

**THE PARISHES OF COGGESHALL WITH  
MARKSHALL, CRESSING, AND STISTED WITH  
BRADWELL-JUXTA-COGGESHALL &  
PATTISWICK**

**PARISH PROFILE**



## 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**

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## THE DEANERY: A MESSAGE FROM THE AREA DEAN

As Braintree Area Dean, I have the privilege of working with incredible colleagues serving this wonderful part of North Essex, in the Diocese of Chelmsford. Across the Deanery, we have a variety of contexts from rural to suburban, as well as a range of church traditions. This brings a richness to our shared experiences that is a real blessing.

Amongst colleagues, there is an open desire to work together collaboratively across the Deanery, with fruitful and supportive working relationships at the heart of that. Our shared mission is to serve the Kingdom, encourage one another in faith, and offer genuine, collaborative opportunities. This has meant that both at Chapter meetings and at Deanery Synod there is a sincere sense of encouragement, care, and mutual respect.

If Mission is a shared priority, then putting that into action has been key. As well as supporting one another, and working directly alongside one another, we are also trying to raise our voices and make them count where we can. Most recently this has included successfully putting forward a motion that was later carried at General Synod, to being one of the first in the Diocese to create and appoint a Strategic Coordinator role to serve alongside us. This fully funded role is lay-led, and complements what is already happening. It is early days but even now we are seeing the fruits of this work which is feeding into our wider Deanery plans.

So to anyone looking at this role, please know in this Deanery you will be made to feel very welcome, knowing that alongside all we can offer, you will have much to bring and offer us in addition. You will be joining us at an exciting time as we re-shape what it means to work together as a Deanery, pushing boundaries in doing so, and seeking to share afresh the Gospel in and amongst these wonderful communities.

The Very Revd Canon Rod Reid

Area Dean, Braintree



## Benefice Overview

Welcome!

We hope you enjoy reading our Parish Profile. Everyone in our benefice is praying for you as you take time to discern whether you share our exciting vision for the future.

We are seeking a full-time stipendiary Vicar and hope you feel called to explore this opportunity for growth, mission, and community development.

We are six churches located in three distinct parishes. Since coming together as a single benefice in 2020, we have recently begun to grow into a more united identity. Change is happening, progress is being made, and we are eager to keep developing what it means to live and work as one benefice.

Each of our communities has its own character, traditions, strengths, and challenges yet we share a common heart for welcome, worship, and service. We are excited to grow together - learning from one another and working as one benefice to share God's love in our communities.

We are therefore praying for a Priest who shares our abundant vision - someone warm, approachable, able to straddle the different traditions well and is full of joy and faith. Someone who listens well, laughs often, and inspires others to join in what God is doing here.

## Our Worshipping Communities

Here's a glimpse of who we are, in our own words.

### Cressing (All Saints & St Barnabas)

We are a vibrant, warm-hearted and hope-filled community rooted in the love of Christ and the life of our village. We are an open, inclusive and growing congregation of all ages and walks of life. We delight in fellowship, cherish worship, and love playing our part in the flourishing of our village.



Our parish is doubling in size, with new housing bringing fresh faces and opportunities to share God's love.

We see this as a gift and are excited to welcome new neighbours into our church family.

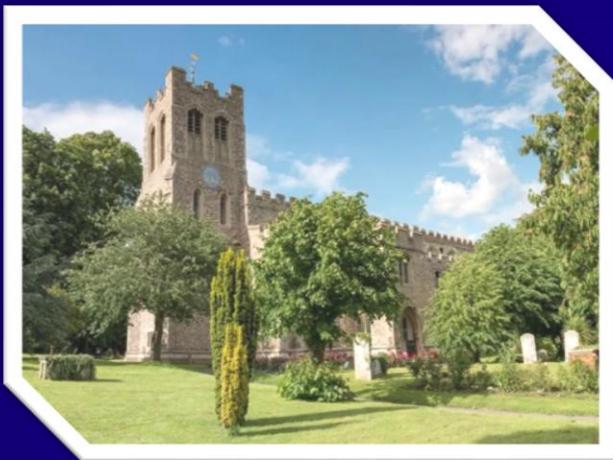
Worship is central to our life together — a blend of traditional and creative services where all ages worship side by side. We keep children at the heart of our gatherings, involving them in readings, prayers, and activities like Lego Church.

In recent years, we've grown from just four people meeting once a month to over twenty each week, and we believe this is only the beginning.



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## Coggeshall (St Peter ad Vincula & St Nicholas Chapel)



St Nicholas Chapel provides a smaller, quieter space for those who value a simple, traditional service.



We are a hub of village life, hosting concerts, groups, and events such as the Annual Flower Festival and Open Gardens, which draw hundreds from the wider community. We are actively seeking our Gold Eco Church Award and are looking for an eco-ambitious vicar.

We are a worshipping community with deep roots in the Anglican tradition. At St Peter's Church, music and liturgy are central — our robed choir, talented choirmaster, and high-quality worship help us lift our praise to God. Alongside our traditional services, we offer contemporary family worship, open prayer, and activities for children.



We work closely with other churches in the village and have strong links with our church school St Peter's, where we lead worship and welcome children for special services.



### **Stisted and Bradwell (All Saints & Holy Trinity)**

We are a community-minded congregation, deeply rooted in the life of our village. Our services aim to offer a mix of the traditional and contemporary. Our church in Stisted is open every weekend for anyone seeking a moment of prayer, peace, or candle-lighting. We welcome people for worship, concerts, coffee mornings, and seasonal events.



Our desire is simple: to offer a warm, Christ-centred welcome to all, and to live out our faith through generosity, community, and care for creation.

Caring for God's creation matters to us — our Bronze Eco Church Award reflects our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

We actively support local and international causes, from food banks and charities to recycling initiatives and overseas mission work. We value the link with Stisted Primary Academy and Fairways Childcare and are excited to explore new ways to welcome children and families into our worship, including Messy Church and Forest Church.



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## Looking Ahead Together



We know each of our parishes has its own personality, but we believe our future is brighter when we work together. As part of one benefice, we are eager to share our gifts, learn from one another, and support a shared vision for mission and ministry.

We long for a priest who will delight in our differences, draw us closer in unity, and lead us forward with faith, joy, and courage.



We are ready to welcome you into our communities and to journey with you into the next chapter of all that God is calling us to be.



## Our New Incumbent

We are seeking an inspiring and visionary Priest who will guide our congregations and reach into our communities, drawing us together, whilst upholding and respecting our core values.

Our prayer is for a leader who is:

- Warm, approachable with a good sense of humour
- A team builder, mediator, and reconciler
- Someone gifted in initiating and managing change
- Spirit-filled and rooted in prayer
- A visible presence in our communities and schools
- Pastoral, patient, and joyful
- An excellent communicator who listens well and inspires confidence
- Committed to enabling the ministry of others – lay and ordained – to flourish

We hope to find someone who can:

- Lead worship that is accessible, meaningful, and engaging for all generations
- Celebrate and embrace the diversity across our parishes, from Anglo-Catholic to contemporary styles
- Help us navigate our differences and build greater unity across the benefice
- Build on the strong foundations already established in our churches, communities, and schools
- Reach out to families and young people with energy, creativity, and love
- Encourage vocations and equip volunteers and lay leaders
- Embrace the blessings and rhythms of rural ministry with an open heart



## Ministry, Mission, and Worship

### All Saints and St Barnabas, Cressing

Our Vision & Priorities: We are a prayerful, open-hearted congregation ready for what God has next for us. We believe the best days of Cressing with Tye Green are ahead.

Our vision is to:

- Keep growing — spiritually, numerically, and in faith
- Deepen discipleship and make worship central to our life together
- Strengthen bonds with families and children, especially in new developments
- Be a visible, caring, and joyful presence in the village
- Build on what's working well and embrace fresh ideas with courage and faith

Here's a glimpse of what we offer:

- Weekly Sunday morning worship
- An Authorised Local Preacher & Lay Team
- Monthly Communion services
- Breakfast Church — informal, welcoming, and family-friendly
- Children's activities during worship
- A fledgling choir with big dreams
- A Bible Study Group where faith deepens and friendships grow

We know rural ministry has its challenges: we see these as opportunities — and we face them with hope, unity, and a willingness to roll up our sleeves.



## All Saints Stisted

**Our Vision & Priorities:** Hospitality is central to our mission. Whether through worship, a quiet visit, or community events, we seek to welcome all who step through our doors.

Our vision is to:

- Enter a new season of growth and renewal under creative, energetic leadership
- Place hospitality at the heart of what we do
- Strengthen the church's role as a community hub through concerts, coffee mornings, and seasonal celebrations
- Support charitable causes locally and internationally
- Encourage generosity through collections for spectacles, batteries, and food
- Reintroduce larger community events such as fayres and concerts

Here's a glimpse of what we offer:

- Weekly Sunday morning worship
- A well-equipped, accessible building for community use
- Fundraising supporting the Poppy Appeal, Macmillan, Crisis, and Help for Heroes
- Active support for Braintree Foodbank, Tools with a Mission, and India Vision Institute
- Ongoing practical collection points for food and other needs
- A faithful congregation, ready to reimagine how our church can be a vibrant, relevant, life-giving presence in our village.

We are prayerfully seeking a leader who will inspire and guide us as we grow in mission and community life.



## **St Peter ad Vincula & St Nicholas Chapel, Coggeshall**

**Our Vision & Priorities:** To build on one thousand years of worship, opening our hearts to newcomers and ensuring we remain a joyful Christian beacon in our community.

Our vision is to:

- Maintain our Anglo Catholic tradition of worship and music
- Welcome newcomers and engage families
- Strengthen pastoral care for the sick and housebound
- Build on and deepen our relationship with the schools in our parish
- Host major community events, both liturgical and secular

Here's a glimpse of what we offer:

- Weekly Sunday service at St Peter's Church
- Regular family service with contemporary worship and activities for children
- Traditional worship at St Nicholas' Chapel
- High Anglican worship with vestments, candles, and robed servers
- Music led by our choir and choirmaster
- Home communion and pastoral visiting
- Two major community events drawing hundreds:
  - Open Gardens & Flower Festival

We are committed to being a joyful Christian beacon for Coggeshall, rooted in worship and open to all.

## Children and Youth

### St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

In recent years, we were able to support a dedicated Youth Worker across Coggeshall's churches.

A new Youth Project has been launched by a new and enthusiastic board of trustees from all three Coggeshall churches.

The first initiative is a Youth Café, which opened in September 2025, which will run weekly for students in Years 7–9, led by volunteers.



We are actively involved in Open the Bible, visiting St Peter's Primary School five times each half term.

Collective Worship is led by the incumbent and licensed lay minister every two weeks throughout the school year.



## All Saints, Stisted

Reaching and engaging young people is a key part of our vision for the future. We want children and families to feel at home in our churches, and to grow in faith in ways that are natural and meaningful to them.

Plans are in development to pilot new, family-focused worship, including a possible Forest Church session and Messy Church-style events. These will be creative, informal, and designed to offer families space to explore faith together.

We are committed to listening to local families, engaging with the local CofE school, learning from others in the Benefice, and building a sustainable model of children's ministry rooted in our local context.



## All Saints and St Barnabas, Cressing

We value having children as a visible, audible, and integral part of our services. We don't send them off to a separate space — we keep them in the heart of our worship, learning and growing alongside parents, grandparents, and friends.

We aim to involve children actively in our services, whether through readings, helping with the offertory, joining in prayers, or simply being themselves in the presence of God's people.



Alongside this, we provide opportunities for children to engage creatively with the Bible through simple, hands-on crafts — Lego Church is a firm favourite! These activities are designed to help them explore the day's theme in a fun and memorable way and are often enjoyed by adults too. This approach not only strengthens intergenerational bonds but also models what it means to be one family in Christ.

## Church Schools

### All Saints, Stisted



Our relationship with Stisted Primary Academy is deeply valued. The school uses the church for key services during the year, and we are working to deepen these links through greater engagement, shared projects, and presence at school events.

We also have a strong connection with Fairways Childcare Centre, who reside next door to the church in a building rented to them by the PCC. Not only does this contribute a significant source of income, but it provides an opportunity for ministry to children and families in the wider community, offering occasions for both outreach and shared formation.

### St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall



St Peter's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School is a thriving church school with whom we enjoy a warm relationship.

The school shared the following message from the children:

*"We are a happy school and treat each other kindly, so we would like a vicar who treats us kindly too! We also want someone who is fun."*



Throughout the year, children visit the church for special services such as Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and Leavers' celebrations. Church staff also lead worship and assemblies regularly, and the Open the Bible team is a weekly highlight, bringing scripture to life in engaging and memorable ways.



## Benefice Attributes

The CAUP Benefice (Coggeshall and United Parishes) is a vibrant and historic group of three rural parishes nestled in the beautiful countryside of North East Essex.

Each village offers its own unique charm and character.

### Coggeshall

With a population of around 5,000, Coggeshall is a thriving town rich in history and community spirit. It is home to:

- St Peter ad Vincula Church
- St Nicholas Chapel
- Honywood Secondary School
- St Peter's Church of England Primary School and Pre-School
- Montessori Nursery School
- Christ Church United Reform
- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

Coggeshall boasts over 250 listed buildings, two National Trust properties, and a strong sense of local identity.

Amenities include:

- Doctors, Dentists, Pharmacy
- A supermarket, convenience store with post office, butcher, hairdressers/barbers
- Several pubs, a wine bar, and renowned restaurants
- A weekly market featuring fresh produce, fish, cheese, and a refillery stall
- Football/Cricket clubs, 1<sup>st</sup> Coggeshall Scout/Guides, and community swimming pool
- Marks Hall Estate and countryside footpaths, such as the Essex Way and along the River Blackwater



Transport links are good, with easy access to the A120 and A12, a regular bus service, and the Coggeshall Community Bus run by volunteers. This provides access to Kelvedon Station (2.5 miles away) with frequent trains between Norwich and Colchester running to London Liverpool Street. The Vicarage is located in Coggeshall, opposite the church.

## **Stisted, Bradwell & Pattiswick**

Stisted is a picturesque village of around 650 residents, located between Coggeshall and Braintree. The village is home to:

- All Saints Church, beautifully situated on the village edge overlooking the golf course
- A Church of England Primary School
- Fairways Nursery School
- Braintree Golf Club
- Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court Residential Home
- The Fairhead Arms Pop Up Pub
- The Village Shop

Nearby Braintree offers a wide range of amenities including supermarkets, restaurants, bowling alley, schools, a shopping village, swimming pool, and cinema.

Bradwell and Pattiswick has a combined population of around 500.

## **Cressing with Tye Green**

Set in the beautiful heart of Essex between Braintree and Witham, our rural parish combines rich heritage with exciting opportunities for growth. Village life is alive with stories old and new — from long-standing residents to young families drawn here by new housing and fresh possibilities.



Our population is currently around 1600, with significant growth expected from new housing developments, meaning Cressing is doubling in size. Cressing is home to;

- All Saints Parish Church, a Grade I listed, historic parish church at the heart of the village, currently being developed for greater community use
- St Barnabas Church & Hall, located in Tye Green, current main worship space, blending tradition and creativity.
- Cressing Temple Barns Visitor Attraction
- The Willows Indian & Thai Restaurant
- Cressing Sports & Social Club
- Several small convenience stores

With more homes being built, our community is set to grow, and we see this as a gift — a chance to welcome new neighbours and share God's love in fresh ways.

## **Spiritual and Pastoral Support**

We are deeply committed to supporting our new incumbent in their spiritual and pastoral ministry. With a mixture of volunteers and paid support, we hope to create space for them to deepen their own faith and nurture the spiritual lives of those in their care.

Our church families and PCCs will stand alongside you, offering prayer, encouragement, and a collaborative, team-oriented approach to church life.

## **Benefice Ministry Team**

The Benefice currently has a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM), a retired minister with PTO, a Pioneer Curate, and a recently appointed Authorised Lay Preacher (ALP). We also have members of the laity supporting a wide range of services and events.

## Our Church Buildings

### All Saints, Stisted & Holy Trinity, Bradwell

All Saints Stisted and Holy Trinity, Bradwell are the historic and spiritual heart of their villages. Situated on either side of the A120, they serve a rural parish with a deep connection to the land, shaped by generations of agricultural life and faith.



All Saints Stisted is a beautiful village church that has adapted well to modern needs while retaining its heritage. The addition of kitchen and toilet facilities in the last century, and the more recent creation of a café area in the South Aisle, has enabled the church to be used for community events and informal gatherings. It is open every weekend, offering visitors the opportunity to light candles and enjoy the peace of the building.

We are also proud that All Saints has been awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award, reflecting our ongoing commitment to sustainability and creation care.

We currently offer:

- Dedicated and enthusiastic bell ringers
- Committed small lay team
- Collection point for Foodbank
- Collection for recycling of batteries etc



Holy Trinity, Bradwell is a simple and deeply atmospheric 12th-century flint church, currently classified as a Festival Church. With minimal structural changes over the centuries, it retains a unique Norman character; this and the church's proximity to the Pilgrim Way means it is a regular point of interest for walkers and history groups. St Mary The Virgin church in Pattiswick was made redundant in 1983 and is now a private residence.

We have a committed core congregation at Stisted church that we would like to grow; at Christmas numbers can exceed 300 people, so there is a great deal of potential, and we seek a leader to help us meet this vision.

## All Saints & St Barnabas, Cressing

All Saints Church is a treasured historic building at the heart of our village, a place where prayer and community have met for generations. It's used currently for special services and local events, and we are dreaming of ways to make it an even greater blessing to the village. A Faculty application to realise these dreams is being actively pursued.



St Barnabas Church is our current spiritual home — a space where tradition and creativity meet. Our worship blends old and new, aiming to meet people where they are and offer an inclusive and genuine welcome to all. By God's grace, we've grown remarkably — from 4 people once a month to 20+ meeting every week — and we know this is only the beginning! We are seeing fresh faces, new ideas, and an increasing sense of hope and momentum.

We currently offer:

- Growing lay leadership team
- Weekly Bible Study
- Alpha courses
- Chatty Choir

And we are home to the following community groups

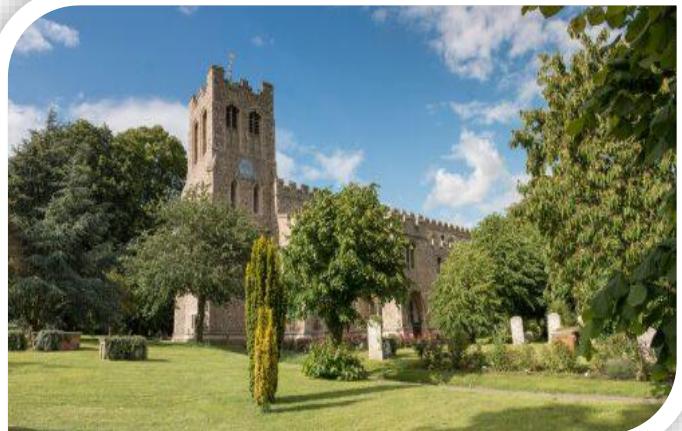
- Hartbeeps (for pre-schoolers)
- Art Club
- Knit & Knatter
- Community Coffee Morning
- Private & Commercial renters of the hall space

Our congregation tends to range between 20-32 most Sundays, though at Christmas we're drawing in 75+, especially with our 'campfire' services. We aim to continue to meet people where they are and offer an authentic invitation to join us in singing God's song.



## **St Peter ad Vincula and St Nicholas Chapel, Coggeshall**

St Peter's Church is a large Grade I listed church dating back to the 12th century. The church is equipped with a state-of-the-art sound system, including a drop-down screen, and all main services are streamed by a media team. We are additionally blessed with a gifted choirmaster who leads a robed choir of 10, rehearsing weekly.



St Peter's Church is a vibrant hub for community life, hosting groups such as:

- Weekly Morning Prayer and Praying for Coggeshall group
- Little Seeds (for babies and toddlers)
- Knit and Natter
- Men's Drop-In Coffee Morning
- Cosy Kitchen (Friday café with light snacks and fellowship)
- Bellringers
- Monthly Prayer and Reflection group
- Monthly Lay-led Morning Service

We also host monthly summer lunchtime concerts, which are well attended by locals and visitors alike. Additional outreach includes:

- Food Bank support
- Macmillan Coffee Mornings
- Traidcraft Sales
- A Rocha and Eco Church initiatives
- Mission Direct
- Herts and Essex Air Ambulance fundraising
- Prestigious evening concerts
- Memory on a Star
- All Souls' Service

St Peter's Church has a committed core congregation of approximately 60+ worshippers each Sunday. Our congregation grows significantly during major festivals. At Easter and Christmas, attendance regularly exceeds 120, and for the Crib Service, our large church is often filled to standing room only — testament to the strong community connection and the joy these celebrations bring.



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**St Nicholas Chapel** is a beautiful, small, Grade I listed former Cistercian Chapel.

A service of Holy Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month and attended by a core group of regular worshippers at the Chapel as well as some of the St Peter's Church congregation and others across the Benefice.

It is also used for weddings and occasionally funerals.



### **Administrative Support**

We aim to assist with the day-to-day management of our churches — from finances and maintenance to event coordination — so that you can focus on your spiritual and pastoral calling. Each church has a team of dedicated volunteers eager to support initiatives, activities, and events and in Coggeshall, there are three part-time paid staff members who manage finance, church administration, and social media.

Our PCCs are well-informed about the history, needs, and concerns of our churches and communities. They will help you understand our contexts and traditions, enabling you to tailor your ministry accordingly.

### **Finances**

We have consistently met our parish share obligations.

### **Nurturing Faith**

Whilst much of our existing ministry has been focused on children and families, we are beginning to appreciate the need to provide fresh opportunities for ministry with teenagers. Alongside this, we recognise the importance of supporting adults who are exploring faith for the first time or seeking to deepen their discipleship.



We have offered Alpha courses in each parish, and this has provided a helpful recognisable framework for those enquiring about Christianity. We are keen to develop this further by creating regular spaces for adults to ask questions and journey together, whether through small groups, discussion evenings, or dedicated enquirers' groups. We see this as a significant area for growth: to provide pathways not only for children but also for adults to come to faith and find a home within the church family.

Some members of the benefice have attended the Leading Your Church into Growth (LyCiG) conference, and this has begun to shape our vision and energy for evangelism and discipleship. There is still more to do, but we hope a new incumbent will be excited to help us build on this foundation.

We are therefore looking for a leader who can help us to develop a balanced approach to nurture: encouraging and discipling children and young people, while also equipping the church to walk alongside adults who are asking the big questions of life and faith.



## The Vicarage

The vicarage is a substantial five-bedroomed home located directly opposite St Peter ad Vincula Church in Coggeshall. It features:

- A large study with separate access, ideal for parish work
- A spacious kitchen-diner, utility room
- Sitting room
- Second reception room
- Gas central heating
- A garage and EV charging point for two vehicles
- A generous garden
- Convenient access to public transport, with a bus route nearby



## Our Benefice On A Page

Parish	Strengths	Challenges
St Peter ad Vincula Coggeshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ A community of relatively low deprivation with a core of willing and active volunteers</li><li>■ Strong heritage and sense of identity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Increasing financial vulnerability, as the ageing congregation sustains much of the income while younger members tend to give less</li><li>■ Difficulties in balancing traditional and newer worship styles</li><li>■ Risk of over-reliance on a small group of key contributors</li></ul>
All Saints Stisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ A faithful core congregation with resilience and commitment</li><li>■ Rural setting with heritage value</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ A predominantly ageing congregation, that can feel unrelatable to the wider community</li><li>■ Risk of further decline if intergenerational connections are not made</li><li>■ Unclear pathways to growth or engagement with younger families</li><li>■ Insufficient giving needs to be addressed</li></ul>
St Barnabas Cressing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ A relatively new worshipping community with services geared towards the un-churched</li><li>■ Strong sense of identity despite limited resources</li><li>■ Local presence in a community with significant needs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Financial insecurity due to the economic and social deprivation of the area</li><li>■ Uncertainty about the next phase of leadership and sustainability due to pioneer curacy ending</li><li>■ Reliant on goodwill and creativity, which may not always offset structural challenges</li></ul>



## Final Word

Our parishes are brimming with possibility and promise.

We recognise that there are challenges ahead but are ready to grow, ready to change, ready to serve, and ready to be surprised by God's goodness together.

If your heart stirs for communities like ours, we offer you our prayers, our partnership, and our deep hope that your ministry here will be a season of joy, growth, and abundant blessing for us all.