



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



2018 PARISH PROFILE

Welcome to the Diocese

A message from Bishop Stephen

In the Chelmsford Diocese we believe that God is calling his church to be a transforming presence. Our vision is that the church - that is the people of God here in Essex and East London - should be a transforming presence in every one of our parishes.

These are our priorities –

- To inhabit the world distinctively
- To evangelise effectively
- To hold ourselves accountable to one another and to God for the stewardship of the gospel
- To re imagine the way we minister so that each ordained minister and each individual Christian discovers their part in God's ministry and so that each church flourishes.

To this end we are looking for priests who are excited by this vision of becoming a church which is itself transformed, and which is becoming a more visible and effective presence in the huge diversity of communities that make up this most exciting and energetic part of England. There are many challenges ahead of us.

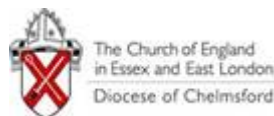
- We are a diocese generously subsidised by the national church. We need to become financially self-sufficient.
- Leadership often seems distant. We are creating patterns of leadership that are closer to the parishes. And we are looking to develop missionary leadership at all levels of church life. Nearly half our clergy will retire in the next ten years. We need to find out how to minister with fewer stipendiary clergy and with a re-imagining of how stipendiary ministry works. We need to re-organise the way parishes relate to each other in what we are calling Mission and Ministry Units.
- Some of our congregations still think ministry is what Vicars do. We have a vision of ministry where the whole people of God are involved in the whole of God's ministry. We are also experimenting with new forms of authorised lay ministry.
- Church must be a safe place. All those in ministry will be expected to undergo training that will equip them to respond well in situations associated with safeguarding.
- Levels of church going are below the national average. We need to get evangelism on to the agenda and into the lifeblood of every church. We encourage and train churches to put on weekends of mission and outreach. One of our aspirations is that every benefice should have a trained lay evangelism enabler.
- We are developing missionary discipleship, so that every church in the diocese is a place where Christians are formed in order to be sent out in witness and service.

Despite planning for a future with fewer stipendiary clergy, we remain as committed as ever to the local church. And what is the local church, but that community of men and women gathered around Christ, and living and sharing the gospel in the networks and neighbourhoods of their lives? But we need priests to lead and to serve.

We know we need to change. We can only be a transforming presence when we have allowed God to transform us. Therefore, at the heart of all we do is a longing for intimacy with God and a renewed life of prayer. First and foremost a priest is a minister of the word and sacrament. All ministry flows from this. But a priest shares the ministry of the bishop, therefore presbyteral ministry will increasingly be a ministry of oversight, guiding, nurturing and directing the mission of God's church in the communities we serve.

It is an exciting time to be part of God's missionary movement for the world, and the Diocese of Chelmsford is an exciting place to serve. We have a clear vision and we are looking to appoint clergy who will share this with us. In every parish we long to see each person and each community grow in faithfulness and ministry so that together we may serve in the world and Christ may be made known.

+Stephen



Welcome to the Parish

A warm Welcome to the Parish of Chingford, Ss Peter & Paul with All Saints.

There are two churches in this growing 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 50 baptisms, 100 funerals, and 10 weddings such as were held last year as well as through the parish school and many special services, concerts, and events. More than 300 people attend worship each week.

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.

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

Our Need: Associate Priest (House for Duty)

We are seeking an enthusiastic and able priest to help lead within the parish team. In particular, they will be responsible for offering a lead at All Saints, (the Old Church).

She or he will:

- **Have experience in growing a congregation and broadening participation within a settled congregation**
- **Be able to collaborate with their colleagues**
- **Be skilled in leading liturgical worship but able to have a light touch**
- **Have experience in developing discipleship and evangelism programs**

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.

All Saints Church (The Old Church) 180 Old Church Road E4 8BU is situated opposite Chingford Mount Cemetery. Old Church House is next door close to the shops on Chingford Mount Road.

The Parish Church of Ss Peter & Paul, E4 7EN, is on The Green at the meeting point of Station Road and Kings Head Hill and in the heart of the community.

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.



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

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.

Old Church House

1A Priory Avenue E48AA



Old Church House is a good sized, well maintained family home owned and maintained by the parish. Downstairs is a kitchen, reception room with smaller room off it, a study with separate entrance, porch, cloakroom and toilet. Upstairs two double bed rooms, one single bedroom, and a bathroom. There is a separate detached garage. The house is close to the Old Church.

It can be seen on Google Maps here: <http://tinyurl.com/zq3wr4l> .

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.
- Fr Lee Taylor is the Curate and is currently leading on Alpha, the Pastoral Care team as well as contributing to a variety of other projects.
- We are fortunate to have the services of a retired priest, Canon Rodney Matthews a Parish Deacon, Fr Maxwell Hutchinson and a Licenced Lay Minister, Diana Kennedy who all assist on an occasional basis.
- There are two ordinands in training, Katherine and Marilyn, and since the Parish has always been a training parish and it is likely that they may serve their titles here.
- The paid Director of Music at the Parish Church is Mr. Michael Emerson FRCO (Chm)
- Charlotte Hay-Campbell, the Parish Administrator works part-time.
- We partner with Red Balloon Foundation on our Youth Work.

Worship, Evangelism and Discipleship

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

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 assists once a month. There is a monthly All Age Service in both churches 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.



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 in both churches. There is a Sunday Club and Toddler group each week and there is an additional weekly Toddler service, weekly and monthly youth clubs for different ages and special seasonal services for families throughout the year throughout the parish

We wish to be a growing and developing parish and have a focus on evangelism and discipleship. The Parish currently runs adult and youth confirmation classes, first communion classes, Alpha, house groups ,a lay leaders group, and so on.

The parish is also engaged in community organising and is a member of Waltham Forest Citizens. We are also part of a local partnership of Anglican Churches actively exploring using Community Organising tools for church growth.

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. A very well supported community choir, based at the Old Church, sings services and puts on concerts there. Elsewhere the choirs are also flourishing.

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.



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 2017 visits were made to Notre Dame, Paris and York Minster. Concerts, recordings, and special events add to the mix.

Many people connect with the churches through the different choirs and many families have become members of the church community through that initial contact. 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 prayerfully read through these documents please know that we are already praying for you. In order that we might discern together whether God is calling you to Chingford to help us be a '*Transforming Presence*' in our community do please be in touch if you have any questions. I'd be delighted to discuss the post further with you.

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