

**Priest in Charge Emmanuel Forst Gate
and**

All Saints Forest Gate



Thank you for your interest in these two posts in Forest Gate in the London Borough of Newham. Once appointed it is our intention that the Bishop would issue a plurality order allowing the Priest to be incumbent of both parishes,

This is an exciting opportunity for somebody to get alongside these two diverse and exciting parishes and help them to flourish and grow.

If you would find it helpful to have a phone conversation about these roles please don't hesitate contact my PA Debbie Kelly on dkelly@chelmsford.anglican.org to arrange a time .

With my prayers and very best wishes

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The Venerable Mike Power Archdeacon of West Ham
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Emmanuel Church w St Peters Upton Cross 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.

Bishop Guli's message continued

- 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.

+Guli
Bishop of Chelmsford



Find out more about our Diocesan Direction of Travel and Values:
www.chelmsford.anglican.org/travelling-well-together

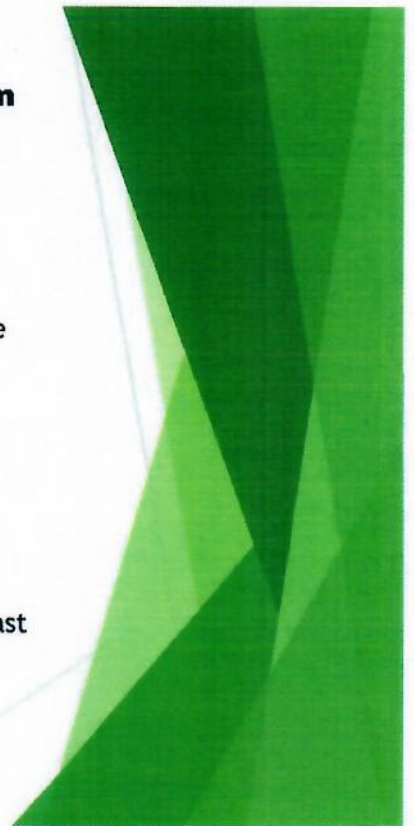
Message from the Dean of the London borough of Newham

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.

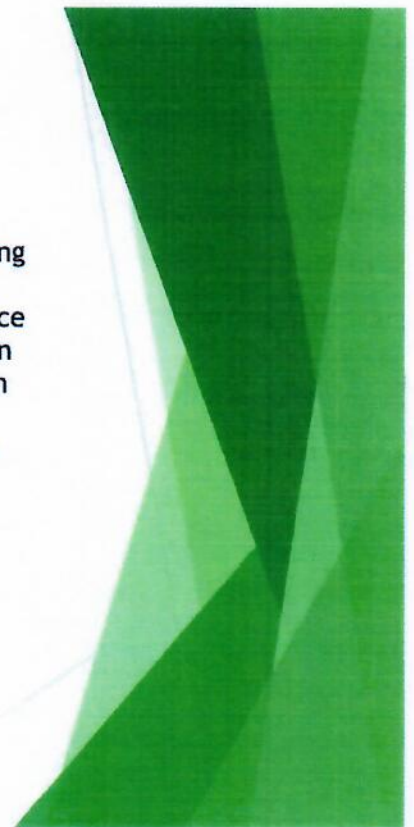


Message from the Dean of the London Borough of Newham

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!

Rev Amy Stott,
Area Dean.



THE CHURCH BUILDING

Emmanuel Church was built in 1852. It is the oldest church in Forest Gate, providing a place for religious and community activities for over 170 years. The story of the present location began with the planting of an acorn by a local botanist that grew into a fine oak tree



The original building was designed by the notable architect, George Gilbert Scott. The building even survived WWII mostly undamaged, and it still has a thriving congregation today. Since 1852 Emmanuel Parish church, Forest Gate has been an integral part of Newham, and Forest Gate communities. Feeding and caring for the less fortunate has been a huge part of Emmanuel's ministries, as well as for those who have mental health conditions that require support. It also has a welcoming and community of people who love people and do their best to show hospitality and welcome to all who enter. Members of the congregation at Emmanuel church share their thoughts on the importance of their church in making a home in Newham.



These memorials, within Church, commemorates members of the parish who were killed or missing in the world wars.



Emmanuel's Organ



THE CHURCH BUILDING AND CHURCH YARD

The building is a historical architectural masterpiece located in the centre of Forest Gate.

The building though historic remains in good condition and is very popular in the community and amongst tourists.

Due to its historic value, architectural design and being the mother church in Forest Gate it was listed as Grade 2 building.

It is currently in good condition structurally and is well used by other denominations and the community.

The building is separated into the main church and a communal hall, used for Church activities, and other community activities.

The Church Yard landscape was recently redesigned, and is now being used for outdoor worship, open to the community and for outdoor activities.



Before

It is well used by the community for celebrations, and for lunch breaks quite times.



Before



After

PARISH MAP



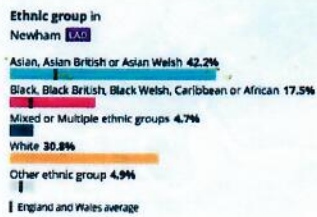
South Porch Entrance

► The Parish of Emmanuel is the main Parish Church of Forest Gate and situated in the London borough of Newham, East London.

► The church is situated at a major crossroads on the corner of Romford Rd (A118) and Upton Lane.

► We have 6 significant bus routes which pass by the church such as 425, 25, 86, 58, 325 and 330.

THE ETHNIC BREAKDOWN



► The parish contains a large number of terraced, residential housing and a number of shops along Woodgrange Road, Upton Lane and Green Steet.

► The nearest tube station is Forest Gate on the Elizabeth line; there is also a Suffragette Line at Wanstead Park Station.

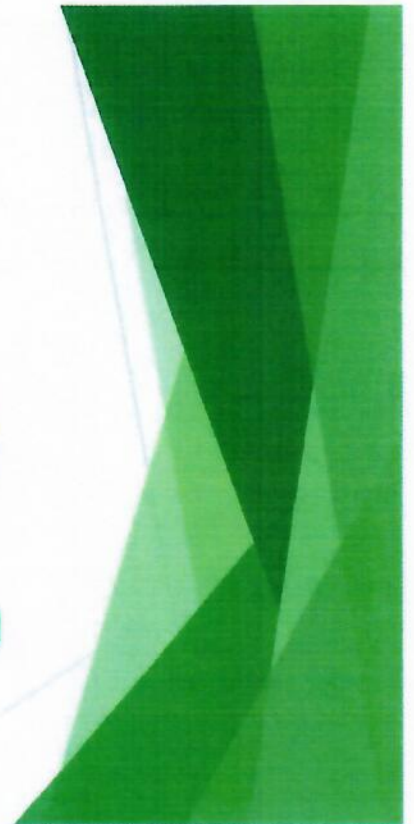
► It is just inside the 'North Circular' (A406). To the East of Stratford.

CENSUS FROM THE OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS IS AS FOLLOWS

► **Forest Gate: Emmanuel Forest Gate w St Peter's Upton Cross:**

Overall Deprivation

- The parish has a population of 27,642 according to the 2021 Census.
- In terms of overall deprivation, it ranks 1358 out of 12178, where 1 is the most deprived.
- There are 3 secondary schools in the parish and a number of religious institutions dedicated to various forms of worship.
- As a whole, the parish is highly multicultural and multi faith area.



Child Poverty

Percentage 18%

▶ The proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 in this parish, living in income deprived families. Income deprived families are defined as families that either receive Income Support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit (Guarantee) or families not in receipt of these benefits but in receipt of Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit with an equivalized income (excluding housing benefit) below 60 per cent of the national median before housing costs.



Ranked 2211/12239

▶ Ranking on the 2015 Index of Multiple Deprivation child poverty index, in this parish relative to other parishes nationally or in the same diocese. Based on the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived families. Income deprived families are defined as families that either receive Income Support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit (Guarantee) or families not in receipt of these benefits but in receipt of Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit with an equivalized income (excluding housing benefit) below 60 per cent of the national median before housing costs

Working-age Poverty

Percentage 17%

► The proportion of working-age adults in this parish, who experience income deprivation. This includes those in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Carer's Allowance.

Ranked 1313/12239

► Ranking in this parish, on the 2015 Index of Multiple Deprivation employment deprivation domain, relative to other parishes nationally or in the same diocese. Based on the proportion of working-age adults who experience income deprivation. This includes those in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Carer's Allowance

Pensioner Poverty

Percentage 43%

The proportion of all those aged 60 or over in this parish who experience income deprivation. This includes adults aged 60 or over receiving Income Support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit (Guarantee).

Ranked 138/12239

Ranking on the 2015 Index of Multiple Deprivation older people index in this parish, relative to other parishes nationally or in the same diocese. Based on the proportion of all those aged 60 or over who experience income deprivation. This includes adults aged 60 or over receiving Income Support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit (Guarantee).

Life Expectancy (Boys) 79 years

The average number of years in this parish, a man would live, if he experienced the particular area's age-specific mortality rates.

Life Expectancy (Girls) 84 years

The average number of years in this parish, a woman would live, if she experienced the particular area's age-specific mortality rates.

Demographics No Qualifications 24.8%

Percentage of adults in this parish, aged 16 - 70 with no academic, vocational or professional qualifications.

Social housing 19.3%

Percentage of households in this parish, living in local authority or housing association properties.

Older population 8.7%

Percentage of population in this parish aged 65 and over

Ethnic diversity 83%

Percentage of population who are not white British.

CHURCH LIFE

The most distinctive thing about our congregation, is that it is made-up of people from all around the world. At Pentecost we say the Lord's Prayer in all the languages which are spoken in the church, and this can easily get to twenty.

There are people from Jamaica, Montserrat, Nigeria, Trinidad, Pakistan, Iran, Kenya, White British, Botswana, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe as well as people who were born and brought up in Forest Gate.

We have a very local congregation, only a small number of people travel any distance to get to church. There is a strong community spirit in the church, and people are happy to stay behind after service to have fellowship with each other over a cup of tea and cake. People enjoy going on outings with each other such as our yearly outings to the seaside.

We have a committed Parochial Council and volunteers who look after the church housekeeping. Prior to lockdown we would cater for large congregation events such as Harvest Festival and other community events.

At the moment we have a rota of people helping with Intercession, readings and sides persons' duties. We also have a Technical Team who stream our Services.

WORSHIP

▶ Parish Eucharist is held every Sunday at 10am. Led by Rev Ajennie Subaran who has been an Associate Priest at Emmanuel since 2019, and Rev Barnabas Matloob who has served as an Associate Priest for a number of years, and is now retired but continues to serve at Emmanuel Church

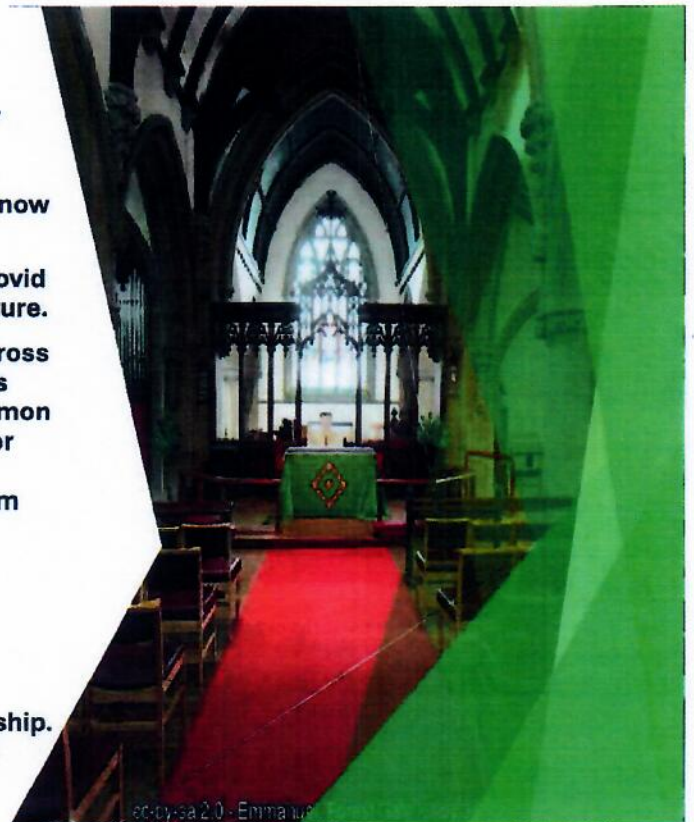
▶ We have a dedicated professional organist, and prior to Covid we had a choir which we would like to re establish in the future.

▶ Emmanuel parish church merged with St Peter's Upton Cross in the year 1962, after it was declared redundant . Worship is within a traditional Anglican format, using the book of Common Worship. Vestments are worn for worship. We are not high or low church, we are a church that embraces a balanced approach, blending tradition with modernity, offering a warm and inclusive space for all to encounter God.

▶ Our congregation is multicultural, and this reflects in the flavor of our worship.

▶ We use the book of Common Worship for Morning prayer which is presently conducted via Zoom.

▶ The Liturgy is formal, reflecting a traditional Anglican worship. People often comment on the warmth of the place, and it is certainly an 'intimate' church to worship



CHURCH HOSPITALITY

► We always have parties after confirmations, birthdays and any other special occasion. At Christmas the congregation make significant financial contributions to ensure we produce a tasty and entertaining dinner for the homeless, lonely and everyone in the community who wishes to come and enjoy a Christmas meal.



Emmanuel Church Vicarage

► Boasting a red door this is a lovely 4-bedroom house with off street parking and garden. Only a 5-minute walk from the Church and within walking distance of Forest Gate Station (Elizabeth line) and 3 bus routes - 25, 86 and 425 nearby.



PALM SUNDAY

- ▶ On Palm Sunday our church is adorned with green palms.
- ▶ The congregation led by the Priest process around the streets around the church singing hymns accompanied by musical instruments. Each person bears a palm cross, returning to complete the celebration at the church.



HOLY WEEK



During Holy week the Churches in Forest gate come together for reflections, these are held in 3 different churches with the priest leading the charge



We get together on Maundy Thursday, where we celebrate the Agape meal including the Eucharist, and also participate in the washing of feet or hands.



The High altar is transformed into the garden of Gethsemane where we gather for a vigil to silently pray until midnight.



The Churches then come together on Good Friday for the walk of Witness. Starting from from Capel Rd, we make stops at different churches, praying and singing hymn along the way, ending at the Catholic Convent.



For the Easter Morning dawn vigil, we have a service over a lit fire at the South Porch. At sunrise we process through the Church yard to the communal hall where we end our service with prayer followed by easter morning breakfast. Easter morning Eucharist commences at 10:AM.



We also host a jumble sale twice per year, during Summer and Christmas with a lot of support and participation from the community, which demonstrate how valued we are in the parish.



Advent Season

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The season of Advent commences with an Advent course which run for 6 weeks.

We hold a service of nine lessons and carols on the last Sunday evening before Christmas day.

Christmas eve service is at 11.00 pm followed by Christmas day service at 11:00 am.

Before Covid, we would get together for a community Christmas lunch, and it is something we hope to revive in the future.

Mum took me to Emmanuel Church Forest Gate at the age of 3. She always says that they made her feel welcome and she was greeted by lovely friendly people

People who visit call us "the food church" as we always have lots of food. How important is Emmanuel Church to you and your local community? The building means a lot because it is part of the community.

**PERSONAL TESTIMONIES
FROM NEWHAM HERITAGE
MONTH 1-30TH JUNE 2020**

The building means a lot because it is part of the community. We have a breakfast club which I occasionally help out at to feed the homeless



STEPPING STONES



Established in 2014, *SteppingStones* is a weekly ministry offering support to those living with mental ill health. Through worship, Bible reading, open discussion, and prayer, we create a space where individuals feel safe, uplifted, and deeply loved.



Each session is a reminder of the comfort and hope Christ offers in times of despair. Before COVID, we met in person, sharing creative activities and meals that fostered fellowship and joy. Now held via Zoom, our gatherings continue to reflect the love of God and the strength of community—even in limited form.



SteppingStones is more than a support group—it's a place where hearts are healed, spirits are lifted, and no one feels forgotten.





STEPPING STONES



Stepping Stones, supports people living with mental health challenges in Forest Gate, East London, in partnership with East London Foundation Trust. We are a place of inclusion and welcome for those experiencing mental illness and Stepping Stones is an important part of our ministry at Emmanuel Church.



Running a weekly drop-in session for the past eleven years, it has long promoted wellbeing for those experiencing mental health difficulties and their families.



Now the drop-in sessions are online with laptops provided by the church to those who have limited access thanks to a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.



The grant also pays for internet data where needed to help participants join the sessions.



Coming to the group can be the only outing for some, it is important that we provide a safe space where we can come together in worship and socialise. Even though we are not able to meet in person at the moment, our online sessions have helped us stay in contact and support one another".



During the pandemic the laptops made a huge difference. The laptops helped our participants cope with Covid restrictions by continuing to access our services from home."

Faithful Friends



Faithful Friends was founded in 2008 by Reverend Barnabas Matloob. This project brings all faiths and other organisations and business leaders such as the police, Newham council etc to work in collaboration with each other. Looking at ways we can help the community such as crime, parking in the community and working together in peace.



We did a PEACE MARCH in 2015. Before COVID, we held regular face to face meetings and moved online during COVID. We now meet regularly in person.



This project is recognized by the Bishop of Chelmsford

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN



Sunday Club

- ▶ Until 2020 we ran a lively weekly Sunday Club during the service, led by 2 volunteers' leaders that was regularly attended by over 6 children.
- ▶ The children enjoyed showcasing what they had learnt about the Gospel to the congregation, which is always well received. We plan to restart Sunday Club in September 2025.

Family service

Family service is a simplified form of worship, for family and children, which aims to help child get involved in worship, such as reading, and doing intercessions.

- ▶ We continue to have a dedicated Play area with a child friendly mat and reserved seats for their parents.

Faith in Schools

- ▶ We continue to host Faith in Schools with local children visiting the church to experience the Christmas Story and provide bread and juice in Mary's Kitchen.



Kitchen Table Project

This is still to happen.

Stay and Play Project

This project begun in December 2022 after weeks of planning and prayer. We received funding for 3 years from London over the Border.

Monitoring

We have monitored the activities closely.

1. On average we get about 25 Children (25% increase) and 18 Adults.
2. We have 10 different activities at Stay and Play
3. Art has been a very popular session - with an Art teacher leading.
4. We have 10 church volunteers and external volunteers.
5. We reach out to external partners and other churches each month.
6. The parents and children enjoy the refreshments especially the cheese on toast.

Outcome

The project is well received:

1. One family with 3 children who have been attending Stay and Play now regularly attend our Sunday Services.
2. We have increased engagement with families and children
3. We are enabling parents and children to be more active members of the church.
4. We have resourced parents support the spiritual and social life of their families
5. The parents and children appreciate and welcome the refreshments.



OUTREACH

Supporting Hands: Serving Our Community with Compassion



In the heart of one of the UK's most diverse communities, our church has long recognised the challenges many face—from food insecurity to the rising cost of living. That's why we created *Supporting Hands*, a practical outreach initiative offering help with dignity and kindness.

Originally launched as the *Breakfast Club*, we served hot English breakfasts every week for 14 years, creating a space of warmth and connection. Though the pandemic brought that chapter to a close, our mission continues stronger than ever.

Today, *Supporting Hands* collects surplus food from eight local supermarkets—including fresh produce, baked goods, chilled items, canned foods, drinks, and sandwiches—which we distribute to anyone in need. Whether someone is homeless, struggling to make ends meet, or simply going through a tough time, they are welcome.

We also provide donated clothing and household essentials, ensuring that no one in our community feels forgotten.





COURRENTLY END OF YEAR FINANCE REPORT

Annual Financial Report 2024

Our end of year 2024 finances are in good order. All accounts have been properly maintained and reconciled. The Parish share is fully up to date, and all commitments have been met in a timely manner.

Our current balance to date is just over £28000.00



SPECIFICATION

We are looking for a Priest who is

- Welcoming
- Outward looking
- Inclusive
- Hardworking
- Proactive
- Creative
- Building human relationships
- Prepared to take on the challenge of working with architects to undertake the much-needed modernising of our church
- Willing to take their spirituality seriously and preach and teach God's word
- Motivated to approach challenges a church like ours may present.
- Innovative
- Balanced Approach
- Good sense of Humour
- Sensitivity and understanding of different cultures to serve a diverse and mature community
- Able to provide pastoral care to the community
- Cares for the next generation of church goers