

Why should my congregation undertake ongoing research about your neighbourhood?

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1. It gives us an understanding of the demographics of an area
2. It identifies any issues within the community
3. It highlights the areas of need
4. It identifies services already available in the area
5. It is an opportunity to build relationships with individuals
6. It is an opportunity to network and build partnerships with other organisations

**What process
should we follow?**

- 1 – Get to know your church
- 2 – Get to know your community
- 3 – Find out what's already available
- 4 – What do the statistics say?
- 5 – Devise a basic plan
- 6 – Check it's what people want and need

Using Data to develop your understanding

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Church Urban Fund Look-Up Tool

- Simple and accessible online starting point
- Based on Anglican Parishes
- Profile of who lives in the parish
 - Poverty, Life Expectancy, Demographics
- Issues: Social Housing, Lack of Qualifications, Isolation

Free to use, register at [Look Up Tool - CUF](#)

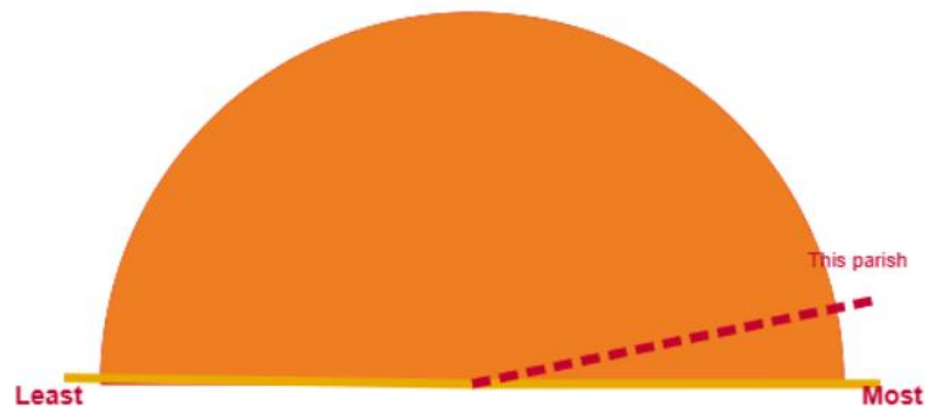
Padiham w Hapton & Padiham Green

Diocese of Blackburn

Overall Deprivation

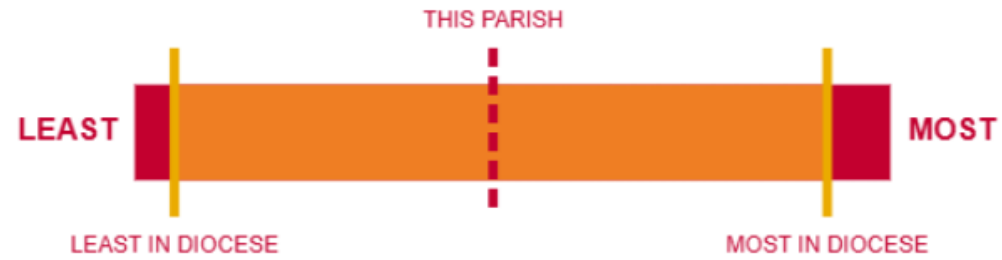
The population of this parish is **10859**. It ranks **794** out of **12154**, where 1 is the most deprived parish.

This means that the parish is among the most deprived in the country.

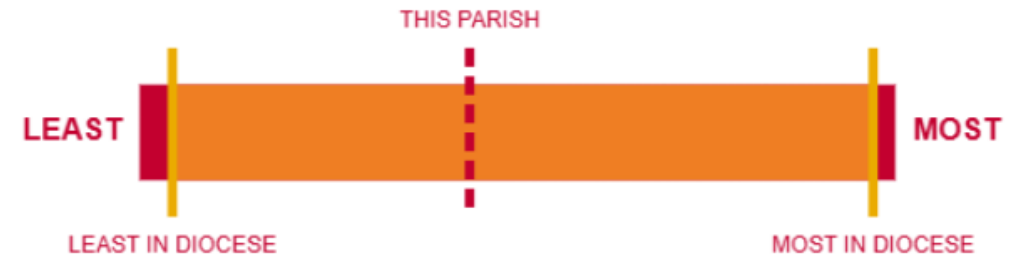


Poverty

Child Poverty ?



Working-age Poverty ?

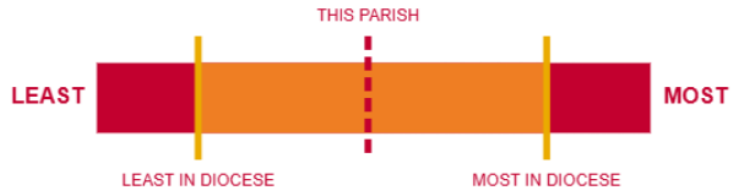


Pensioner Poverty ?



Demographics

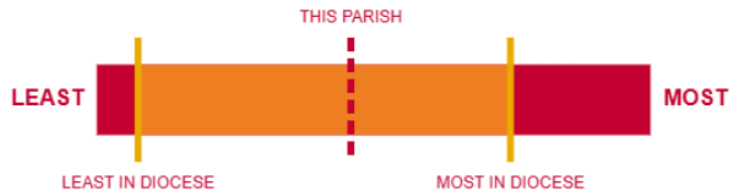
No Qualifications ?



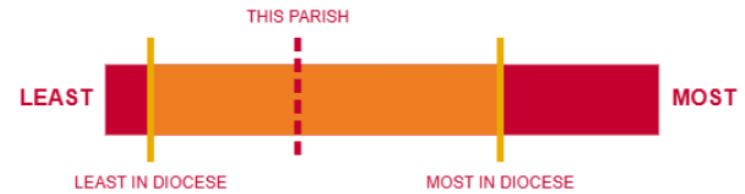
Social Housing ?



Lone Parenthood ?



People Living On Their Own ?



Older Population ?



Parish Data

Percentages and ranks	Least in Nation	Least in Diocese	This parish	Most in Diocese	Most in Nation
Child Poverty ?	2%	7%	48% Ranked 1239/12154	91%	99%
Pensioner Poverty ?	1%	4%	22% Ranked 1923/12154	65%	86%
Working age poverty ?	2%	5%	33% Ranked 1039/12154	71%	73%
Years	Highest in Nation	Highest in Diocese	This parish	Lowest in Diocese	Lowest in Nation
Life expectancy (boys) ?	91yrs	84yrs	77yrs	67yrs	67yrs
Life expectancy (girls) ?	96yrs	90yrs	82yrs	73yrs	73yrs

Movement for Recovery: Mapping

- Mapping of local Faith Based Social Action Provision
- Covers range of provision
 - food
 - mental health support,
 - family support,
 - homelessness,
- Provided by the Gather Movement
- Builds relationships between Faith, Civic and Health Groups
- Increases visibility of Health based Social Action
- More Information at [Movement for Recovery | Gather Movement](#)

MAPPING

Faith-Based Social Action

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SERVICES SUPPORTING FAMILIES DELIVERED BY 63% FAITH ORGANISATIONS IN

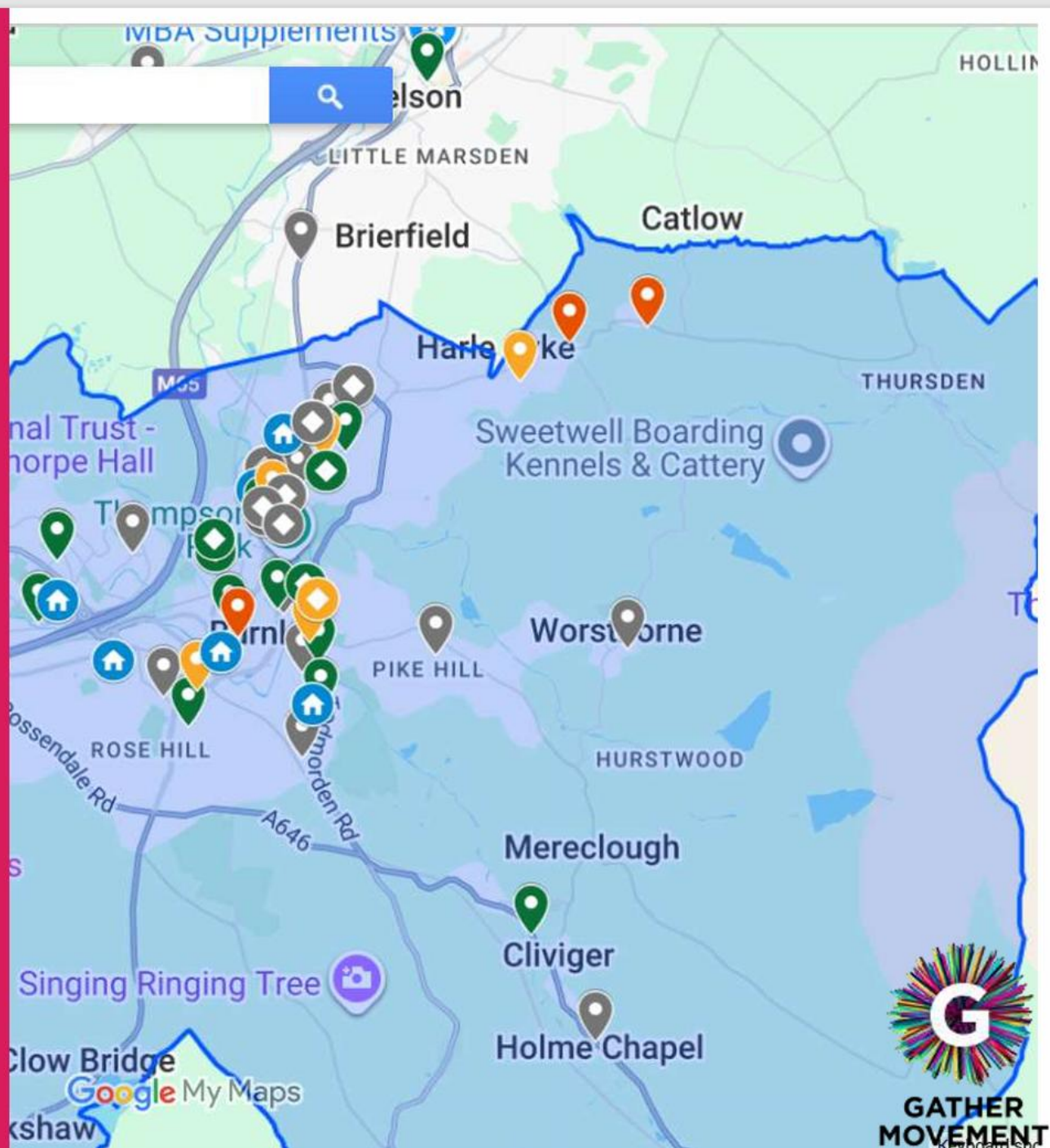
BURNLEY

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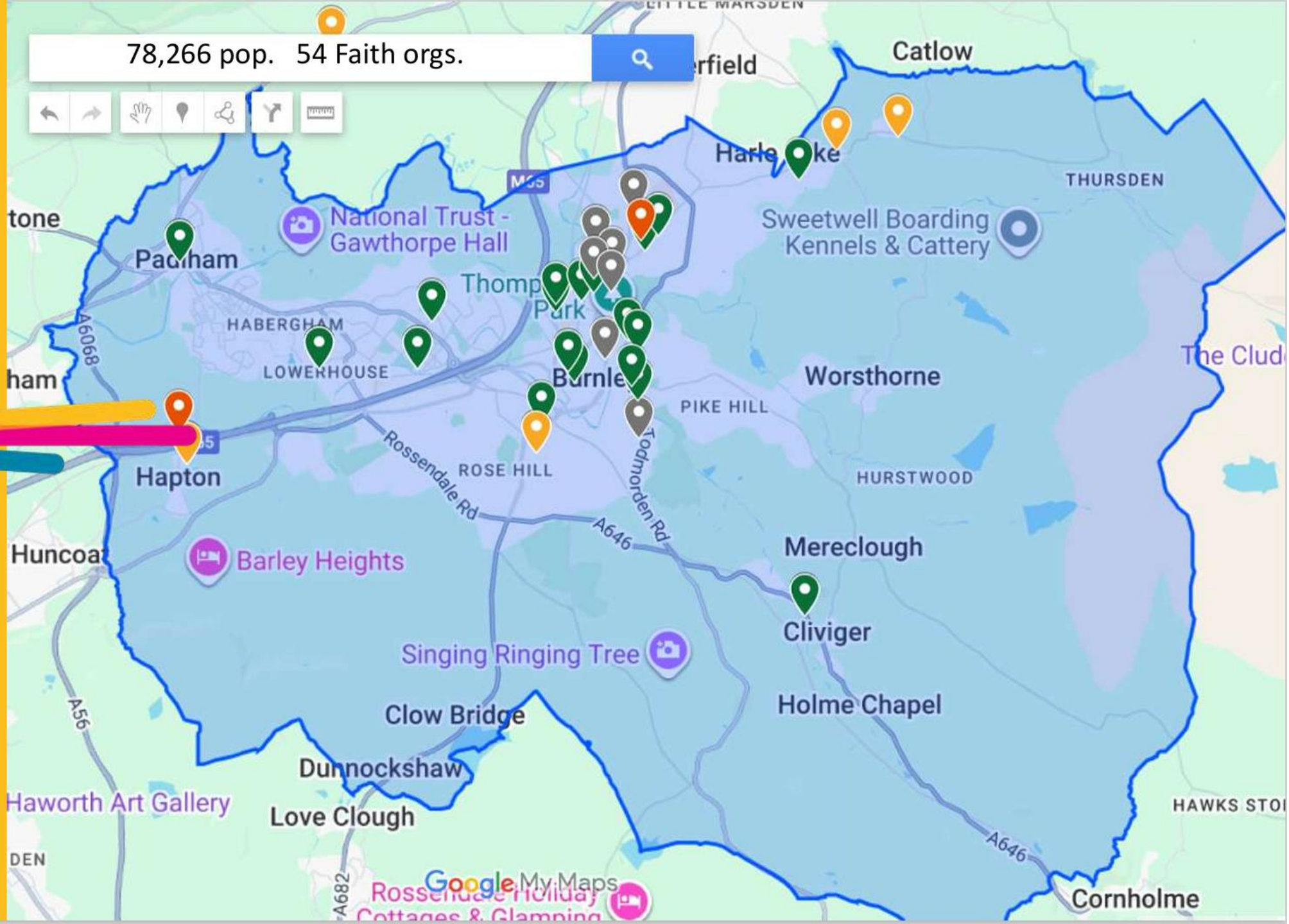
Burnley | Food |

RAG rated churches
Red = currently unable to deliver
Amber = assistance required to deliver
Green = actively delivering services
Grey = survey not completed
Diamond = Mosque locations

1. Signpost
2. Host
3. Deliver



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Food | Burnley | $n=25/33 + 7/13$

1. Community meals or Family lunches (15 +7)
2. Community café (4 + 0)
3. Foodbank, food club, food pantry, community grocery or community fridge (4 + 0)
4. Emergency supply of food onsite (4 + 2)
5. Relationship with a supermarket, food manufacturer or charity in relation to surplus food (3 + 1)
6. Holiday club with food (2 + 1)
7. Breakfast club or have a connection to a school (6 + 2)
8. Signpost people to other services (19 + 3)



Externally Provided Community Audit



A Conversation with
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