter and  
fly-tipping

*The perceived challenges in our parish are:*

Crime and anti-  
social behaviour

Addiction

Loneliness and  
Isolation

Activities for  
young people

Entertainment for  
older people

Homelessness

*What do people think is needed?*



## OTHER NOTABLE FINDINGS

- 44% of all households in our parish (according to census data) have only one resident (single-occupancy), and more than a quarter of these are over 65.
- When regular attenders are excluded, 72% of respondents were aware of Holy Trinity Church, but only 27% were aware of what we offer in terms of groups and activities.
- There are opportunities for future partnership in developing community engagement - members of the community, Friends of Greenhead Park, and local councillors are interested in working with us to meet the needs of the community.

## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ARISING FROM THE CONSULTATION



Taking all the data into account, the report concluded with the following proposals to further develop our engagement with our parish and community.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1. Develop more church <i>and</i> detached activities for older and isolated people	To reduce isolation and support the lonely in the area
2. Develop a wider range of activities or support for parents and their children	To help struggling families to succeed
3. Develop new services aimed at supporting the vulnerable and marginalised in the community (e.g. homeless; drug/alcohol dependent)	To help people find hope to overcome their individual circumstances.

Futurekraft presented this report to the PCC in September 2018, as well as a Development Plan. Initially the PCC has formed a *Local Community Outreach Ministry Team* to take this work forward.