

# The Parish of St. Mark's, Marks Gate

## Who are we?

St Mark's is a blossoming Christian community which lives for the glory of God. We are a welcoming Anglican church, serving the community of Marks Gate in the Borough of Barking and Dagenham. We are a diverse community; a family of people of all ages and outlooks. Our aim is to be a church in which God is the centre, where people are encouraged to grow in faith and develop in their relationships with the Lord and one another. We continuously reach out to share God's love with the community around us.

The PCC is looking for a Priest with a vision, who is a confident and inspirational team player to lead us in mission and growth.

## The Priest will:

Be a person of prayer  
with a heart for  
mission

Be someone with  
experience of  
developing  
community initiatives

Have gifts in relating  
to and engaging with  
children and young  
families

Have experience in  
encouraging a culture  
of good stewardship

## **Our Vision**

Our vision is to become a better-connected, more influential centre of spiritual life and community service – a Transforming Presence, by:

- Creating a sustainable future for the worshipping/serving church community.
- Becoming a vibrant and unified hub at the heart of our whole community.

## **Our Mission**

**Our mission is to glorify God with the worship of our lives.**

**We are a community of people who are committed to following Jesus Christ, and we believe that a right relationship with God brings fullness of life.**

**We believe that relationship with God brings about the prospect of new family connections. We desire to demonstrate the truth of the gospel by our care for one another.**

**We seek by God's grace to become a loving community where both long-term members and those who are passing through the area for a shorter time are encouraged and strengthened whether Christian or seeker or resident.**

The parish of St. Mark's has a diverse population of around 6500 reflecting the ethnic mix of an outer London Borough whilst bordering on the open countryside of Hainault Forest and Essex. Our worship is traditional in structure following closely the liturgy of the Church of England and currently have a Sunday Service at 10.30am, a church parade on the second Sunday each month, a holy communion on Wednesdays at 10.00am

We have always reached out with God's love to the whole community through activities running in our centre including Pre-school, Karate, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, dance groups, Art classes, Mother and toddler group and other community based clubs.

## Personal Profile:

We are looking for a Priest who is filled with the Holy Spirit and able to show our Lord's love and compassion throughout the community and:



The Priest will have opportunities to connect with an established congregation rooted in God's Word, together with that of the church and community centre; to help develop and grow God's kingdom. The Priest will also be expected:

- To Re-establish and maintain close contact with Rose Lane Primary School
- To be involved in the community by working with other community groups and charities.