



MEDIA FACTS

The Church of England at work in Essex and East London

Who we are

The Diocese of Chelmsford is led by The Right Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, and is part of the Church of England which covers Essex, the unitary authorities of Southend and Thurrock and the five East London boroughs. We exist to support Christian service in each of our Episcopal Areas:

Bradwell

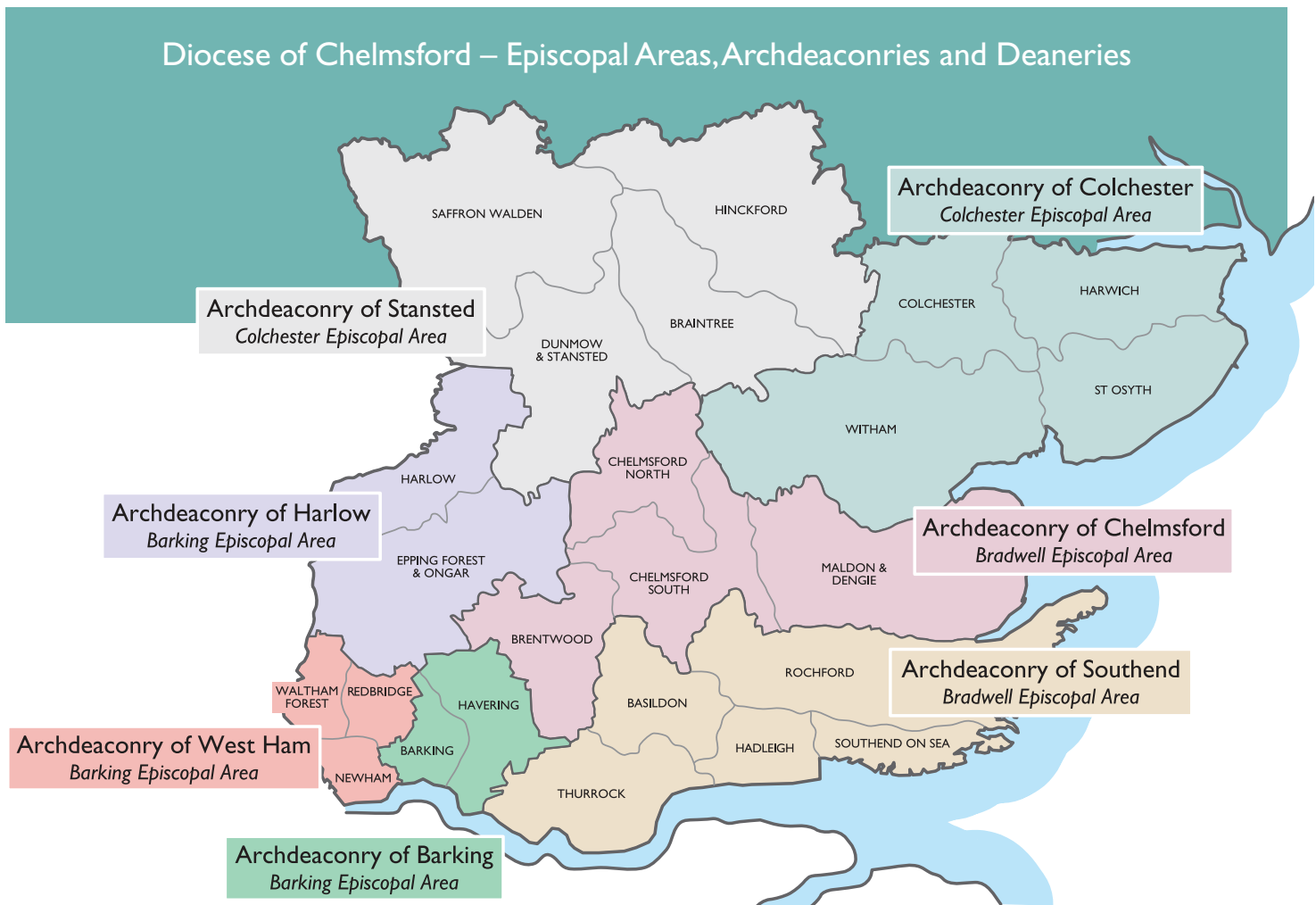
- The Bradwell Area is led by The Right Revd John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell.
- Population: 978,000 (est.).
- 164 clergy and 74 Readers.
- 179 churches.
- The Archdeacons of Chelmsford and Southend and 9 deans (Brentwood, Basildon, Chelmsford North, Chelmsford South, Maldon & Dengie, Hadleigh, Southend, Thurrock and Rochford).

Barking

- The Barking Area is led by The Right Revd Peter Hill, Bishop of Barking.
- Population: 1,501,000 (est.).
- 210 clergy and 66 Readers.
- 176 churches.
- The Archdeacons of Harlow, West Ham and Barking and 7 deans (Havering, Barking & Dagenham, Epping Forest & Ongar, Harlow, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest).

Colchester

- The Colchester Area is led by The Right Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester.
- Population: 552,000(est.).
- 132 clergy and 66 Readers.
- 233 churches.
- The Archdeacons of Colchester and Stansted and 8 deans (Saffron Walden, Dunmow and Stansted, Braintree, Hinckford, Colchester, Witham, Harwich and St Osyth).



Our vision statement

- We are passionate about Jesus and about proclaiming and living out God's love for all people.
- We aspire to be a transforming presence in every community, open and welcoming to everyone, and serving all the people.
- We are resourced with faithful people, prayer and worship, visionary leadership and liberating gifts.

Our Mission Statement

Our priorities are:

- Inhabiting the world distinctively.
- Evangelising effectively.
- Serving with accountability.
- Re-imagining Ministry.

See www.transformingpresence.org.uk

What we do – our Marks of Mission:

- Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom.
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers.
- Responding to human need by loving service.
- Seeking to transform unjust structures of society.
- Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the earth.

What we do – Faith in Action:

Because Jesus is making a difference to their own lives, Christians are making a difference to people and communities in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Church leaders take part in, or chair strategic, regeneration and employment partnerships, voluntary forums, housing associations, primary care trusts, school governing bodies, charities etc.

Church volunteers provide a social support network not just for church members but for the community as a whole.

Our people take part in a wide variety of planned and spontaneous activities:

- Working with homeless people.
- Helping to rehabilitate people abusing alcohol and drugs.
- Helping children, teenagers, families under stress, one-parent families.
- Promoting learning and skills training.
- Visiting sick people, taking people to hospital, collecting prescriptions.
- Helping elderly people, running lunch clubs, distributing meals on wheels.
- Crime prevention, multi-racial and inter-faith projects.
- Looking after the environment.
- Sharing facilities with community groups.
- Emergency planning.

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