Getting to know your parish

What is this spotlight?
This short spotlight brings together a range of information about your parish, both in terms of your congregations, but also the wider community living in your area. It covers areas such as Christian affiliation, population age and ethnicity profiles, household structures, deprivation, employment, schools and qualifications, alongside church statistics such as attendance and giving.

How should I use it?
This spotlight is not an end in itself, but rather a starting point for you to explore further. You may want to discuss it at a PCC meeting or with leadership teams. We’ve included some questions on each page to help you to think about the information, however some things will be of more relevance in some areas than others, and these are just suggestions to get you started. We’ve also included some bigger questions about what to do next at the end of the spotlight on page 17. There’s space for you to write some notes here. It might be helpful to write a short paragraph to summarise your community profile or note down anything that has struck you as particularly important. There are also details at the end for where you can find further information should you want to dig a little deeper.

Questions
There is information at the end of the spotlight about where this data comes from and how it was calculated. If you have any further queries then please do contact the Research and Statistics team at statistics.unit@churchofengland.org

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Parish of: South Weald: St Peter  
Parish Code: 580219

**Parish Overview**

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<th>Deanery</th>
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<td>Archdeaconry</td>
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<td>South Weald: St Peter</td>
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**Fresh Expressions**  
Sorry, no Fresh Expressions listed for this parish.

**Parishioners at glance**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Population</th>
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<td>2001</td>
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<td>2011</td>
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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>71%</td>
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**Age Profile (2011²)**

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>6%</td>
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<td>16-64</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>65 +</td>
<td>18%</td>
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**Issues to look out for in your parish**

- **Environment**
- **Crime & Disorder**
- **Housing Access**
- **Local Amenities**
- **Female Life Expectancy**

**Annual Parochial Returns**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>October Weekly Attendance¹</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>600</td>
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- **2011 Tax Efficient Planned Giving/person/week¹**: £11
- **2011 Electoral Roll¹**: 292
- **2011 Parish Share Paid¹**: £91,158
Demographics: AGE PROFILE AND ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

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<thead>
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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Parish 2001</th>
<th>Parish 2011</th>
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<td>0 - 14</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>15 - 29</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>30 - 44</td>
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<td>45 - 59</td>
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<td>60 - 74</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>75 - 89</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>90 &amp; over</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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Does the age profile of your congregation match that of your parish? Are you engaging with the parish’s largest demographic: those aged 45 - 59?
Demographics: AGE PROFILE AND ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

<table>
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<th>Comparable Age profile of Adults</th>
<th>18 - 44</th>
<th>45 - 64</th>
<th>65 +</th>
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<tr>
<td>Diocesan Congregation4 (2007)</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diocesan Population3 (2011)</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Parish Population2 (2011) (nearest 50)</th>
<th>Highest Weeks Attendance 20111</th>
<th>Infant Baptisms 20111</th>
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<tr>
<td>0 - 4</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>5 - 15</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>16 - 64</td>
<td>1,950</td>
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<td>65 +</td>
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Does the age profile of your congregation match that of your parish?
Does the ethnicity profile of your congregation match that of your parish? Are you engaging with the parish’s largest demographics: those describing themselves as White or Asian/Asian British?
Demographics: Integration

Percentage of people who

- Cannot speak English well or cannot speak English: <1%
- Can speak English well or very well: 2%
- Have English as their main language (English or Welsh if in Wales): 98%

Resident in UK:

<table>
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<th>Less than 2 years</th>
<th>2 years or more but less than 5 years</th>
<th>5 years or more but less than 10 years</th>
<th>10 years or more</th>
<th>Born in the UK</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>91%</td>
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</table>

Are services in your parish accessible to all residents? Do you offer any services in foreign languages? What can you offer those who may not have been in the UK for long?
In your parish 71% of the population (that is 2,600 people) declared themselves as Christian in 2011.

How has the religious affiliation of those living in your parish changed over the past decade? How closely does it match that of the Diocese as a whole? Are Christians in your parish engaging with your churches? How are you engaging with other faith groups?
### Household Spaces 2011

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>With at least one usual resident i.e. not vacant</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
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### Tenure

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<th>Tenure Description</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<td>Owner occupied households (including shared ownership)</td>
<td>1100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Private Rented households (including those living rent free)</td>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>Social Rented households</td>
<td>&lt;50</td>
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Social rented as a percentage of all households 2%  

Who lives in your parish? Are there issues with access to housing? How permanent are your parishioners?
Who lives in your parish? Are there a lot of households with children? What about lone parent households? Are there a lot of people living alone?
Do you hold many weddings in your parish? How is your parish supporting those in the above categories?

**Marital and civil partnership status**

- Not living in a couple: Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership
- Not living in a couple: Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
- Not living in a couple: Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)
- Not living in a couple: Married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership
- Not living in a couple: Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)
- Living in a couple: Cohabiting
- Living in a couple: Married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership

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### Your Parish Churches held

- 8 Weddings & No Blessings in 2010
- 14 Weddings & No Blessings in 2011

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**Research & Statistics**
EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL GRADE, LIFESTYLE

NS-SeC of Household Reference Person

- Not classified (Full-time students or not classifiable for other reasons)
- Never worked and long-term unemployed
- Routine occupations
- Semi-routine occupations
- Lower supervisory and technical occupations
- Small employers and own account workers
- Intermediate occupations
- Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations
- Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations

Finance Returns

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<th>2011</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<tr>
<td>Parish Income¹</td>
<td>£134,847</td>
<td>£159,733</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tax Efficient Planned Giving (TEPG)¹</td>
<td>£54,800</td>
<td>£47,487</td>
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<td>TEPG/PERSON/WEEK¹</td>
<td>£11</td>
<td>£10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other planned giving¹</td>
<td>£422</td>
<td>£4,868</td>
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<td>Other/person/week¹</td>
<td>£1</td>
<td>£16</td>
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<td>Parish Expenditure²</td>
<td>£137,950</td>
<td>£1,393,185</td>
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<td>Parish Share Assessed¹</td>
<td>£91,158</td>
<td>£98,606</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parish Share Paid²</td>
<td>£91,158</td>
<td>£75,000</td>
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The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) is an occupationally based classification but has rules to provide coverage of the whole adult population. The NS-SeC provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification. To assign a person aged 16 to 74 to an NS-SeC category their occupation title is combined with information about their employment status, whether they are employed or self-employed and whether or not they supervise other employees. Full-time students are recorded in the ‘full-time students’ category regardless of whether they are economically active or not.

How are your parish finances? How does this compare to your community profile?
How much free time do residents of your parish have? How accessible are your churches to those with/without cars?

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<th>Household Mobility</th>
<th>Households</th>
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<tr>
<td>No access to a car or van</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Access to at least 1 car or van</td>
<td>91%</td>
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- **Household Mobility**:
  - No access to a car or van: 9%
  - Access to at least 1 car or van: 91%

**Employment and Social Grade, Lifestyle**

- **Proportion of population aged 60+ who are in receipt of the Guaranteed part of Pension Credit**: 7%
- **Proportion of working age persons (16-74) with no qualifications**: 19%
- **Proportion of working age population who are in receipt of a key out-of-work benefit**: 3%

*Research & Statistics*
How qualified are residents of your parish? What Church of England schools are available?
### Hours per week of provision of unpaid care

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<td>0</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>1 - 19</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>20 - 49</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>50 +</td>
<td>2%</td>
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### General health

- **Very bad health**: 1%
- **Bad health**: 2%
- **Fair health**: 11%
- **Good health**: 33%
- **Very good health**: 53%

### Long-term health problem or disability

- **Day-to-day activities limited a lot**: 5%
- **Day-to-day activities limited a little**: 8%
- **Day-to-day activities not limited**: 87%

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*Are there people in your parish with health problems? Is there anything you can do to assist with day-to-day activities of those who have health problems?*
You parish can be categorised as in the most or least deprived 10% or 50% of all parishes within the diocese and of all parishes nationally.

- Life Expectancy at birth (boys)\(^a\) (1999-2003)  
  Score: 79  
  Diocesan Position: 50% least deprived  
  National Position: 50% least deprived

- Life expectancy at birth (girls)\(^a\) (1999-2003)  
  Score: 83  
  Diocesan Position: 50% least deprived  
  National Position: 50% least deprived

Life expectancy at birth can give an idea of overall quality of life. Life expectancy is an average. Women tend to have greater life expectancy. Life expectancy can be affected by family history, marital status, economic status, physique, exercise, diet, drug use including smoking and alcohol consumption, disposition, education, environment, sleep, climate, and health care.

- Proportion of the population aged 60+ who are in receipt of the Guaranteed part of Pension Credit\(^b\) (2012)  
  Score: 7%  
  Diocesan Position: 10% least deprived  
  National Position: 10% least deprived

Pension Credit is an income related benefit made up of 2 parts - Guarantee Credit and Savings Credit. The guaranteed part tops up weekly income if it’s below £142.70 (single people) or £217.90 (couples) so those who receive this are on a low income. This statistic only covers people living in private households, and not residential institutions (such as nursing homes).

- Percentage of working age persons (16-74) with no qualifications\(^b\) (2011)  
  Score: 19%  
  Diocesan Position: 50% least deprived  
  National Position: 50% least deprived

A low-level of skill or educational attainment is one indicator of social disadvantage. Qualifications may make it easier to find employment. Learning also helps promote active citizenship and combat social exclusion.

- Percentage of Children under 16 in Poverty\(^b\) (2010)  
  Score: 5%  
  Diocesan Position: 10% least deprived  
  National Position: 50% least deprived

The proportion of children in families in receipt of either out of work benefits or tax credits where their reported income is less than 60% median income. Poor children may be excluded from participating in society. They may be unable to afford school trips and activities; school uniforms or warm winter clothes, be unable to go swimming, have friends round for tea or celebrate their birthdays. Many will never have a holiday. Children who grow up poor are more likely to leave school without qualifications, have lower employment chances, thus restricting their ability to get a good job and financially contribute to society.

- Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)\(^b\) (2010)  
  Score: 5.6  
  Diocesan Position: 10% least deprived  
  National Position: 10% least deprived

Deprivation is considered to be a multi-dimensional problem, encompassing a range of domains such as financial, health, education, services or crime. Continuous measure of relative deprivation therefore there is no definitive point on the scale below which areas are considered to be deprived and above which they are not. While being in the most deprived 10% may indicate financial disadvantage, it could equally be due to isolated living.

- Proportion of the working age population who are in receipt of a key out-of-work benefit\(^b\) (2012)  
  Score: 3%  
  Diocesan Position: 50% least deprived  
  National Position: 50% least deprived

Number of people aged 16 to State Pension age claiming: Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA), Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Incapacity Benefit (IB), Income Support (IS) (as a lone parent or in the “other” category), Other income related benefits.

- Social rented as a percentage of all households\(^b\) (2011)  
  Score: 2%  
  Diocesan Position: 10% least deprived  
  National Position: 10% least deprived

Social housing is housing that is let at low rents and on a secure basis to people in housing need. It is generally provided by councils and not-for-profit organisations such as housing associations. Vulnerable groups are often concentrated in the social housing sector, with low rates of employment and low income levels.

- Lone Parent Households as a percentage of all households with children\(^b\) (2011)  
  Score: 10%  
  Diocesan Position: 50% least deprived  
  National Position: 50% least deprived

Children in single parent families have a much higher risk of living in poverty than children in couple families. Single parents may rely on informal childcare.

**What are the particular issues that affect your parish? Are you doing anything to address these?**
DEPRIVATION AND KEY ISSUES AFFECTING PARISHIONERS

It is important to note that these statistics are a measure of deprivation, not affluence, and to recognise that not every person in a highly deprived area will themselves be deprived. Equally, there will be some deprived people living in the least deprived areas. Deprivation covers a broad range of issues and refers to unmet needs caused by a lack of resources of all kinds, not just financial. The English Indices of Deprivation attempt to measure a broader concept of multiple deprivation, made up of several distinct dimensions, or domains, of deprivation. Seven domains of deprivation are combined to produce the overall Index of Multiple Deprivation. Each domain contains a number of component indicators. The English Indices of Deprivation are a continuous measure of relative deprivation therefore there is no definitive point on the scale below which areas are considered to be deprived and above which they are not. Deprived areas have been defined in this release as those containing LSOAs that are amongst the 10 per cent most deprived in England according to the overall Index of Multiple Deprivation.

<table>
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<th>IMD Subdomains* (2010)</th>
<th>Average Score for parish</th>
<th>Diocesan position</th>
<th>National position</th>
<th>Number of LSOAs amongst most deprived*</th>
<th>Number of LSOAs amongst least deprived*</th>
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<td>1%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Overall IMD</td>
<td>5.6</td>
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<td>HEALTH DEPRIVATION AND DISABILITY</td>
<td>-1.8</td>
<td>10% least deprived</td>
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<td>EDUCATION SKILLS AND TRAINING</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>10% least deprived</td>
<td>50% least deprived</td>
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<td>BARRIERS TO HOUSING AND SERVICES</td>
<td>26.8</td>
<td>50% least deprived</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>CRIME AND DISORDER</td>
<td>-0.3</td>
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<td>LIVING ENVIRONMENT</td>
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*There are 2 full or partial LSOAs included in this parish

What are the particular issues that affect your parish? Are you doing anything to address these?
This spotlight has given you some information about your parish both in terms of your own church congregations and your local community. This is not an end in itself, but rather a starting place for you to explore further. Questions to consider might include:

- What does our congregation look like?
- How does it compare to the local population?
- What other churches are there in the area? What parts of the community do they reach? Which parts of the community are being missed?
- What other local organisations or centres are there, that might bring people into our parish? Examples might be Hospitals or health centres, prisons, job centres, homeless shelters, schools, charities, mother and toddler groups, uniformed organisations, community centres, libraries, shops, offices, stations?
- How can we interact with these people?
- What areas of our parish do we know well or less well?
- How does the local community change between weekdays and weekends? How do our services and events fit with the shifting local population?
- Is our website/A Church Near You' profile up to date?
- Are our records up to date?

Your notes
Sources of further information

Research & Statistics GIS

Church Urban Fund
www.cuf.org.uk

A Church Near You
www.achurchnearyou.com

Police.uk - Local crime and policing information for England and Wales
http://www.police.uk/

ONS - Neighbourhood Statistics
http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/
Hint: Use the summary box

UpMyStreet - UK house prices, property, crime, local neighbourhood & schools
http://www.upmystreet.com/
Hint: Use the "My Neighbourhood" tab

The network of Public Health Observatories - Health Profiles

Public Health Observatories - APHO JSNA Datasets (The datasets are intended to cover a range of issues, focused on underlying determinants of health and conditions which account for substantial numbers of preventable diseases and deaths.)

The Poverty Site - Geographic Analysis
www.poverty.org.uk/summary/regional.shtml

AboutMyArea - The local interactive site - news, reviews, what's on, events, businesses
http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/

Homeless Pages - Information, Research and Publications on homelessness
http://www.homelesspages.org.uk/

MurderMap - London Homicide Reported Direct from The Old Bailey
http://www.murdermap.co.uk/

London Street Gangs - Territory maps and background information
http://www.londonstreetgangs.com/
Hint: Scroll to the bottom of the "Gang Maps" page to see boundaries.
ABOUT THIS DATA

1. Annual parochial returns
   These have been collected annually between 2007 and 2011 by the Research and Statistics team, Archbishops’ Council.

2. ONS Census data 2011
   Estimated using OA level data sourced from ONS Census Data 2011, ONS.

3. ONS Census data 2001
   Estimated using OA level data sourced from ONS Census Data 2001, ONS.

4. 2007 Church Diversity Survey

5. DWP
   Proportion of the population aged 60+ who are in receipt of the Guaranteed part of Pension Credit (August 2012)
   Estimated using LSOA level data sourced from http://83.244.183.180/NESS/BEN/iben.htm
   Proportion of the working age population who are in receipt of a key out-of-work benefit (Q3 2012)
   Estimated using OA level data from DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate from

6. ONS
   Estimated using ward level data from ONS.
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7. HMRC
   Percentage of Children under 16 in Poverty (2009)

8. Department for Communities and Local Government
   IMD (2010)
   Estimated using LSOA level data from Communities and Local Government, 2010.

When analysing data, it is important to consider that some parishes are very small and proportions may be very large even where very few cases meet the criteria.

When quoting figures derived from this data, care should be taken with the level of accuracy quoted.

Methodology: Government data is published on government boundaries that do not match ecclesiastical boundaries. In order to produce parish population and demographic estimates we have worked with the ONS to use a best fit modelling process. As such, these statistics can only be considered estimates and, particularly in very diverse areas, are best used in the context of local knowledge. Where parish populations are sparse the figures for government areas overlapping the parish are used. Parish estimates from the census have been calculated using the census output area data published by the ONS. These are provisional estimates, and when more granular data at postcode level is available, will be revised. Estimates have been modelled by allocating the population weighted centroid of each output area to the parish within which it falls. This means that some parishes have not been allocated population, however proportions for demographic variables have been calculated based on the output areas overlaying the parish.

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