



The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

The Parish of St Peter & St Paul with All Saints, Chingford



2017 PARISH PROFILE

Welcome to the Parish

A warm Welcome to the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul Chingford.

There are two churches in this flagship parish: St Peter & St Paul (the Parish Church) and All Saints (the Old Church). The parish has a population of 22,000 with an electoral roll of 200 but of course many more people come into contact with the parish through the 60 baptisms, 120 funerals, and 10 weddings held each year as well as through the parish school and many special services, concerts, and events.

We are a developing parish with a growing ministry team of ordained and lay people across both churches that seeks to work and worship closely, openly, and imaginatively together as one body.

Our vision is to be a 'Transforming Presence in Chingford'

Our Need: Parish Administrator

We are seeking an enthusiastic and able person who will take a key role within the parish team, helping us work together more efficiently, communicate more effectively and serve more widely.

She or he will be or have:

- **Demonstrable experience in administration**
- **Literate (GCSE English Min)**
- **Computer Literate (proficient in Word and use of social media)**
- **Excellent attention to detail**
- **Integrity and ability to manage confidential information**
- **Sympathy with aims and practices of the Church of England**

Location

The parish is at the northern end of the London Borough of Waltham Forest bounded on the north by Epping Forest in Essex, to the west by the Borough of Enfield in the diocese of London, and to the east by Woodford Green.

The Parish Church of Ss Peter & Paul and its offices, E4 7EN, are on The Green at the meeting point of Station Road and Kings Head Hill and in the heart of the community. All Saints Church (The Old Church) E4 8BU is in Old Church Road opposite Chingford Mount Cemetery. Old Church House is next door close to the shops on Chingford Mount Road.

The parish is well connected to central London. Close by are Chingford bus and National Rail stations with frequent train services to Liverpool Street and excellent bus services connecting with the Victoria Underground line at Walthamstow Central.

History

The Associate priest will be joining a line of priests dating back to Hugh in the 13th century.

The Old Church has been a place of worship for nearly 1,000 years. In 1840 it was in such bad repair that the Rector who was also lord of the manor, the Rev'd Robert Boothby Heathcote, decided to abandon it and build a new church on Chingford Green where the majority of the population were living.

Since then the parish has grown and developed as London has expanded. The new parish church was designed by Lewis Vulliamy and built at the Rector's own expense (£5,000). Dedicated by the Bishop of London on 18th July 1844, the chancel was extended in 1903 and the Lady Chapel was added in 1937.

The former parish church, the 'Old Church', is one of the most picturesque and painted churches in England. Known as the Green Church because of the covering of ivy it eventually fell into ruin. It was restored, brought back into use, and rededicated as All Saints by the Bishop of Chelmsford in 1930 and under excellent recent leadership it is now growing steadily, has excellent lay participation, and a thriving community life. Situated opposite the cemetery the church is used for the majority of funerals in the parish.

Clergy and Staff

- The Rector, Fr Andy Trenier, was installed in June 2015. Andy has oversight of the wider team in both churches and leads on long term development projects.

- Mthr Susan Sayers was licenced in December 2016 and leads on congregational development at the Old Church and faith development across the parish
- Mtrr Tina Rollings is a final year curate who is Locally Deployed and Self Supporting. Tina has a strong focus on funeral ministry and bereavement care.
- Fr Maxwell Hutchinson is the Parish Deacon, having been licenced here earlier this year. Maxwell is leading on pastoral care.
- We are fortunate to have the services of a retired priest, Canon Rodney Matthews who preaches and presides across the parish.
- The Parish has always been a training parish and a further curate will serve their title post here from 2017.
- The paid Director of Music at the Parish Church is Mr. Michael Emerson FRCO (Chm)

Collaborative Leadership

Day to day life in the parish is led forward by a leadership team. The Parish Administrator is key in enabling this team to work efficiently and effectively.

In a busy parish with overlapping concerns it is vital to work collaboratively and efficiently, maximising value for money and time and cultivating a culture of constant improvement.

Clear, open communication within and without the parish is an important skill and practice, as is the ability to contribute to a wide range of matters where better administration will aid the mission of the church.

There is one Parish Church Council for the whole parish that meets bi-monthly to take a strategic overview of the mission of the parish, including monitoring the £175,000 turnover and several development projects. Complimenting this, there are two lay-led District Church Councils that aim to allow greater involvement by the congregation in promoting the mission of the church in each particular place, this year focussing on 'Welcome'.

Additionally, there are separate teams taking a lead on a variety of other parts of church life including a Finance and Stewardship Team, a Fabric Team, a Families Team, a Safeguarding Team, a Social Committee and so on.

Worship

Morning and Evening Prayer are said collegially most days in the parish and there are three mid-week Eucharists, (one at the Old Church).

Worship at the Old Church is sacramental in focus with a 10 am Sunday Eucharist (Common Worship). Some services are sung to congregational settings and a community choir based at the Church sings the liturgy once a month. There is a quarterly All Age Service where uniformed organisations parade and a growing Sunday Club each week.

There are occasional additional services, including a lay-led service of prayer each month and a 'Prayer and Praise' service.

Worship at the Parish Church is more deliberately Anglo-Catholic with a very strong choral tradition. The usual Sunday pattern involve 8 am Holy Communion (Common Worship), 10 am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship) and 6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP).

Despite the apparent formality there is an informal feel and a strong emphasis on families. The first Sunday of the month is a successful All Age Service (Eucharist) and there is a Sunday Club and Toddler group each week. There is an additional weekly Toddler service and special seasonal services for families throughout the year.

Across the parish incense is often used, vestments are worn, the sacrament is reserved, and a full range of liturgy and worship is explored and enjoyed.

Evangelism and Discipleship

We are a growing and developing parish and have a focus on evangelism and discipleship. The Parish currently runs adult and youth confirmation classes, Pilgrim Course groups, a house group, a vocations group, lay leaders groups, Lent courses and youth clubs.

The Musical Tradition

The Parish has a particular pride in its music tradition, which plays an important part in the liturgy as well as in the wider ministry of the parish. Its choirs are large, flourishing and of high quality thanks to the dedication of the members and their Director of Music and a team of volunteers. The musical tradition is now over 100 years old and has developed over recent years so that there are now boys, girls, men's and ladies' choirs who sing separately and together in any combination on a variety of occasions. The men and boys or girls maintain a cathedral style repertoire at both the 10am Eucharist and 6.30 pm Evensong at the Parish Church. A further community choir, based at the Old Church, now sings services and puts on concerts there.

The Parish Church choirs make regular trips and every year the men and boys &/or girls sing the services for a summer week at an English Cathedral. In 2015 that was in Canterbury cathedral and in 2016 it will be Ely. Monthly concerts, recordings, and special events add to the mix.

Many families have become members of the church community through initial contact via the choirs which make a major contribution to its life and worship. An enthusiasm for this tradition will be important.

Could it be you?

Ours is a happy and growing parish in an exciting diocese and on the edge of the best city in the world. As you read through these documents please know that we are already praying for you.

Do please be in touch if you have any questions. I'd be delighted to discuss the post further with you. Or simply submit your CV and covering letter to me at the email address below.

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