



# All Saints Church Parish Profile

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# THE DIOCESE: A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GULI



Covering Essex and East London, Chelmsford is one of the largest, most diverse dioceses in the Church of England. We are home to more than 3 million people representing many socio-economic, ethnic and faith groups and a fantastic variety of cultures and traditions.

We have enormous opportunities for mission and service and considerable challenges to face and resolve as we continue to deal with the local, national and global challenges that have a direct impact on our parish churches, schools, chaplaincies and the communities we serve.

It is within this context and following a period of listening and discernment that started when I became Bishop of Chelmsford in 2021, that we set out a future direction of travel as a Diocese with a focus on [travelling well together](#):

- Our purpose is to love God and to love our neighbour; to worship faithfully and empowered by the Holy Spirit, witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ as we serve the extraordinarily diverse array of local communities in Essex and East London.

- Our approach is to enable and empower parishes and worshipping communities to discern how they are to be God's people in their own very different local contexts and as part of one diocesan family.

- Underpinning our approach is an invitation to a way of being articulated by shared diocesan values which might shape how we travel together, support each other and provide mutual accountability.

Since I became Bishop of Chelmsford, I have witnessed people's great warmth and I have seen first-hand, the wonderful things going on in our parishes and schools. Any new priest joining us in the Diocese of Chelmsford does so at a time of challenge, a time of change and most significantly a time of hope for our Church in this most diverse and vibrant of dioceses.

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Bishop of Chelmsford

Find out more about our Diocesan Direction of Travel and Values:

[www.chelmsford.anglican.org/travelling-well-together](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/travelling-well-together)



# Newham Deanery

Part of the Archdeaconry of West Ham in the Episcopal Area of Barking  
Where the world meets.

Newham Deanery is conterminous with the London Borough of Newham, home of the 2012 London Olympics and home to over 350,000 residents (Census 2021).

We are so large that if we were elsewhere, we would be an Archdeaconry or even a Diocese. We have 24 churches, including two recent plants with no building. Our growth has come through our diversity, not just in styles of worship, but in the nationalities that find a home in an Anglican Church. Newham is where the world meets, and we have stipendiary vicars from at least ten countries, including Bulgaria, Myanmar, Brazil and Jamaica. In the last year, our church plants have added over 250 new members.

We have a strong chapter, and our Deanery has recently undertaken a wide-ranging listening exercise to understand more fully how God has been at work and how churches can support each other going forward. There is a very strong lay presence within the Deanery, ably led by our Lay Chair and Assistant Lay Chair. We are keen to ensure the gifts of the whole Church are explored and built up for the Kingdom of God.  
If you come to Newham, expect God to do things to you and through you. We are not the last stop before retirement; we are mission-oriented and alive!

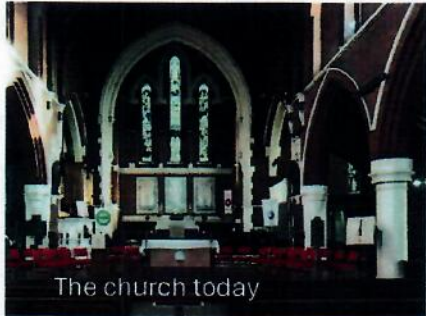
**Revd Amy Stott**

# The Church Building

All Saints Church was built in 1886 . This church is a sister to Emmanuel and was built for a new estate . As the estate had no Anglican church the local MP bought the land and built one!



The original church was an iron chapel in 1880. The land around the church had a vicarage and separate hall. In the 1970's this land was sold and a new hall built adjacent to the church. The church needs a lot of upkeep and care ,we are awaiting our latest Quinquennial.



The church today



1909

## Memorials and stained glass windows



Over the years the plain windows were replaced with stained glass . The Altar windows and two other windows to illustrate . The window of Jesus knocking on the door is a memorial to George Drewry who won a VC for action in 1918



## Parish Map



The Parish of All Saints is a church on the edge of Forest Gate and Manor Park. In the borough of Newham . Historically a part of Essex and then East Ham. We are opposite to the TfL Suffragette Line station Woodgrange Park. We have several bus routes and we are 10 minutes walk away from Manor Park Elizabeth line Station.

## Census information

This Parish is a place of faith , with only 12% saying they have no faith. The Majority locally are Muslims ( c50%) and about 25% are Christian. The other significant faith groups are Hindus and Sikhs .

Nationality of the parish : 40 % say they come from Bangladesh, Pakistan and India. 20% are White British with a further 10% other European .

The area is a young one with 35% under 24 and 55% 25-64.

The parish is very polarized when it comes to Education Qualifications. 25% have none and 33 % have a degree or higher.

## Poverty

The ward has comparatively low levels of long term sick ( 4%) and unemployment ( 6%) . But this is not a wealthy area. The local schools have over 40% on free school meals  
The parish is listed as the 1355 most deprived in the country . Child Poverty is 20% in this parish with Pensioner poverty at 40%.

## Our Parish

All Saints is a Parish that has become home to Barbadians and Sierra Leonians . Between them they are about 60% of the electoral roll. We recently hosted the Barbados Independence day Service in recognition of our strong links to that nation. About 30% of our electoral roll live in the parish . The Parish hosts few marriages but has quite a lot of funerals , being seen as the Afro-Caribbean Cathedral for large funerals . The area is not a Christian one so we hold regular visits for local schools so ( generally Muslim School Children) they can visit their Parish Church.

We have strong Lay leadership this has been a tradition for a very long time.



# Worship

We use Common Worship , with robed laity, our own organist and incense . We use the High Altar for Saint's Days .  
Traditional Anglican worship .

Our 10.30 Sunday Mass is the centre of our worship , with online daily prayer and midweek communion .

The photos show a school visit for Christmas and a funeral.



## Food and Hospitality

The parish has a hall and a semi professional kitchen. We host events with over 150 attending . Most weeks food and treats are brought to church to celebrate Birthdays or other important events .

For example the Barbados service had c200 attend and they all sat down and were fed.

The repair of the Hall is in progress and we hope to host many more events in the future

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## Vision

We are demographically too old. We want to change that.  
We need to make changes to the Church and Hall to make them  
more mobility friendly and usable.  
We would love to hold concerts and event to encourage more people  
to use the church and hall.  
We used to have a great choir and musical tradition we would love to  
have that again.

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