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# Chingford Ss Peter & Paul with All Saints: Parish Profile 2019

## *Foreword*

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*The photographs were taken by various members of the congregation. The assistance of Nicky Bamber<sup>1</sup> is particularly acknowledged.*

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## 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.

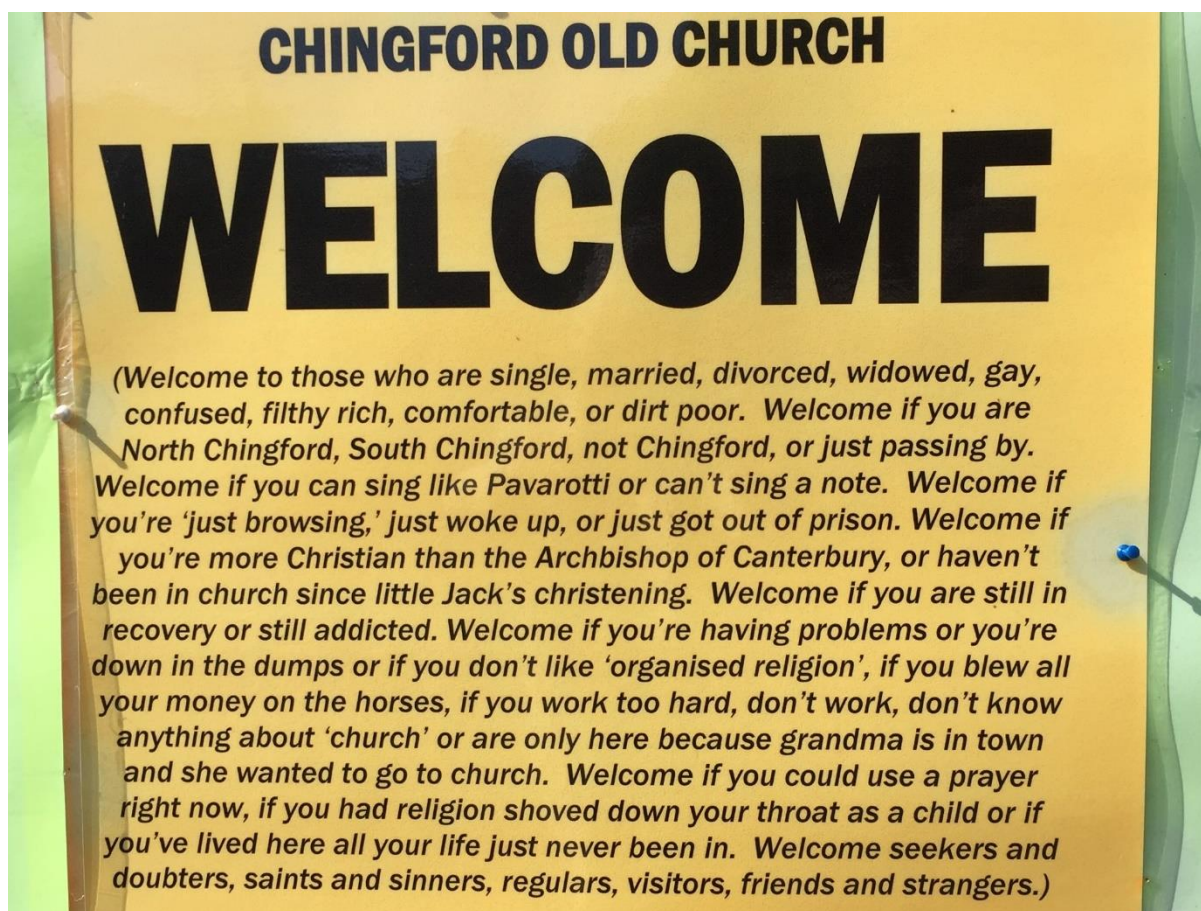
It is an exciting time to be part of God's missionary movement for the world, and the Diocese of Chelmsford is an exciting place to serve. We have a clear vision and we are looking to appoint clergy who will share this with us. In every parish we long to see each person and each community grow in faithfulness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

+*Stephen*



*Bishop Stephen at the Petertide Eucharist marking the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of Ss Peter & Paul, June 2019*





*The welcome poster outside All Saints. The same is outside Ss Peter & Paul. We try to live up to it, with some success.*

### **Welcome to the Parish of Chingford**

Chingford St Peter & St Paul and All Saints together serve a population of some 22,000. The Parish has a monthly worshipping community of over 450 people with an electoral roll of 205. Around 300 worship in our two churches each week, spread over several congregations. Many hundreds more come into contact with the Parish through the Life Events we host (typically some 100 each year) and some thousands through many special services, concerts, and events.

We seek to work and worship inclusively and imaginatively, rooted to the traditions which have formed us. Together with our Mission and Ministry Unit (see below), the E4 Churches Network (see [Appendix 1](#)) and other local partners in Waltham Forest Citizens<sup>2</sup> and in the wider community, we seek to be a *'Transforming Presence in Chingford'*. Some statistics about the Parish are at [Appendix 2](#).

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<sup>2</sup> Part of the East London Chapter of Citizens UK. See [https://www.citizensuk.org/east\\_london](https://www.citizensuk.org/east_london).

The Parish has an extraordinary music and liturgical tradition. There are six choirs here including a boys choir with over 20 members and a girls choir with over 30. The choirs can combine to make a spectacular 100 singers for special occasions.

There are Creche and Sunday clubs for all ages as well as several other children's groups throughout the week. We have a team of 50 volunteers in our new 'Extended Family' scheme seeking to offer support to all ages.

The Parish is currently secure financially and planned giving has risen by 50% in three years. Additionally, over £600,000 has been raised in grants and gifts, most recently for the first phase of a restoration of the Parish Church marking its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please see **Appendix 3** for more detail.

Together with St Mary's Walthamstow<sup>3</sup> and Cornerstone Church, Leyton<sup>4</sup>, the Parish is part of a Mission and Ministry Unit (MMU) that encompasses three diverse parishes, six churches, and a wider staff team of more than 20. At the heart of the partnership is a desire to grow the strength and depth of each of its members and to create a future together that we can be proud of and that serves the needs of our own congregations and communities.

### **A Welcome from the Mission and Ministry Unit**

“Since 2017 the Parishes of Chingford, St Mary's Walthamstow and Cornerstone Leyton have been part of a Mission and Ministry Unit. This partnership is a pioneering one, as we are currently the first and only MMU in the Waltham Forest deanery. We are a wonderful example of how three parishes of different traditions and theology can work together collaboratively, creatively and strategically to better resource mission and ministry. The sense of unity we find in our diversity is a lesson that the wider church could learn from! As the three parishes are not geographically linked, it is the strength of relationship between the church's leadership and congregations that has achieved the genuine sense of shared vision and purpose. One of the strengths of our MMU is the way that different churches are able to buy into different aspects of the partnership that work for their unique situations. We certainly do not impose a one size fits all solution to every church.

In the two years that the MMU has been established we have seen particular successes in the following areas:

- Joint training and support for people in lay leadership positions.
- The securing of funding, the recruitment and successful employment of a finance officer to manage the finances of the parishes.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.stmaryswalthamstow.org/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.thecornerstone.org.uk/>

- The sharing of youth ministry resources and the joint partnership with Red Balloon Foundation<sup>5</sup> to provide and develop youth ministry.
- Our shared work with Citizens UK that seeks to address some of the most pressing issues facing residents in Waltham Forest.
- Ongoing support and encouragement for the incumbents.
- The regular gatherings of the parish's lay leadership teams.

Through the MMU there is a wonderful sense of the three incumbents as being colleagues who are there to support, encourage and equip each other in their ministry. Undoubtedly through our collaborative partnership our diverse congregations are stronger and we would hope for this relationship to continue with the new Rector of Chingford. Much credit should be given to Father Andy for all he has contributed in making the MMU such a success, but we can look forward to the future with renewed vision and energy. The future of the MMU will undoubtedly build on what has already been achieved but we hope to also further develop congregational ties between the churches, to continue to grow youth ministry in the Deanery, to run joint events and courses and to develop further leadership training.

We look forward to working with you.

Revd Vanessa Conant (Team Rector, St Mary's Walthamstow)<sup>6</sup>  
 Revd Bill Donoghue (Vicar, Cornerstone Church Leyton)<sup>7</sup>

## The Staff Team

Our SSM Associate Priest, the Revd Hilary Musker, works part time and focusses on discipleship and leading the congregations at All Saints.

There are two SSM curates, both ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral on 14 September 2019: Mthr Marilyn Claydon, whose ministry is focussed at St Peter & Paul and who leads the Chingford Cherubs congregation; and Mthr Katherine Ward, who supports the Revd Hilary as well as leading our wedding ministry and connecting with Chingford Church of England Primary School<sup>8</sup> and (where she is a Trustee) Chingford Foundation School<sup>9</sup>.

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.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.chingfordcofe.org.uk/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.chingfordfoundation.org/>

Fr Lee Taylor, who joined us as Curate from Mirfield in July 2017, is to become Curate-in Charge of St Michael-and-all-Angels and St Mary's, Manor Park at the end of November 2019.

The paid Director of Music at the Parish Church is Mr Michael Emerson FRCO (CHM), ARSCM. He is assisted by an Organ Scholar and volunteer team.

The Parish Finance Officer, Silvia Garrido-Kemp, and the Parish Administrator, Charlotte Hay-Campbell, work part-time. There is also a cleaning team and part-time caretaker.

We partner Red Balloon Foundation on our Youth Work and they provide several additional children's and youth workers to staff the many groups and clubs.

Additional to these paid posts, there is a large number of volunteer lay leaders who take responsibility for a wide range of Parish life. They include a busy Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sunday Club leaders, two able Sacristans, two churchwardens and four deputy wardens. We are a Fairtrade Parish and hold regular Traidcraft stalls in both churches. We actively support Christian Aid. We support, and at times refer people to, the local food bank that is run by one of the local churches in the E4 area.

The Parish is supported by a local Community Organiser (the post is currently vacant), who helps us build our local partnerships, learn about and practice Community Organising in the Parish and enables local and national training for our leaders.

### **Community Organising in Parish Life**

Along with our MMU partner parishes and informed by a Diocesan commitment to expand this work (including the direct support of the Bishop of Barking), we have an ongoing relationship with the Centre for Theology and Community (based at St George-in-the-East, London E1)<sup>10</sup> to learn about and practice Community Organising in the Parish. Each of the incumbents along with some other staff have taken the Congregational Development course<sup>11</sup> there.

Attempting to put into practice the tools of Community Organising as a way of living out our Christian faith to build the Kingdom on Earth, each parish in the MMU is a member of Waltham Forest Citizens (see **Appendix 4** , although not everyone in the Chingford congregations is currently at ease with that membership.

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<sup>10</sup> <http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/projects/congregational-development/>



## Parish focus

Over four years this Parish has developed the use of the Hallmarks of an Organised Parish<sup>12</sup> to guide our focus and shape our culture. The results of this can be seen in the Parish Report for 2019<sup>13</sup>.

We aim to:

- help one another to develop a greater confidence in our faith;
- deepen our relationships with one another;
- increase the number of small groups;
- run Alpha (or similar) again; and
- continue to offer moral leadership in public life.

We want:

- to continue to offer practical devotional aids, more guidance on spiritual practice;
- consistently even better teaching and preaching;
- to strengthen our readiness to look outward, by serving and witnessing locally through our words and actions; and
- our buildings to be even more of a focus for the local community and available not only for prayer and worship but for uses which help build up that community.

Another focus for the Parish will be the establishment, through the funding secured by the MMU, of a Lay Community ready to plant out a new worshipping congregation. We have financial resources for this and the resources of our tradition, but we look to the new Rector to take this forward with others in the MMU.

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<sup>12</sup> See <http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/CTC-Hallmarks.pdf> .

<sup>13</sup> At <http://parishofchingford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/APCM-Report-2019-Final-Draft.pdf>

## Youth and Children's Work

There are Sunday Clubs at each church (for children aged 4 to 11). Each is led by a dedicated team of volunteers. Each week the sessions are resourced by the Red Balloon Foundation<sup>14</sup> and supported by one or more of its staff. The Sunday Clubs also organise several seasonal activities such as the Nativity and the Old Church Sunday Club Special, a fun day. Both regularly take part in the All Age Services and give money each month to a chosen charity. At Christmas, shoe boxes are packed for a coordinated Christmas appeal.

Monday Children's church for young children and their families, known as Chingford Cherubs, is now an established fresh expression of church and has a regular attendance of some 40 people. Supported by staff and volunteers, each session is based on the Sunday service, delivered with age-appropriate worship songs, prayers, bible stories and activities. Many of these families and children come to the monthly All Age and occasional uniformed organisation Parade Services at both churches and to the many seasonal services that are put on for families.

At Chingford Church of England Primary School<sup>15</sup> the Parish has reordered the weekly service schedule and established a new liturgy for Collective Worship, both in assembly time and in the classroom with resources for teachers, prayers, candles and a 'worship box'. We have just completed the teaching and recording of new music that will be shared between church and school.

Alongside weekly church assemblies delivered to a syllabus in partnership with Red Balloon Foundation staff, we also deliver weekly support to the Infant Site Prayer Club and the Junior Site Year 6 Transition Club. The latter takes every Year 6 child through a term-long process of preparation and reflection on moving to secondary school.

This transition is marked at Ash Wednesday in one of several new class-level services open to children, parents and staff helping every child mark every festival of the church's year during their stay at the school. Several classes throughout the year also visit to learn about the Christian faith and the role of the church in society.

At the end of every term the whole school and lots of families come to the Parish Church for an End of Term Service. At Christmas several more schools come for their Carol services and the clergy also deliver talks and Collective Worship at Parkside<sup>16</sup>, Normanhurst<sup>17</sup> and Davenant<sup>18</sup> Schools.

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<sup>14</sup> See footnote 5.

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.chingfordcofe.org.uk/>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.parksideprimaryschool.org/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.normanhurstsch.co.uk/>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.davenantschool.co.uk/>. Davenant Foundation School is not in the Parish boundary but, with its strong Christian ethos, is attended by several of our young people.

In partnership with Red Balloon Foundation and the Forest Group of URC Churches we also deliver weekly clubs for primary and secondary aged children to complement the choir youth clubs and trips. Each week a whole host of fun Christian activity is offered to between fifteen and twenty children who attend. There is a walking bus from school and refreshments laid on for parents and family members who attend.

All children are invited to prepare for and receive Holy Communion for the first time at around 6-8 years old and to make their Confirmation at around 12 or just afterwards. In addition, choristers (see “The Musical Tradition”, below) all take part in regular religious instruction as part of their RSCM Awards system.

### **Social activities**

Refreshments offered after the 10.00 Sunday Eucharist and the weekday Eucharists in both churches are an indispensable feature of the social life of the Parish. A well-attended social club meets fortnightly at All Saints for a variety of activities. Parish lunches and evening socials are organised occasionally at both churches, to mark special events and major feasts. The various groups within the Parish organise occasional social events to complement their regular meetings.

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*A few photos of worship at  
Ss Peter & Paul*



*All Saints during the licencing of the Revd Hilary Musker, September 2018*





*Christmas at All Saints*



*A service at Ss Peter & Paul*

## Worship

Morning and Evening Prayer are said collegially most days in the Parish and there are currently two mid-week Eucharists, (one at each church). A Walsingham Cell Mass is celebrated at Ss Peter & Paul on the first Saturday of each month. The sacrament is reserved in both churches.

At All Saints there is a 10 am Sunday Eucharist (Common Worship). Priest and servers combine to offer the liturgy with ceremonial reverence. A community choir based at the Church sings at this service twice a month. There is a monthly All Age Service where uniformed organisations occasionally parade and there is a growing Sunday Club each week. There are occasional additional services, including a lay-led service of prayer.

At Ss Peter & Paul, the usual Sunday pattern is 8 am Holy Communion (Common Worship or BCP), 10 am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship – in All-Age format on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) and 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP). As at All Saints, the team of clergy and servers combine to offer the liturgy with ceremonial reverence, including the use of incense. The choir sings at the Eucharist and Evensong during school term time and at Christmas and Easter from a cathedral-standard repertoire. The choir also sings the Holy Week services and at other weekday solemnities.

The Order for the 10 am and 6.30 services has recently been printed, complemented by child and seeker friendly versions. In both churches, the ceremony of the services has an informal feel and a strong emphasis on families. There is a wide range of additional seasonal, school, and special services and other events that draw in a great number of community groups and visitors.

## 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. A very well supported community choir, based at the Old Church, sings at services there every other week and puts on occasional concerts there, as well as singing at care homes and other groups in the community. At the Parish Church men and boys or girls maintain a cathedral style repertoire at both the 10am Eucharist and 6.30 pm Evensong. A separate choir of adult women, The Chingford Singers, occasionally replaces the choristers. Choristers who have left the choir to go on to higher or further education are encouraged to stay in touch and return as a chamber choir for occasional services and cathedral visits.

The Parish Church choirs take on singing engagements in and beyond the Parish and every year the men and boys and/or girls sing the services for a summer week at an English Cathedral. Since July 2018 we have visited Gloucester, Norwich, St Albans, and St Paul's cathedrals, Christchurch Priory and Westminster Abbey. Opportunities for concerts, recordings, and special events add to the depth of musical and music mission experiences we offer to the adults and young people in our choirs. The current term's music list and details of future cathedral visits is at **Appendix 5**.



Many people connect with the churches through the different choirs and many families have become members of the church community through that initial contact. Enthusiasm and encouragement for this tradition, particularly as a vital form of outreach, will be an essential in the new Rector.



*The boys, girls and men of the Choir at the end of their week in Gloucester Cathedral, August 2018*

### **The church buildings**

All Saints (often called 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 Revd. Robert Boothby Heathcote, decided to abandon it and build a new church on Chingford Green, closer to the majority of the Chingford population. The Old Church thereafter eventually fell into ruin but was restored and rededicated as All Saints by the Bishop of Chelmsford in 1930.

The new parish church was designed by Lewis Vulliamy<sup>19</sup> and built at the Rector's own expense. Dedicated to Ss Peter & Paul by The Rt Rev Charles Blomfield, Bishop of London, on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1844, the chancel was extended in 1903 to a design by the practice of Sir Arthur Blomfield<sup>20</sup>. The Lady Chapel was completed in 1937.

Major repairs to the chancel at Ss Peter & Paul were completed in April 2019 and a project to carry out repairs to the nave is now under development. All Saints is basically in good order although anxieties about cracking persist. The Parish is also responsible for the redundant church of St Francis. Please see **Appendix 6** for further detail.

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<sup>19</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis\\_Vulliamy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Vulliamy)

<sup>20</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur\\_Blomfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Blomfield) . A son of the Rt Rev Charles Blomfield, sometime Bishop of London.



*All Saints from the south*



*Two views of Ss Peter & Paul: from the south east (left) and from the north west (right)*



## The Rectory



*The Rectory from The Green Walk*

The Rectory is at 2, The Green Walk, Chingford, E4 7ER, one minute's brisk walk from Ss Peter & Paul. Located near the entrance in a long *cul de sac*, it is a 1920s detached house with four bedrooms and a large rear garden, currently grassed over. Please see **Appendix 7** for more detail about the Rectory and about some of what Chingford has to offer as a place to live and work.

## The Rector

The Parish is looking for a priest, devoted to God, through the Word and sacraments, who will prayerfully lead the church in God's mission, enabling teams and individuals to flourish. The priest will need to 'adjust and adapt to all in such a way that s/he may not only suffer no loss in the flock committed to their care, but may even rejoice in the increase of a good flock'<sup>21</sup>.

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<sup>21</sup> From Chapter 2 of the Rule of St Benedict: "On what kind of person the Abbot/Abbess ought to be"



The priest ideally must have capabilities in:

- leading and motivating a large diverse staff and volunteer team;
- developing lay leaders;
- growing congregations in number and depth of faith;
- attracting families and young people to worship and church life;
- promoting and encouraging a high standard choral tradition;
- preaching and teaching clearly, concisely, constructively and challengingly;
- financial acumen and skill in increasing Parish income and fundraising whilst encouraging generosity towards the wider church and community; and
- high standards of safeguarding

It would also be desirable for the priest to have capabilities in:

- supporting congregations pastorally while leading change;
- leading missional follow-up to baptisms, marriages and funerals;
- developing and making use of resources and networks within the local community;
- working closely with schools;
- encouraging vocations;
- training curates; and
- active ecumenism.

The priest's personal qualities will need to include:

- passion for the mission of the Church;
- being a person of prayer with a commitment to the Daily Office of the Church;
- discernment and wisdom in developing skills in others;
- ability to listen and communicate well;

- enjoyment of working collaboratively and enabling teams to develop and work effectively; and
- commitment to continuous improvement and learning in oneself and in others.

We recognise that finding all these things in full measure in a single mortal would be exceptional! But do not be deterred: if you have most of them in at least some measure, the Parish will work with you as best it can to help you develop even more, for our good and for good of the whole Church of God.

## Appendix 1 – the E4 Churches network

All Saints', Highams Park	<a href="http://allsaintshp.org.uk/">http://allsaintshp.org.uk/</a>
St Anne's Chingford	<a href="http://www.stanee4.org.uk/">http://www.stanee4.org.uk/</a>
Chingford United Reformed Church	<a href="https://www.forestgroupurc.co.uk/chingford-urc.html">https://www.forestgroupurc.co.uk/chingford-urc.html</a>
Christ the King Church, Chingford	<a href="http://chingfordctk.co.uk/">http://chingfordctk.co.uk/</a>
St Edmund's, Chingford	<a href="https://stedmund.org.uk/">https://stedmund.org.uk/</a>
Highams Park Baptist Church	<a href="https://www.hpbc.co.uk/">https://www.hpbc.co.uk/</a>
North Chingford Methodist Church	<a href="https://www.joinmychurch.com/churches/North-Chingford-Methodist-Church-London-Essex-United-Kingdom/314425">https://www.joinmychurch.com/churches/North-Chingford-Methodist-Church-London-Essex-United-Kingdom/314425</a>
Our Lady of Grace and St Teresa of Avila Catholic Church	<a href="http://www.catholicchingford.org.uk/">http://www.catholicchingford.org.uk/</a>
The Parish of Chingford	<a href="http://parishofchingford.org.uk/">http://parishofchingford.org.uk/</a>
Ridgeway Evangelical Church	<a href="https://www.ridgewaychurch.org.uk/welcome.htm">https://www.ridgewaychurch.org.uk/welcome.htm</a>
Sewardstone Evangelical Church	<a href="http://www.sewardstonechurch.org/">http://www.sewardstonechurch.org/</a>
South Chingford Congregational Church	<a href="http://www.chingfordcong.org.uk/">http://www.chingfordcong.org.uk/</a>
South Chingford Methodist Church	<a href="https://www.joinmychurch.com/churches/New-Road-South-Chingford-Methodist-Church-London-Essex-United-Kingdom/323594">https://www.joinmychurch.com/churches/New-Road-South-Chingford-Methodist-Church-London-Essex-United-Kingdom/323594</a>
True Life Baptist Church	<a href="https://www.chingfordmountbaptistchurch.co.uk/welcome.htm">https://www.chingfordmountbaptistchurch.co.uk/welcome.htm</a>
Winchester Road Methodist Church	<a href="https://winchesterroadchurch.org.uk/">https://winchesterroadchurch.org.uk/</a>

## Appendix 2 - Some Parish Statistics

1. The following statistics are taken from

<http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=67bce0ed36dd4ee0af7a16bc079aa09a&extent=-0.4891,51.2975,0.256,51.6099> . This link goes to an aerial view of the Greater London area: use the zoom facility to locate Chingford in the north east and then zoom further to see the Parish and click to see the information. The two churches are marked on it. Schools in the Parish are also shown, each with a link to summary information about them. There is also a link<sup>22</sup> to information on the Parish from the Church Urban Fund.

Deprivation rank (1=most deprived, 12,443=least deprived)	3,025
Parish population	22,006
Parish number of occupied households	9,098
Area (square miles)	2.8
% aged 0-4	5.5
% aged 5-17	15.3
% aged 18-29	14.0
% aged 30-44	19.3
% aged 45-64	26.6
% aged 65 and over	19.2
% White ethnicity	81.3
% Asian ethnicity	5.8
% Black ethnicity	6.9
% Mixed ethnicity	4.1
% Other ethnicity	1.9
% Christian	62.3

2. From a presentation, using data from the CofE Strategy and Development Unit, given in May 2019 on “Deploying resources for growth”:

- 300 per weekend/ worshipping community of 500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Parish in attendance in Barking Episcopal Area (388: highest 579)
- Ministry cost per attendee 5<sup>th</sup> lowest in Deanery (£331: average £526)
- Attendance highest in Deanery (363: median 75)
- Attendance per capita joint 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in Deanery (1.6%: average 0.8%)
- Platinum Parish and net contributor to Diocese.

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<sup>22</sup> <http://www2.cuf.org.uk/parish/580171>



### **Appendix 3 – from *Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 2018 for the Parish***

#### **Financial Review**

Income for 2018 totalled £343,157 (2017: £207,840), the increase mainly due to grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Planned giving, together with tax recovery, increased from £84,359 to £87,862, and loose collections also increased from £12,665 to £17,187. Other donations and legacies reduced, offsetting these gains.

Lettings income from halls decreased by £3,200, but this was more than offset by an new income of £6,500 relating to the new rental of church residential property. Three grants of £10,000 were received from the London Over the Border Fund for the Lighting of the Church, for project 175 and for investment in Children's activities. Further tranches of monies from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £111,000, were received this year and other building related grants of £3,500 from AllChurches Trust and £10,000 from Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Further income from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£88,800) been received in 2019, with more to come on completion of the project.

Income from investments fell to £3,172 from £26,927. This is due to a broad dip in the markets in the last quarter of 2018. This would have been a net loss if portions of the investments had not been withdrawn during 2018 to assist cash flow through the Project 175 works.

Expenditure for 2018 totalled £395,221 (2017 £210,561), primarily due to expenditure on Project 175 works.

For the eighth consecutive year the PCC accrued its Parish Share of £79,172 (2017: £79,584) in full, earning a Platinum Award from the Diocese for paying monthly by standing order. This has been achieved without using Parish funds for the fourth year in a row.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHINGFORD**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2a	113,006	162,038	0	275,044	140,550
Charitable activities	2b	13,647	1,604	0	15,251	16,425
Other trading activities	2c	34,048	0	0	34,048	30,473
Investments	2d	8,897	9,917	0	18,814	20,392
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Total income and endowments		169,598	173,559	0	343,157	207,840
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<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Raising funds	3a	213	1,085	0	1,298	1,431
Charitable activities	3b	226,400	167,503	0	393,903	209,130
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Total expenditure		226,613	168,588	0	395,201	210,561
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(57,015)	4,971	0	(52,044)	(2,721)
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS		8,834	1,195	(6,857)	3,172	26,927
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(48,181)	6,166	(6,857)	(48,872)	24,206
Balances brought forward at 1 January	12	417,529	71,114	228,908	717,551	693,345
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Balances carried forward at 31 December	12	369,348	77,280	222,051	668,679	717,551
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHINGFORD**

**BALANCE SHEET  
at 31 December 2018**

	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> £	<u>Restricted funds</u> £	<u>Endowment funds</u> £	<u>Total funds 2018</u> £	<u>Total funds 2017</u> £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible fixed assets	6a	156,579	0	0	156,579	156,579
Investment assets	6b	132,976	0	215,771	348,747	458,400
		289,555	0	215,771	505,326	614,979
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors and prepayments	7	18,555	34,880	0	53,435	20,099
Short term deposits and investments	8	24,495	69,303	0	93,798	94,114
Cash at bank and in hand	9	42,039	(20,403)	6,280	27,916	23,599
		85,089	83,780	6,280	175,149	137,812
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>						
Accruals and deferred income	10	0	0	0	0	124
Other creditors	10	5,296	6,500	0	11,796	35,116
		5,296	6,500	0	11,796	35,240
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>79,793</b>	<b>77,280</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>163,353</b>	<b>102,572</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>369,348</b>	<b>77,280</b>	<b>222,051</b>	<b>668,679</b>	<b>717,551</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12	<b>369,348</b>	<b>77,280</b>	<b>222,051</b>	<b>668,679</b>	<b>717,551</b>



## Appendix 4 – Waltham Forest Citizens

The Parish was a founding and re-founding member of Waltham Forest Citizens and the outgoing Rector was on the leadership Executive Committee, whose current member organisations, representing some 12,500 people, are:

- Faizan-I-Islam Mosque
- St Barnabas Anglican Church
- Parish of Walthamstow
- Waltham Forest Islamic Association
- Leyton Sixth Form College
- Parish of Chingford
- Cornerstone Church
- Greenleaf Baptist Church
- Connaught School for Girls
- St Mary's RC Primary School, Chingford

Here are some good news stories about the work of this alliance in 2018:

- Civil Society Response to Youth Violence - <https://walthamforestecho.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Echo-45.pdf>
- Working to reduce fees for migrant children - <https://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/17268638.migrants-faced-with-fees-of-over-1000-for-their-children-to-become-british-citizens/?ref=twtr>
- Our Impact in 2018 - [https://www.citizensuk.org/walthamforest\\_2018impact](https://www.citizensuk.org/walthamforest_2018impact)
- Gill Burbridge, Principal of Leyton Sixth Form College, on Radio 4: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00013mv ...](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00013mv...) (Gill features at around the 1hr35min mark)
- Building A Living Wage Movement in Waltham Forest - <https://walthamforestecho.co.uk/everyone-deserves-a-living-wage/>
- Working to ensure that 2 major housing development sites in Waltham Forest achieve 50% genuinely affordable housing <https://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/17009944.cabinet-member-cannot-commit-to-social-homes-with-rent-matching-average-incomes/>

More recently, the alliance has been addressing youth violence, producing a report – see <https://www.citizensuk.org/wfsafetycommission> and <https://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/17542888.youth-violence-report-calls-for-early-intervention/>. It continues to hold the London Borough of Waltham Forest to account in respect of the provision of affordable housing.

## Appendix 5 – the current Music List for Ss Peter & Paul

### CHINGFORD PARISH CHURCH CHOIR MUSIC LIST – AUTUMN TERM 2019

#### September 15 Trinity 12 / Battle of Britain

*Eucharist (girls & men)* Wadely in G; Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake – *Hilton*  
Symphony 4: Finale – *Widor* [ME]  
*B of B (boys & men)* God be in my head – *Wilby*  
Crown Imperial – *Walton* [PT]

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#### September 22 St Matthew

*Eucharist (boys & men)* *Stanford* in C/F  
O Lord, increase my faith – *Loosemore*  
Festival Toccata – *Fletcher* [ME]  
*Evensong (girls & men)* *Sanders* responses; *Gibbons* Short Service  
Save us, O Lord – *Bairstow*  
Fantasia in G BWV 572 – *J. S. Bach* [JM]

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#### September 29 St Michael & All Angels

*Eucharist (girls & men)* *Byrd* Mass for five voices  
Faire is the heaven – *Harris*  
Processional – *Mathias* [ME]  
*Evensong (boys & men)* *Ayleward* responses; *Watson* in E  
Bless the Lord all his angels – *Frith*  
Chaconne in C minor – *Buxtehude* [PT]

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#### October 6 Harvest / Trinity 16

*Eucharist (boys only)* *Inwood* Gathering Mass  
All things bright and beautiful – *Rutter*  
Prelude and fugue in G minor. BUX150 - *Buxtehude* [ME]  
*Evensong (girls & men)* *Sanders* responses; *Stanford* in A  
Fear not, O Land – *Harris*  
Carillon – *Murrill* [PT, DM vol]  
*Saturday October 12: Concert – The Meljon Singers & Dargason Ensemble*

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#### October 13 Trinity 17

*Eucharist (girls & men)* *Ireland* in C; Ubi Caritas – *Ola Gjeilo*  
Scherzo in in G minor – *Bossi* [ME]  
*Evensong (boys & men)* *Ayleward* responses; *Harwood* in A flat  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem – *Howells*  
Finale (En forme D'Overture) - *Hollins* [JM]

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#### October 19 & 20: Choir at LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL – chamber choir & men

##### October 20 St Luke

*Eucharist (no choir)* *Dom Gregory Murray*

*Evening service said*

*Saturday October 26: Cello concert 2pm*

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#### October 27 Last Sunday after Trinity

*Eucharist (boys & men)* *Howells* Collegium Regale  
Almighty and everlasting God – *Gibbons*  
Intermezzo from 'The Khovansky Affair' – *Mussorgsky* [PT]  
*Evensong (girls & men)* *Clucas* responses; *Arnold* in A  
Thy word is a lantern – *Purcell*  
Prelude in D major BWV 532 – *J. S. Bach* [PT, DM vol]  
*Saturday November 2 All Souls Requiem Mass 4pm (Chingford Singers & men)*  
*Messe de Requiem – Saint-Saens*

*November 3 All Saints  
Eucharist at OC (girls only)*

*Evensong (boys & men)*

*Inwood Gathering Mass  
Come let us all this day – J. S. Bach  
Sortie in E flat – Lefébure-Wély [ME]  
Clucas responses; Stanford in G  
The Fair Chivalry – Ashfield  
'Great' Prelude in C minor BWV 546 – J. S. Bach [PT]*

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*November 10 Remembrance*

*9.30 Eucharist (men only)*

*10.45 Remembrance (boys & men)*

*6.30 Evensong (girls only)*

*Wills Missa Brevis; Gloria tibi domine- Byrd  
Voluntary on 'Old 100<sup>th</sup>' – Purcell [ME]  
And I saw a new heaven – Bainton  
In Memoriam – 'Nearer my God, to Thee' Op.10 – Bonnet [PT]  
Marten responses; Bairstow in E flat  
Prayer of St Richard – White  
Carillon Op.75 - Elgar [JM]*

*Saturday November 16: Organ Concert 2.30pm – Pavlos Triantaris*

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*November 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent*

*Eucharist (girls & men)*

*Evensong (boys & men)*

*Leighton in D; Jesu, the very thought – Bairstow  
Grand Choeur in D – Guilmant [ME]  
Holmes responses; Ayleward Short Service  
My eyes for beauty pine – Howells  
Saraband (In Modo Elegiaco) - Howells [JR]*

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*November 24 Christ the King*

*Eucharist (boys & men)*

*Evensong (girls & men)*

*Walsh Mass of St Michael  
O quam gloriosum – Victor  
Symphony No.4 in E: Passacaglia – Brahms [PT]  
Shephard responses; Howells St Paul's Service  
Sing we merrily – Campbell  
Paeon – Howells [ME]*

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*December 1 Advent Sunday*

*Eucharist (girls only)*

*Christingle Service afternoon 4.00pm (no choir)*

*Advent Carol Service (Boys & men)*

*Shephard Addington Service  
Light of the world – Dankworth  
Chorale prelude: Nun freut euch – J. S. Bach [ME]*

*Vesper Responsary – Gabriel Jackson  
Advent Antiphons (Latin – men);  
The Angel Gabriel – Basque carol, arr. Archer  
Rejoice in the Lord alway – Redford  
O thou, the central orb – Wood  
Wake, O wake – Hyman  
Advent final responses – Gould  
Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel - Leighton [JR]*

*Saturday December 7: Concert – South West Essex Choir*

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*December 8 Advent 2*

*Eucharist (boys & men)*

*Evensong (girls only)*

*Oldroyd Mass of the Quiet Hour;  
How beautiful upon the mountains – Stainer  
'Giant' Fugue in D minor BWV 680 – J. S. Bach [ME]  
Drop down, ye heavens – Statham; Plainsong responses  
Moore plainsong & faburdons  
People look east – arr. Rose  
Chorale Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 – J. S. Bach*

[PT]

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*December 15*      *Advent 3*

*Eucharist (girls & men)*

*Evensong (men only)*

*Darke* in F; Rejoice in the Lord alway – *Purcell*  
Chorale prelude: ‘Wachet auf! BWV 645 – *J. S. Bach* [ME]  
Remember O thou man – *Ravenscroft*  
*Tallis* responses  
*Sunsion* in G; Zion hears the watchmen’s voices – *Bach*  
*Surusoitto* – *Sibelius* [PT]

***Saturday December 21: Grand Christmas Concert - Everyone***

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*Sunday 22*      *Advent 4*

*Eucharist (men only)*

*Evensong (Chamber Choir & men)*

Plainsong – *Orbis factor*  
There is no rose – anon  
Prelude & fugue in C minor BWV 549 – *J. S. Bach* [ME]  
A tender shoot – *Goldschmidt*  
*Byrd* responses; *Dyson* in F  
Hymne a la Verge – *Villette*

Majesté du Christ -

*Messiaen* [PT]

***Monday December 23 8pm: Nine Lessons and Carols (boys / girls / men)***

Variations on ‘God rest you merry, gentlemen’ – *S. Wesley* [PT]

***Tuesday 24: Midnight Mass 11.30pm (boys & men)***

*Darke* in A; carols t.b.a.  
Improvisation: A Colloquy of Carols – *Triantaris* [PT]

***Christmas Day Wednesday 25: Sung Eucharist 10am (girls & men)***

*Sunsion* in F; carols t.b.a.  
Vom Himmel Hoch – *Edmundson* [ME]

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*December 29*      *Christmas 1*

*Eucharist (no choir)*

*Evensong (no choir)*

*Merbecke*  
Noel Suisse – *d’Aquin* [ME]

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*January 5*      *Epiphany*

*Eucharist (no choir)*

*Evensong said*

*Dom Gregory Murray*  
In dir ist Freude – *J. S. Bach* [ME]

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**Organ Music after Services:**

**ME:** Michael Emerson. **JM:** Jonathan Marten. **JR:** John Rippin. **PT:** Pavlos Triantaris. **DM:** David Maynes.

**CM:** Chris Mills.

**DP:** David Pickthall

### **FUTURE CATHEDRAL VISITS**

Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 - WESTMINSTER ABBEY (Chamber Choir & men)

Cathedral Week 2020 – WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH, August 10 – 16 (boys, girls & men)

Weekend of April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 – possible date for next major trip abroad (watch this space!)

Cathedral Week 2021 – DURHAM August 23 – 29 (boys & men)

Cathedral Week 2022 – WELLS August 22 – 28 (boys, girls & men)

Cathedral Week 2023 – TRURO July 31 – August 6 (boys & men?)

## Appendix 6 – the church buildings

Ss. Peter & Paul is a Grade II\* listed building, currently on the “Heritage at Risk” register<sup>23</sup>. With the help of a £222,000 grant from the now-closed “Grant for Places of Worship” scheme run by the Heritage Lottery Fund, but also by drawing on Parish reserves, repair works to chancel gutters, masonry and clerestory windows were completed in April 2019, as a major step towards removing the church from the “At Risk” register. This work also extended to removal of unsuitable paintwork from the interior of the nave, allowing the walls to “breathe” to combat the ingress of damp from defective guttering which we hope to deal with in another repair project currently under development<sup>24</sup>. An application for a grant of some £200,000 to the (now) National Lottery Heritage Fund is envisaged in March 2020, subject to obtaining a Faculty this autumn.

The need for this work was highlighted in a quinquennial inspection in 2016 which also identified various other smaller deficiencies, all of which have since been satisfactorily addressed.

A project to update the lighting in Ss Peter & Paul is in progress: a grant of £10,000 from London over the Border has been secured towards the cost of some £30,000.

A project entitled “Hall on the Green” was initiated some 10 years ago with the intention of expanding the hall at Ss Peter & Paul (known as the Vestry Hall, opened in 1970) to provide better facilities for the choirs, better accommodation for the Parish Office and generally upgraded facilities. After significant fundraising by the Parish, a scheme was in an advanced stage of development by 2017 but uncertainties about its practicability and financial provision led to its cancellation. A revised scheme has been drawn up and costed<sup>25</sup> but the some £1 million needed to deliver it is a daunting prospect. The project is therefore dormant but the desire for its execution remains, not least because of its consistency with the desire of the Parish to be even more of a focal point for Chingford.

All Saints is also a Grade II\* listed building<sup>26</sup>. It and the connected 1950s hall are in generally good repair. Items needing attention which were identified in the quinquennial inspection in 2016 have been addressed. However, long-standing cracks in the east of south aisle of the church continue to cause some anxiety and have been examined periodically by the inspecting architects<sup>27</sup>. Some remedial work will be needed quite soon to a wall joint in the church hall.

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<sup>23</sup> List entry number 1065582. See <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/list-entry/20741>.

<sup>24</sup> By HMDW Architects (see footnote 27), who were also the architects for the first phase of the repair work.

<sup>25</sup> By Thomas Ford & Partners - <http://www.thomasford.co.uk/>

<sup>26</sup> List entry number 1065596. See <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1065596>.

<sup>27</sup> HMDW Architects - [http://www.hmdw-architects.co.uk/HMDW\\_Website/Frontpage.html](http://www.hmdw-architects.co.uk/HMDW_Website/Frontpage.html).

The Parish is also responsible for the former church of St Francis in Hawkwood Crescent, Chingford. Built in 1951 by the Parish to serve the extensive residential area surrounding it, declining congregations led to the cessation of services there in 2003. For several years, the building has been used by a Scout Troop. The Scouts organisation has spent significant sums in maintaining the building, but a quinquennial inspection carried out in 2016 gave rise to large number of recommendations ‘to bring the building back to pristine condition’. Although several of those were for immediate action, none has been undertaken. The terms on which the Scouts have the use of it have never been formally agreed. A formal lease was drafted in January 2019 but has yet to be agreed.

A detached 1960s three-bedroom property at 1A Priory Avenue E4 8AA has provided accommodation for the successive Associate Priests who have served All Saints. However, the current Associate Priest, Revd. Hilary Musker, elected not to live in it when she joined the Parish in September 2018 and so tenants were found by a local estate agent. At the time of writing, the tenancy is vacant. The Parish retains the use of the small meeting room (with a separate entrance) which is at one end of the building.



*(Left) The former church of St Francis*

*(Right) 1A Priory Avenue – small meeting room entrance on the left*



## Appendix 7 – the Rectory and notes on the surrounding facilities

The Rectory at 2 The Green Walk is in a *cul de sac* one minute's brisk walk from Ss Peter & Paul. Although the road is used for parking by other than residents, there is little vehicular movement, but pedestrians use it more extensively.

The detached house has at ground level two large reception rooms, a study (with an annex in what was formerly a garage), a well-furnished kitchen with adjacent utility room and a lavatory. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, one with *ensuite* bathroom and another with a sink, and a separate bathroom. The area at the front of the house is paved, providing parking for three vehicles. The large rear garden is mostly grassed, although with paved patio adjoining the house and with trees providing shade.

The Rectory is two minutes from one end of Station Road which is the main shopping street in North Chingford. There are Tesco and Co-op supermarkets, a butchers, a hardware shop, three banks, a jewellers, two newsagents and several other small shops. Also in Station Road are various restaurants and fast food outlets and several coffee shops which are favoured meeting places for members of the congregation. Another favoured meeting place for many is the Kings Head<sup>28</sup>, a minute from Ss Peter & Paul. This is one of only four pubs within the Parish boundary.

Station Road leads to Chingford Station, now served by London Overground with a 15-minute service frequency to Walthamstow Central (where the Victoria Line to the West End begins), Hackney (with a useful connection to another Overground line) and London Liverpool Street. Passing down Station Road are a variety of bus routes providing access to the east and west of Chingford. The 97 bus provides direct access to All Saints.

To the north of Chingford Station is the wonderful amenity of Epping Forest, offering walks, cycle rides and equestrian facilities. A Visitor Centre<sup>29</sup> is located next to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge<sup>30</sup> about five minutes' walk from Chingford Station. Five minutes' stiff walk to the north west of the Rectory is Pole Hill, offering a view of London from the Greenwich Meridian Line marked by the pole from the which hill takes its name. To the west are views over the Lee Valley, dominated by the large King George V and William Girling reservoirs which are part of the London water supply system. There is a sailing club on the former. Chingford also has its own cricket, tennis and rugby clubs.

At the East end of Ss Peter & Paul is The Green. This space is extensively used for recreation and is a popular place for summer picnics. Each year it is at the centre of the Chingford Village Festival<sup>31</sup> which also uses the church and hall for its associated musical events.

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<sup>28</sup> <https://www.classicinns.co.uk/thekingsheadchingford>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/visitor-information/Pages/the-view-visitor-centre.aspx>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/visitor-information/Pages/queen-elizabeths-hunting-lodge.aspx>

<sup>31</sup> <http://chingfordvillagefestival.info/>

Armed Forces day is also marked by a display there. About 10 minutes' walk to the south of the Rectory is Ridgeway Park, notable in part for its miniature railway (with which several members of the congregation are involved)<sup>32</sup>. Close by is Mansfield Park with a fine view over the Lee Valley reservoirs and North London beyond. Further to the south, opposite All Saints, is the large tranquillity of Chingford Mount cemetery<sup>33</sup>.

By The Green is a Council-owned Assembly Hall and Library. Adjacent to Ss Peter & Paul is the Mornington Hall, a Council-owned facility currently leased to the Chingford Amateur Dramatic and Opera Society<sup>34</sup> which puts on several productions each year.

This is only a brief picture of what Chingford has to offer. There's quite a lot – and the centre of London is only 30 minutes away. Do come and find out more!

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<sup>32</sup> See <https://chingford-model-engineering.com/>

<sup>33</sup> <https://walthamforest.gov.uk/content/chingford-mount-cemetery> .

<sup>34</sup> See <https://www.cados.biz/> .