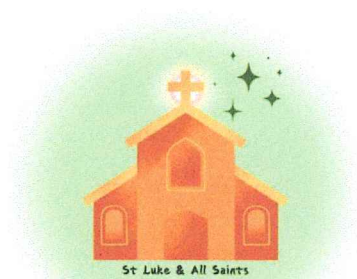
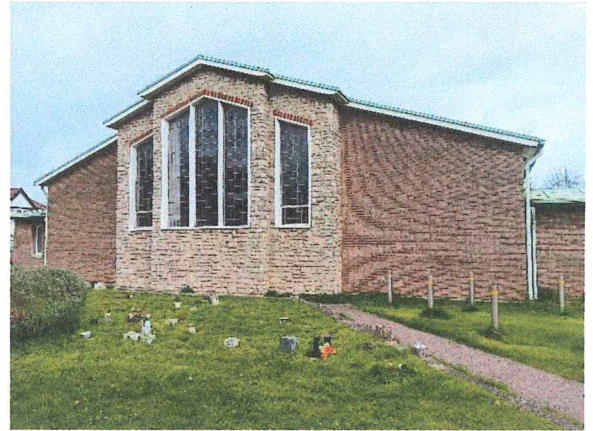


The Parishes of Prittlewell St Luke & All Saints, Southend



Parish Profile 2024

All Saints Parish Profile



Welcome to All Saints: A Beacon of Faith and Community

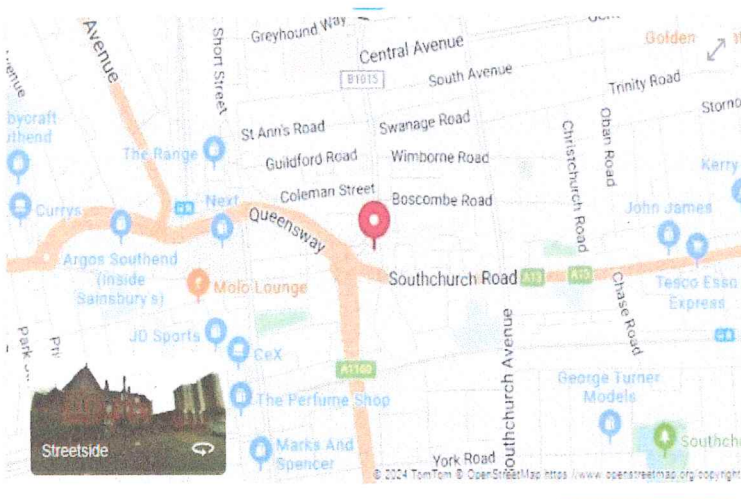
The Olive Tree – A Symbol of Peace and Renewal (Pictured above: Our cherished 150 year old olive tree, representing resilience, peace, and the enduring spirit of our parish.)

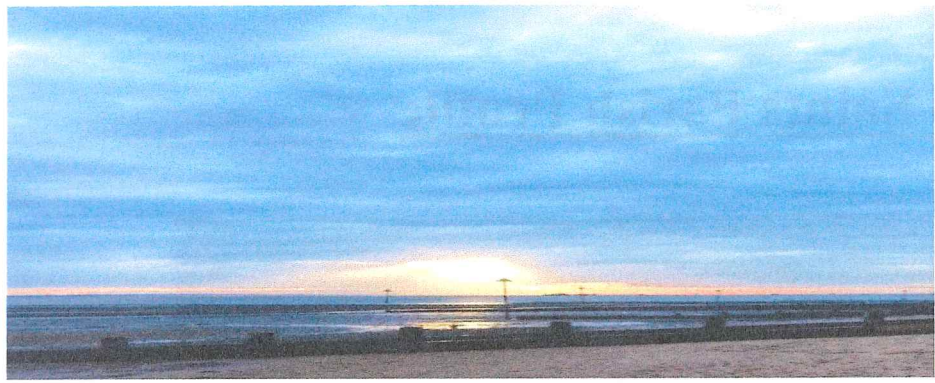
About Us: At All Saints, we pride ourselves on being an open and welcoming congregation, fostering fellowship, faith, and genuine connections. Here, every individual is seen, heard, and valued.

Website: <https://www.allsaintschurchsouthend.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsChurchSouthend>

Location: 1 Sutton Road, Southend on sea, Essex, SS2 5PA





Overview: Nestled in the vibrant heart of Southend-on-Sea, Essex, All Saints Church stands as a testament to faith and community spirit. Our prime location ensures seamless connectivity, with both the rail network and major bus station hub just a brief 10-minute stroll away. Southend boasts a rich tapestry of shopping venues, esteemed educational institutions, and a picturesque seafront featuring the world's longest pleasure pier. At All Saints, we are more than a place of worship; we are a sanctuary for connection, reflection, and growth.

Our New Priest

We are prayerfully seeking a new priest who embodies the following qualities:

- **Full of ideals and enthusiasm:** A person who brings passion and energy to our faith community.
- **Embraces tradition, welcomes change:** Someone who appreciates the beauty of our traditional Anglican heritage while being open to fresh ideas and growth.
- **Encourages and promotes families:** A priest who actively supports families with children, nurturing their faith and involvement in parish life.
- **Works closely with our community:** Someone who listens to and understands the unique needs of our diverse parish family.
- **Prepared to handle day-to-day challenges:** A resilient leader, ready to tackle the daily tasks of parish life with dedication and care.
- **Supports our PCC (Parochial Church Council):** A collaborative spirit who works alongside the PCC to strengthen and lead our parish.
- **A friendly, social spirit:** We are a warm, welcoming community with a love for social activities and events throughout the year, and we seek a priest who will actively engage in these joyful gatherings.

Together, with St Lukes we look forward to welcoming a priest who will journey with us in faith, service, and community!

Community and Worship

At the heart of our parish lies a deep commitment to the beauty of holiness, firmly rooted in the rich Anglican tradition. Our liturgical life, especially our celebration of the Eucharist, is marked by reverence and joy, where we invite all to actively participate—whether through serving at the altar or by sharing in the sensory beauty of the liturgy, complete with lights, incense, bells, and worship music. This thoughtful approach creates a sacred space where worship is both uplifting and transformative, a place where God’s presence is profoundly felt.

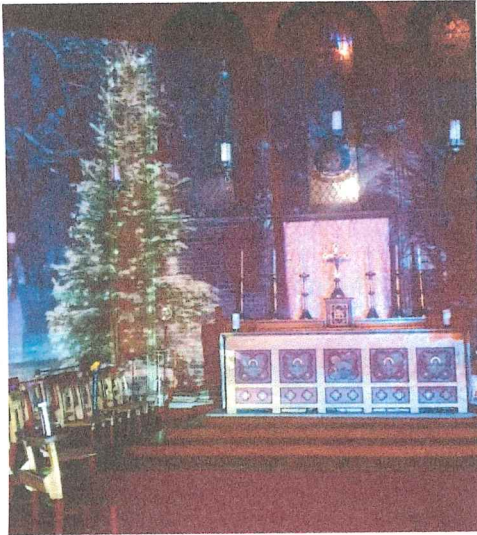
With a light touch and abundant warmth, we aim to make our worship accessible and inspiring; with openness to engaging teaching that connects Scripture and tradition to the daily life of Southend today. Our services are a source of nourishment for the soul, and we strive to offer a space where all feel welcome to come closer to Christ.

throughout the year. This partnership enriches our community, fostering unity and fellowship among diverse Christian traditions.

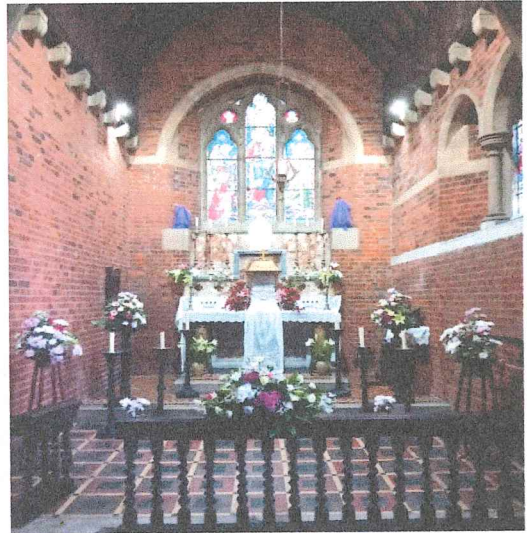
Regular Church Services:

- **Sunday:** Sung Eucharist at 10:00 am
- **Monday:** Morning Prayer at 10:00 pm
- **Tuesday:** Morning Prayer at 10:00 am
- **Wednesday:** Morning Prayer at 10:00 am
- **Thursday:** Said Eucharist at 10:00 am

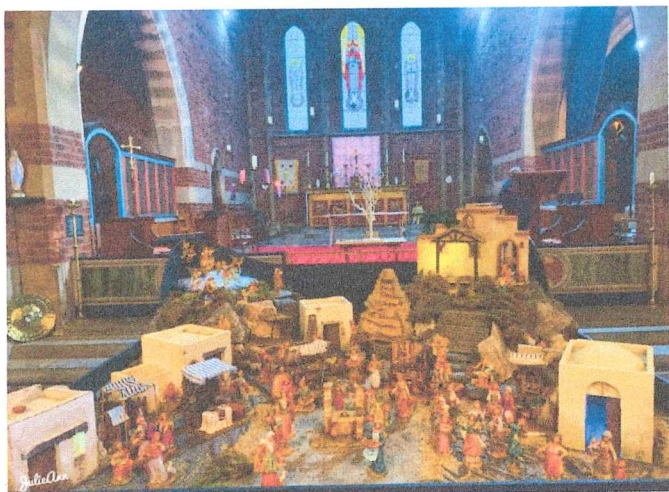
Special Services: We joyfully celebrate special services during pivotal moments in the liturgical calendar, including **Easter** and **Christmas**, embracing these seasons with reverence and communal joy.



High Altar at Christmas



Lady Chapel at Easter



Christmas Crib



Blessed Mary (Assumption)

A place of welcome, peace, and belonging—our church is more than just a building; it's a home where hearts gather in faith and community.

Prayer and Cake:

The **first Saturday of each month** from **10:00-11.00am** "Prayer and Cake." Run by Cheryl our Evangelist and Baptism Coordinator. This event offers a welcoming space for private prayer and meditation, with several prayer stations set up around the church to guide your reflections. Cheryl offers private prayer, as well as supported fellowship over tea, coffee, and a selection of delicious cakes. It's a wonderful opportunity to nourish both your spirit and body in a supportive community setting.

Life Events:

- **Weddings** we have held 0 wedding services in the last 2 years
- **Funerals** we have held 0 funeral services in the last 2 years
- **Baptisms:** Under the guidance of our dedicated Baptism Coordinator, Cheryl, we have had the pleasure of welcoming 11 individuals into the Christian faith through baptism, in the last 2 years

Our Compassionate Pastoral Care Team

Led by the dedication of **Penny Alexander**, our informal Pastoral Care Team is committed to offering compassionate support to individuals and families during times of need. With a focus on holistic care, we provide:

- **Spiritual guidance:** Offering prayer, encouragement, and counsel to help nurture faith through challenging times.
- **Emotional support:** Listening with empathy and understanding, walking alongside you in moments of sorrow, joy, and everything in between.
- **Practical assistance:** From running errands to providing visits or simply offering a kind word, we are here to help with the day-to-day needs that arise during difficult moments.

Our Pastoral Care Team is a vital part of our church family, ensuring that no one has to face life's challenges alone. We're here to bring comfort, care, and God's love to all who need it.

Safeguarding:

We prioritise the safety of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Andrew Woods, ensures that all activities adhere to the Church of England's safeguarding policies.



Safeguarding our Parish

Community Outreach: Our commitment to serving is exemplified through our support to **Stephen's Place**, run by Helen one of our PCC members and Pastoral carers dedicated to re-housing homeless and vulnerable people in supported accommodation, providing them with opportunities to rebuild their lives. Stephen's Place is currently housing 30 people.



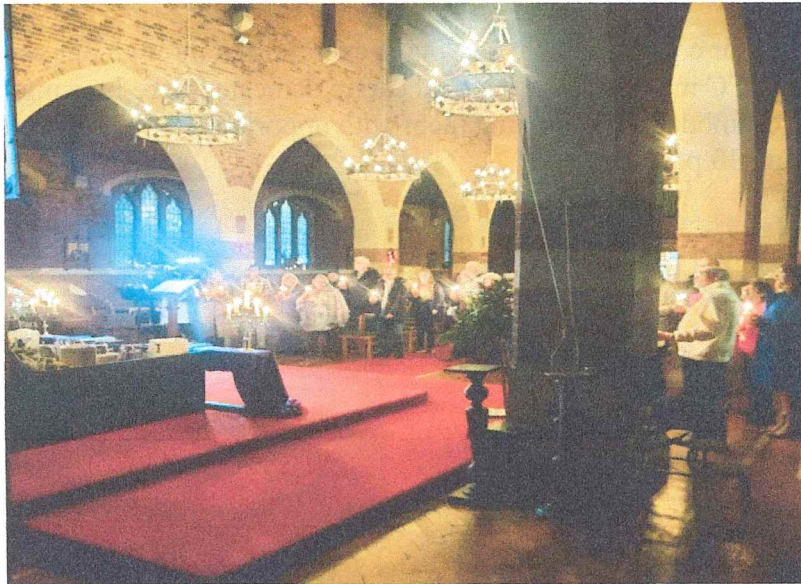
Volunteers

Breakfast Club: Tuesday morning from 8:00am to 12:00pm run by Stephen's Place offering complimentary breakfasts and friendly advice a perfect setting for sharing stories, support, and warm meals.



Breakfast Club

We are also honoured to support **The Children's Society**, represented by Tina Seckleman, who tirelessly advocates for the well-being of vulnerable children.



Christingle Service

Additionally, our annual **Shoebbox Appeal** assembles and delivers essential items and heartfelt gifts to families overseas facing hardships, spreading joy and hope across borders.



Shoe Boxes Ready for Delivery

Fundraising and Social Events: At All Saints, we believe in the power of community engagement. Our dynamic fundraising events not only sustain our programmes but also strengthen the bonds among us. Our highlights include: **Film Club** held on a Saturday evening with a fish and chip supper.

These events are held in our main Church building and attract regular visitors

- **Table Sales**
- **Summer Fair**
- **Christmas Fair**

We have also cherished hosting a variety of memorable events, such as:

- **Barn Dance:** An energetic evening filled with music and dance.



Barn Dance Evening

- **Medieval Evening:** A themed night transporting attendees to a bygone era.



Tudor Banquet

- **Quiz Nights:** Stimulating minds and fostering friendly competition.

- **Cheese and Wine Tasting:** An opportunity to savour flavours and enjoy camaraderie.



Cheese and Wine Tasting Event

- **Celebration Meals:** Gatherings at local restaurants to commemorate special occasions
- **Museum talks:** Enriching us with history, culture and diversity.

Arts and Crafts: We believe in fostering creativity and community through various arts and crafts events.



Wooden Blanks Decorated by our Congregation and shown at the Beecroft Art Gallery



Christmas Wreath Making

Church Hall: A Hub for Community Engagement

Our church hall, known as **The Tom Smith Hall**, is a versatile space that serves as a hub for various community activities. Situated adjacent to the church on Sutton Road, it is easily accessible and well-equipped to host a range of events.

Regular Activities:

- **Pre-School Nursery:** Providing early childhood education in a nurturing environment.
- **Rainbows, Brownies, Girl Guides and Ranger:** Empowering young girls through activities that promote personal development and community service.
- **After-School Clubs:** Offering a safe and engaging space for children to participate in extracurricular activities.
- **Children's Parties:** A popular venue for hosting memorable celebrations.
- **The Hall:** is also utilized by other Christian worship groups.

Our Achievements: We take pride in our recent accomplishments, including the installation of elegant chandeliers and the comprehensive refurbishment of our meeting room, kitchen, and toilets including Disabled and baby changing facilities. Our serene labyrinth and meticulously maintained grounds offer a tranquil haven for meditation and communal gatherings.

Strengths and Talents: Our congregation is a mosaic of diverse talents, from musical and artistic abilities to teaching and community service. These gifts enrich our church life, fostering a nurturing and vibrant environment.

Future Vision

Looking ahead, All Saints is committed to sustainability and community development. Our plans include integrating solar energy solutions and enhancing heating efficiency.

Youth Engagement: We also aspire to establish an after-school computer and gaming club for children, providing a safe and engaging space for learning and recreation.

Supportive Housing: Utilizing our currently vacant vicarage as a halfway house for individuals transitioning from rehabilitation programs. In partnership with Stephen's Place, we aim to offer a comprehensive support system that addresses every aspect of their lives, assisting them in rebuilding and reintegrating into the community.

Through these initiatives, we strive to create a nurturing environment that fosters growth, support, and inclusivity for all members of our community.



Our family united in faith—together we share in worship, joy, and the love of Christ.

Financial Overview:

At All Saints Church, Southend-on-Sea, we are committed to transparency and responsible stewardship of our financial resources.

Income:

Our primary sources of income include:

- **Voluntary Contributions:** Generous donations from our congregation and supporters.
- **Fundraising Events:** Proceeds from activities such as table sales, fairs, and social gatherings.
- **Facility Rentals:** Income from the hire of our church hall for community events and activities.

Expenditure:

Our expenditures are allocated towards:

- **Parish Share:** Contributions to the Diocese to support clergy stipends and wider church missions.
- **Operational Costs:** Maintenance of church facilities, utilities, and administrative expenses.
- **Community Outreach:** Funding for programs and initiatives that serve our local community

Financial Health:

We strive to maintain a balanced budget, ensuring that our income sufficiently covers our expenditures. Regular financial reviews are conducted to monitor our financial health and to make informed decisions for future planning.

Transparency:

We are dedicated to keeping our congregation informed about our financial status. Detailed financial reports are presented at our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), providing an opportunity for open discussion and feedback.

Support:

The continued generosity of our congregation and supporters enables us to sustain our ministries and community services. We are deeply grateful for all contributions, whether through regular giving, participation in fundraising events, or volunteering time and talents.

ALL SAINTS P.C.C. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31.12.24
CHURCH ACCOUNT

INCOME	£	£
	2024	2023
Brought forward	3,585.74	915.41
Planned giving (weekly envelopes)	9,737.05	8,591.77
Planned giving (standing orders)	14,074.00	14,264.00
Regular collections (Sunday am)	1,904.04	2,050.46
Sum Up payments	338.54	--.00
Special collections (Baptisms, Christmas etc.)	186.82	236.05
Electricity rebate	--.00	1,721.60
Inter-regnum Clergy exp. rebate	240.00	--.00
Donations for use of Church facilities 2023	--.00	5,377.00
Donations for use of Church facilities 2024 Anandadhara Arts	1,418.00	--.00
Donations for use of Church facilities 2024 St Gregorios	4,335.00	--.00
General donations	635.00	470.54
Diocesan Heating Grant	--.00	1,140.00
Fees (Banns, Weddings & Funerals)	54.00	51.00
Coffee & refreshment donations	211.52	137.98
Pricket boxes	261.95	282.54
Gift Aid & Gift Aid Small Donations claims	5,628.35	5,302.31
Insurance claim (church roof)	--.00	1,083.20
Transfer from Hall fund	2,800.00	5,110.00
TOTAL	45,410.01	46,733.86

EXPENDITURE

Diocesan Purse (see note 1)	23,978.00	20,469.00
Gas (church)	4,068.68	5,503.17
Gas (vestries)	612.90	1,235.07
Electricity	996.00	984.00
Insurance	3,979.32	3,931.68
Fire extinguishers	84.00	120.00
Sanctuary expenses	364.62	523.42
Stationery & postage	243.19	158.82
Sundries – CCLI License, Publicity, Parking permits etc	417.47	597.08
Coffee & refreshment supplies	62.25	72.50
Church cleaner	4,280.00	3,798.00
Cleaning materials	22.53	27.18
Garden maintenance	2,600.00	3,000.00
Clergy expenses inc. inter-regnum exps	934.00	681.00
Mouse control	150.00	150.00
General maintenance – Boiler & roof repairs	--.00	1,897.20
General maintenance inc. Electrical inspection & work	1,779.27	--.00
Church mobile phone	114.99	--.00
TOTAL	44,687.22	43,148.12

<u>BALANCE IN ACCOUNT</u>	<u>722.99</u>	<u>3,585.74</u>
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ALL SAINTS P.C.C. DESIGNATED FUNDS AT 31.12.24
HALL ACCOUNT

<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
	2024	2023
Brought forward	2,964.81	2,388.00
Playgroup	8,301.70	7,722.00
Franck Omombo Bible Study	1,080.00	1,560.00
11+ Group	2,640.00	2,550.00
CACMOR	2,048.00	80.00
Stephen's Place	3,315.00	840.00
Rainbows	240.00	220.00
Brownies	360.00	150.00
Guides	360.00	155.00
Rangers	180.00	75.00
Get the Kids Out	--.--	1,290.00
Nissi Life (Rhema) Church	--.--	2,900.00
Your Space Essex	--.--	37.50
Get the Kids Out	--.--	1,290.00
Children's Parties	1,028.00	800.00
Miscellaneous One-off bookings	661.00	--.--
Diocesan Heating Grant	--.--	1,140.00
TOTAL	23,178.51	21,907.50

EXPENDITURE

Water	--.--	58.04
Gas	7,431.53	3,225.68
Electricity	792.00	678.00
Hall Cleaner	4,290.00	3,716.00
Cleaning Materials	240.26	193.02
Insurance	1014.85	1,003.91
Fire Extinguishers	126.00	48.00
Mouse Control	150.00	150.00
Hall floor etc.	--.--	4,760.04
Transfer to Church account	2,800.00	5,110.00
TOTAL	16,844.64	18,942.69

<u>BALANCE IN ACCOUNT</u>	6,333.64	2,964.81
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ALL SAINTS P.C.C. RESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31/12/2024

	Bal at 1.1.24 £	Funds in £	Funds out £	Bal at 31.12. 24 £
Children's Society	--.--	2207.73	2207.73	--.--
Gambia village	--.--	324.05	324.05	--.--
HARP	--.--	70.00	70.00	--.--
Subtotal (a)	--.--	2601.78	2601.78	--.--
Special funds	410.40	31.25	--.--	441.65
Flower fund	61.38	198.00	219.45	39.93
Memorial plaques	160.00	--.--	--.--	160.00
Selectasaint	113.50	694.00	576.50	231.00
Young People's fund	198.85	--.--	--.--	198.85
Film Club	172.81	53.00	--.--	225.81
Garden project	4.22	--.--	--.--	4.22
Fr Neil's retirement	--.--	861.78	861.78	--.--
Subtotal (b)	1,121.16	1,838.03	1,657.73	1,301.46
TOTALS (a + b)	1,121.16	4,439.81	4,259.51	1,301.46

TOTAL BALANCE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31.12.24 £1,301.46**ALL SAINTS P.C.C. DESIGNATED FUND AT 31/12/2024****DEVELOPMENT FUND (FORMERLY MAJOR PROJECT FUND)**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
B/Fwd at 1.1.24	3,766.56		
FR sales & Events	1,730.14	Fr Neil's retirement	249.78
Christmas Raffles	594.00		
Clothing Bank	627.00		
Selectasaint Income	288.25		
Donations	66.50		
TOTAL AT 31.12.24	7,072.45	TOTAL AT 31.12.24	249.78

AVAILABLE IN FUND AT 31.12.24 £6,822.67

ALL SAINTS CHURCH P.C.C. ACCOUNTS

BALANCE SHEET AT 31.12.2024

FUNDS

£

£

	2024	2023
Unrestricted (Church)	722.79	3,585.74
Designated (Hall)	6,333.64	2,964.81
Designated (Development)	6,822.67	3,766.56
Restricted	1,301.46	1,121.16
TOTAL FUNDS	15,180.56	11,438.27

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CURRENT ASSETS

Co-operative Bank Current Account	15,180.56	£11,438.27
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Diocesan Page

A Message from Bishop Guli



Covering Essex and East London, Chelmsford is one of the largest, most diverse and exciting 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 long-term implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and global challenges that have a direct impact on our parish churches and the communities we serve. My sense is that the whole Church of God is in a liminal season when we cannot clearly see the future and so don't quite know what it will look like. But we know that the Church has faced profound challenges in the past and as we look to the future we do so with faith that when we open ourselves up to being changed and transformed, we are best placed to serve God and God's people. 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 have begun to articulate our 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. 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 exciting of dioceses.

+Guli

Bishop of Chelmsford

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



www.chelmsford.anglican.org/travelling-well-together

A Statement from the Area Dean of Southend

Welcome to Southend Deanery!

It's good to know that you are considering applying for the vacancy at St Luke's and All Saints.

You will find a warm welcome from both congregations. Although not large in number they are prayerful, outward looking churches who will work with you to grow in faith and numbers.

The Deanery Chapter meets monthly for lunch and fellowship. We are a varied group of people but you will be made welcome.

Southend is a great place to live with good schools, fast links to London and the seaside!

We are praying for the right person to come and share in ministry in our City and our prayers are with you as you seek God's guidance.

Louise Williams, Area Dean