

# Our Parish Profile

The Parishes of

**St Andrews, Ashingdon with All Saints, South Fambridge,  
and St Nicholas, Canewdon and  
St Peter's, Paglesham**



St Andrew's, Ashingdon



All Saints, South Fambridge



St Nicholas, Canewdon



St Peter's, Paglesham



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## General Overview of the Benefice

Welcome to our Parish Profile!

We hope that by reading our profile you will want to come and meet and join with us to carry-out God's word into the parishes of Ashingdon with South Fambridge, Canewdon and Paglesham. We are a friendly group of people seeking an Incumbent to lead us in Ministry to the wider community.

The congregations of our churches have recently been through a difficult period following the suspension and removal from office of the previous incumbent. We have, however, worked hard with much fortitude to ensure ministry in these parishes has continued and are determined to see the growth and flourishing of the kingdom of God.

Our four churches are set in a semi-rural area of South East Essex, approximately 8 miles from Southend on Sea. St Andrew's Ashingdon with All Saints, South Fambridge, is slightly more urbanised, with a population of 5,000. The remaining three churches are all set in small villages in the surrounding area.

St Andrew's Ashingdon with All Saints South Fambridge, combined with St Nicholas, Canewdon and St Peter's, Paglesham, started a trial period working as a United Benefice with one Incumbent looking after all four churches in 2003. This union was formalised when the Incumbent was installed as Rector of the Benefice in 2010.

In order to accommodate service cover at all four churches, some service times needed to be changed to make it possible for all the churches to have a regular pattern of services.

Over the years we previously have had two curates to assist the incumbent and also two lay readers. Regretfully, we currently find ourselves with no additional clergy or lay reader support. However, we have an ordinand who has been selected for training from the St Andrew's congregation. He has been selected as a Locally Deployed Self Supporting Minister. All being well he should serve all the Churches in the Benefice.

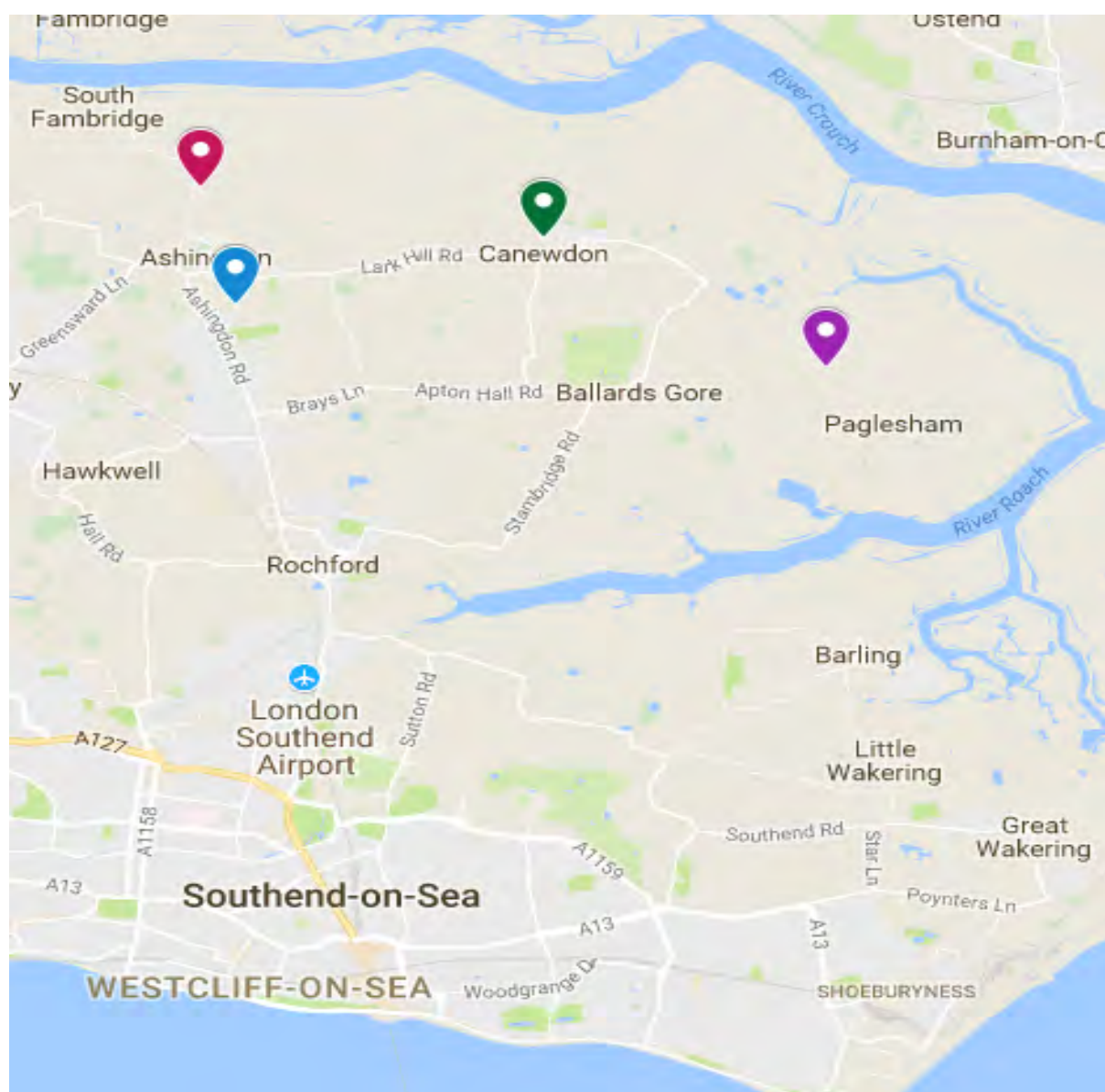
There is one church school in Canewdon and a local primary school in Ashingdon that both have close links with the church. Canewdon also has an Educational Trust which is linked to the church for which the Incumbent is a member.

The Patron for St Nicholas Church is Westminster Abbey. As part of their pastoral care, the Incumbent is invited to act as Duty Chaplain at Westminster Abbey for one week each year. There is a private, self-contained flat within the grounds of the Abbey for the Duty Chaplain and their partner to stay, with a car parking space allocated if required.

We have a modern, spacious four bedroomed Rectory based in Ashingdon in close proximity to both Rochford and Hockley, enjoying excellent transport links to London (Southend Victoria to London Liverpool Street (Abellio Greater Anglia line). There are also good bus links into Southend. A fast expanding airport, is situated nearby together with being close to local amenities such as the towns of Rochford and Southend a large Supermarket (Tesco) within easy travelling distance.



## Joint Benefice of St Andrew's with All Saints, St Nicholas and St Peter's



**Map Indicating Location of Churches within Benefice**



## Our Context

You will have personal oversight of all aspects of ministry and administration of all four churches in the parishes in which we live, with first contact being made through you.

As our new Priest although you will be living in Ashingdon you will have pastoral oversight of the community and the congregation of St Andrews with South Fambridge, Canewdon and Paglesham. This would mean that the pattern of leading the regular midweek and Sunday services would continue, maintaining and forming a deepening contact between the congregations.

There is great enthusiasm in all the congregations to grow in their own personal journey of faith, and a passion to share God's love as demonstrated through Jesus life and teaching.

Plans have been advanced for the construction of a new Church hall in Ashingdon, replacing our existing buildings to meet the needs of our communities, with a view to reach out and develop ministry to young families, youth, and members of our wider communities.

We have many, exciting and significant opportunities for you to develop ministry into our Communities. We are hoping that the new incumbent will lead us in Baptismal and marriage preparation, lead and enable development in lay ministry.



## Pattern of Services

Sunday in Month / Parish	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
St Andrew's	9.30am Family Eucharist	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
All Saints	11.15am Holy Communion / Morning Prayer (alt months)	No Service	11.15am Holy Communion	No Service
St Nicholas	11.15am Family Eucharist / Family Service (alt months)	11.15am Holy Communion	4pm Faith at Four (Iona Type Communion Service)	11.15am Holy Communion
St Peter's	9.30am Morning Prayer	No Service	9.30am Holy Communion	No Service

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month –

United Service, taken in turn at one of the above churches, starting at 10.30am.



## Our Aims

We conducted a survey amongst our three congregations (St Andrews, Ashingdon, All Saints, South Fambridge, St Nicholas, Canewdon, St Peters, Paglesham) and wider community to ask them firstly, what do we want to achieve over the next five years and secondly, what sort of person may match our objectives. Here are the results:-

### What can we achieve in the next five years?

- Improve relationships with the local schools and build relationships with children and their families.
- Organise teaching opportunities for the current worshipping congregations so that people are more confident in faith.
- Engage in the social need of the wider community, eg: foodbanks, debt counselling, regeneration issues, etc.
- We have raised approximately £100,000 and have commenced planning towards a new Church Hall in Ashingdon.

### What sort of person might fit into this role?

- A good communicator with persons of all ages and backgrounds – enable those in our churches to be fully engaged and those outside to find out what is going on eg websites and social media.
- Outreach – being able to help us link with the local community.
- A broadness of churchmanship – help us to welcome anyone and everyone, no matter what, if any, their church background might be.
- Communicate the Gospel and help us to grow in the Faith.
- With leadership skills to lead four Churches and three parishes.
- Good collaborative approach that the Churches of our benefice continue to develop together



## **The Diocese:** A message from the Bishop of Chelmsford

In the Chelmsford Diocese we believe that God is calling his church to be a transforming presence. Our vision is that the church - that is the people of God here in Essex and East London - should be a transforming presence in every one of our parishes.

These are our priorities –

- To inhabit the world distinctively
- To evangelise effectively
- To hold ourselves accountable to one another and to God for the stewardship of the gospel
- To re imagine the way we minister so that each ordained minister and each individual Christian discovers their part in God's ministry and so that each church flourishes.

To this end we are looking for priests who are excited by this vision of becoming a church which is itself transformed, and which is becoming a more visible and effective presence in the huge diversity of communities that make up this most exciting and energetic part of England. There are many challenges ahead of us.

- We are a diocese generously subsidised by the national church. We need to become financially self-sufficient.
- Leadership often seems distant. We are creating patterns of leadership that are closer to the parishes. And we are looking to develop missionary leadership at all levels of church life. Nearly half our clergy will retire in the next ten years. We need to find out how to minister with fewer stipendiary clergy and with a re-imagining of how stipendiary ministry works. We need to re-organise the way parishes relate to each other in what we are calling Mission and Ministry Units.
- Some of our congregations still think ministry is what Vicars do. We have a vision of ministry where the whole people of God are involved in the whole of God's ministry. We are also experimenting with new forms of authorised lay ministry.
- Church must be a safe place. All those in ministry will be expected to undergo training that will equip them to respond well in situations associated with safeguarding.
- Levels of church going are below the national average. We need to get evangelism on to the agenda and into the lifeblood of every church. We encourage and train churches to put on weekends of mission and outreach. One of our aspirations is that every benefice should have a trained lay evangelism enabler.
- We are developing missionary discipleship, so that every church in the diocese is a place where Christians are formed in order to be sent out in witness and service.

Despite planning for a future with fewer stipendiary clergy, we remain as committed as ever to the local church. And what is the local church, but that community of men and women gathered around Christ, and living and sharing the gospel in the networks and neighbourhoods of their lives? But we need priests to lead and to serve. We know we need to change. We can only be a transforming presence when we have allowed God to transform us. Therefore at the heart of all we do is a longing for intimacy with God and a



renewed life of prayer. First and foremost a priest is a minister of the word and sacrament. All ministry flows from this. But a priest shares the ministry of the bishop, therefore presbyteral ministry will increasingly be a ministry of oversight, guiding, nurturing and directing the mission of God's church in the communities we serve. It is an exciting time to be part of God's missionary movement for the world, and the Diocese of Chelmsford is an exciting place to serve. We have a clear vision and we are looking to appoint clergy who will share this with us. In every parish we long to see each person and each community grow in faithfulness and ministry so that together we may serve in the world and Christ may be made known.

**+Stephen**

## **Deanery Profile:** A message from the Area Dean

The deanery's population of 84,000 is largely focused in the town of Rayleigh in the west with three other parishes each having about 10% of the population (based on 2011 census data). There is also a number smaller villages in which the church plays a significant role in community life, particularly in the eastern coastal area of the deanery.

The deanery consists of 16 churches in 13 parishes and will be served by 8 full-time stipendiary clergy when all appointments are filled. We also have a number of active retired and self-supporting clergy. We have been set the challenge of reducing the number of stipendiary clergy to 7 by 2025.

As part of the Chelmsford Diocesan strategy of Transforming Presence the deanery is working together as a single Mission and Ministry Unit. The process of becoming an MMU has made us rethink what it means to be a deanery. Together we have work on lay development and broad engagement in setting deanery strategy.

Our main mission focus, decided at a gathering of members of the deanery in October 2016, is the new housing that is at various stages of development across the deanery. At our gathering in October 2017 we considered various options for deployment and we are using the feedback to formulate a Deanery Plan that enables and resources mission rather than manages decline. We plan to present the final Deanery Plan and Mission and Ministry Unit proposal to the Area Mission and Pastoral Committee at its November meeting so that the MMU can formally be commissioned.

As a deanery we are looking to appoint stipendiary clergy who are passionate about mission and willing to work collaboratively both with lay people and with the other parishes of the deanery.

If you have any questions about the Deanery, Mission and Ministry Unit or our strategies please get in touch with the Area Dean, Richard Jordan on 01268 766565 or [rwjordan@gmx.com](mailto:rwjordan@gmx.com).

Canon Richard Jordan  
**Area Dean**



## Canewdon Endowed Primary School (Church School)



There has been a school in Canewdon since 1799 when it was decided by the Parish Vestry to build a small school and school house to educate parish children. This is the building now known as Vicarage Cottage. The current school was built in 1863 and is "Endowed" due to the support received from The Canewdon Educational Foundation – also known as 'The Trust'. The Trust promotes the education of young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the Parish of Canewdon and/or attend Canewdon School.

- A Nursery class was introduced to the school in September 1974. This was a single demountable building, which was subsequently extended to double its size in the Summer of 1994. The Canewdon Educational Foundation (Trust) financed both the introduction and extension of the Nursery. The Nursery was closed in January 2012 and the room is now used for a private Pre-School which is running very well and feeds children into the school.
- A further extension was completed in 1993 to bring the school up to date. A new classroom was built where the old wooden hut used to be which also brought the junior boys' toilets inside the school and provided an additional Special Needs/Resources/Library and an ICT suite. Another extension was completed in 1995 to modernise the administrative area.
- In 2004 further building work took place to extend the staff room and Head Teacher's office and to create a separate ICT suite, Library and Special Needs room. Windows and doors were replaced and a new hall floor re-laid. In 2007 the demountable Nursery was demolished and replaced with a permanent build attached to the school, and a second playground was built on the junior side of the school.
- In 2008 the Infant playground was rebuilt and new fences and gates installed, plus new benches and school signs. A storage shed and extra fencing was added to the Infant playground and the following year, a new covered walkway between the Infant main doors and Nursery entrance was added.
- The 'Den Area' was cleared and a Trim Trail was added in 2010. An awning was fitted for Cedar Class and further blinds around the school where necessary. Extra electronic whiteboards including a large one installed in the School Hall. There was also extensive works carried out on the Junior toilets and with the support of FOCS (PTA), and raised beds for a gardening area were constructed plus the additional of a cookery area in the kitchen.

The school is now federated and shares a single governing body with St Nicholas School, Rawreth as well as an executive head and deputy. The priest of either Canewdon or Rawreth is appointed as ex-officio member of the governing body by the archdeacon. The



PiC of Rawreth (who is also Area Dean) currently fills this appointment but this will be reviewed when the new appointment is made.

<http://www.canewdonprimary.com/>

## **St Andrews, Ashington with With All Saints South Fambridge**



**Patron - Corpus Christi, Cambridge.**

### **Electoral Roll**

Currently we have 67 members on our Electoral roll with 35 members living outside of the Parish.

### **Church Wardens**

We have two church wardens and two assistant wardens.

### **PCC and Administration**

PCC has a membership of 13 which includes the two Church Wardens and Assistant Wardens; a Verger, two Deanery reps, the Treasurer and Secretary in addition to a safe guarding officer. We have a gift aid officer who processes the claim annually.

There are rotas of willing servers, sides persons, readers and intercessors, a Church cleaner, flower arrangers, gardener and coffee makers.

We have an organist who plays for all regular services as well as weddings and funerals and occasional services where required. There were five PCC meetings in the year ending March 2017.

### **Worship and Services**



## Joint Benefice of St Andrew's with All Saints, St Nicholas and St Peter's

The congregation at St Andrew's are a friendly and welcoming group of people who are enthusiastic and keen to see growth in our congregation. With 45 in regular attendance. St Andrew's churchmanship is broadly 'centred'.

Our monthly pattern of worship is principally Common Worship Eucharist with traditional Anglican choral worship, affiliated to the Royal College of Music, and a mid-week BCP Holy Communion; with lay led family orientated services, every third Sunday. United Benefice services are held on each fifth Sunday (rotating).

Due to the current vacancy, our regular pattern of Sunday and weekday services have been maintained by visiting clergy.

### Ashingdon with South Fambridge

The historic village of Ashingdon has a population of 5000 (2011 census). The Victory PH is close-by has a large comfortable bar. There is a post office and a pharmacy. These are supplemented by additional facilities which are to be found in the nearby centres of Rochford and Hockley. It is located close to Southend on Sea with its seaside attractions and pier and enjoys excellent travel links with rail, buses and the local London Southend Airport.

Located within 40 miles of London it is ideally situated for commuters and for theatre and day trips. Ashingdon is growing, with new housing developments along the road from the Church and we at St Andrews look forward to meeting new families as they move in.

South Fambridge is a small rural community situated on the south bank of the River Crouch.



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## Community Events

We are redeveloping links with the local primary school which is meeting with a very enthusiastic response. We hold a Summer Fete and 'Tea in the Churchyard,' which together with a number of events, such as Quiz Nights, and an annual Christmas Bazaar in November. St Andrews has also mounted Lent and Advent reflection groups in the Church Hall. The Church Hall also hosts a number of community activity groups, martial arts, dog training and the Scouts, Guides and Brownies.

Historic tours of the Church are run for local schools and community groups.

## Outreach Activities

St Andrews undertakes a full range of carol services for local schools. Our recent Christmas services enjoyed a congregation of 90 people and Easter services attracted 60 people. We have a pastoral circle and a well-attended and active home bible study group. Our Harvest Service gifts are donated to the H.A.R.P (Homeless Action Research Project) homeless charity and we ascribe to the International Aid 'Shoebox' appeal. We also participate in the Friends of Essex Churches

## Strengths

- It is a picturesque and beautiful historic building
- Services led by Church Wardens.
- Member of the congregation who has just started training for ordained ministry
- Enjoys good relationships with the local Scout Groups who attend Harvest Festival and Mothering Sunday.
- A good relationship with the local groups who use our hall.
- Regular events that attract children.
- Christingle Service for Children's Society.
- A Community Club run monthly.
- In common with many churches, we have exciting and enormous opportunities to grow the congregation built on an historic building and extremely friendly foundations.

## Weaknesses

- Its position set away from the main road, can cause issues with those wishing to locate St Andrew's and its visual presence in the community.
- In line with many other Churches we have an aging congregation.

## Aspirations

- To attract children and young families to the church.
- To develop Messy Church and other youth related projects.
- Further develop evangelism and mission into the wider community.



## All Saints South Fambridge

All Saints has a small but dedicated congregation serving the South Fambridge community and seeking, engaging, and encouraging others through a life-changing Christian journey.

All Saints at South Fambridge, Essex seeks to be a loving, friendly community that worships God, and serves others. We place a high priority on teaching from the Bible and following the example of Jesus.

Our vision is to impact and renew South Fambridge, Essex and beyond with the transforming message of Jesus Christ through words and actions. Everyone is welcome.





## Ashingdon Primary Academy School



Ashingdon is a Primary Academy with approximately 200 children and provides places for pupils from Reception to Year 6. Pupils join mainly from the villages of Ashingdon and South Fambridge as well as from parts of Canewdon, Hockley, Rochford and Hullbridge.

The school is lucky enough to be set on a large, attractive site in open, green-belt countryside. The accommodation is made up of 10 well-equipped classrooms, each with its own interactive whiteboard. There are two libraries, a large hall, an ICT suite, and a learning support area for working with small groups of children. Recently, one relocatable classroom has been transformed into a food technology area where the children are able to cook in small groups with an adult.

Outside, the Academy has a spacious playground, and a large playing field, as well as a very popular Jungle Gym and Trim Trail. On the field there are several pagodas, where older children are able to eat their packed lunches when the weather is fine. There is a separate Early Years Garden, where the Reception children play for their first year of the Academy.

The school also has its own swimming pool and the Environmental Area provides a quiet area at break time, and includes an Outdoor Classroom which can be used during class time or break time..

There are three Key Stages within the Academy:

- Foundation Stage - Reception
- Key Stage 1 (KS1) - Years 1 and 2
- Key Stage 2 (KS2) - Years 3 to 6

All children now start Reception in the September of the Academy year in which they will be 5, and leave at the end of the Academy year in which they will become 11. At this stage the pupils will move onto the local Secondary Academies/Schools in Hockley (Greensward Academy) or Rochford (King Edmund's School). Some occasionally go on to the selective Grammar Schools in Southend.

From a pastoral perspective, the Head Teacher is anxious to re-develop links with St Andrew's Church and would warmly welcome attendance by the new priest to lead assemblies at least once a month and to explain the major festival and other elements of the Christian faith.

<http://www.ashingdonprimaryacademy.org/>



## Our Buildings

### St Andrews, Ashingdon

We are blessed with St Andrews Church, Ashingdon which has a long history. It is a beautiful, ancient and picturesque church, believed to be built by Cnut in 1020 to commemorate the battle of Ashingdon in 1016. We are shortly to celebrate the Church's 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October, 2020. In 1951, following reconstruction of the roof, the Church was attended by Prince Georg of Denmark and the Church was presented with a Danish standard, a model of a longboat and a diptych depicting images of Cnut attempting to hold back the water and his conversion to Christianity. The Church will be undergoing renovation to the east window in the near future. The graveyard is still open for burials and internment of ashes.



### All Saints, South Fambridge

Serving the small rural community of South Fambridge the small church was constructed in 1846. It is a small brick-built chapel, comprising a nave and the Chapel itself. Historically, South Fambridge was a the point of a ferry crossing over the river Crouch used by the monks travelling to and from Canterbury.





## St Nicholas Church, Canewdon

**Patron – Westminster Abbey**

### Local Information



Canewdon is a village and civil parish in the Rochford district of Essex, England. The village is located approximately 4 miles (6.4 km) northeast of the town of Rochford, while the parish extends for several miles on the southern side of the River Crouch.

Canewdon is situated on one of the highest hills of the Essex coastline, from which St Nicholas Church affords wide views of the Crouch estuary. East of the village lies the island of Wallasea, popular for sailing, and a wetland sanctuary for wildlife.

The name Canewdon is derived from Old English words meaning 'hill of Cana's people' and not, as is sometimes claimed, from King Canute.



The village has one general store with Post Office services, one public house and a village hall. There is also a small congregational church which we have close links with. There is a limited bus service that runs from 8am until 6pm Monday – Saturday. The village school is a Church of England School and currently has around 100 children. (See also schools section). There is a village magazine called “The Broomstick” which all organisations, including the church, contribute towards in terms of regular articles. Local businesses pay to advertise in the Broomstick which covers the cost of printing.

There are a number of social groups within the village and the scouting organisation currently has a Beavers Group, Cub Group and Scouts.





## **St Nicholas Church**

We have a beautiful 14th-century Parish Church that is situated on top of a hill overlooking the River Crouch. Its impressive 15th-century tower, a landmark for many miles, is said to have been erected by Henry V following his victory at the Battle of Agincourt in France. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I the tower was used as a navigation point along the River Crouch. During the First World War the tower was used for observation and as a signalling post. The old village lock-up and stocks are located to the east of the church.

We are pleased to report that we are up to date with our Quinquennial Report and no major works are envisaged in the foreseeable future. In the past 15 years, we have managed to raise nearly £1m to fund improvements to the church.

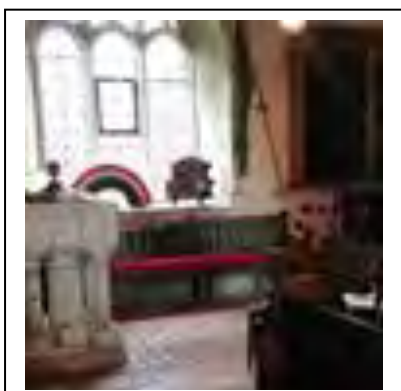
The Rectory was sold in 2003 and a small percentage was given to the church which went towards converting the Tower Room into a small kitchen area and also a disabled toilet was installed.

In 2008, following a very generous bequest from a member of the congregation, a new peal of 10 bells was installed complete with a new ringing chamber, which can be viewed from the main body of the church.



The church has choir pews in the chancel, and fixed pews in the nave. There is a lady chapel with the memorial window, and a small area at the back of church which is curtained off into a vestry. There is a beautiful kneeler at the altar rail which was made and embroidered by local villagers.

An unusual feature is that the church has two fonts – the one towards the back of church was the original, and the second in the Lady Chapel was rescued from Shopland Church before it was demolished in 1957.





## **Activities**

Our PCC meets approximately every 6-8 weeks and we are fortunate to have a PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer, Deanery Synod Rep, Safeguarding Officer, Gift Aid Officer and an Electoral Roll Officer. We are also fortunate to have a choir and bell-ringers. Our organist and choir-master also looks after St Andrew's Ashingdon and plays there three Sundays a month as well as Canewdon and he also looks after their choir. The churchyard is open for burials and internment of ashes.

We have a small, but dedicated, Social Committee who arrange a variety of functions over the year including quizzes (usually held at a local pub!), Easter Egg Hunt and children's activity morning, Summer Fayre (we have been imaginative in holding this in the church despite having fixed pews!), music evenings including a local brass band (the church has fantastic acoustics), Parachuting Teddies from the Church Tower (complete with Teddy Hospital), Harvest Suppers (sometimes with a barn dance or a quiz), and a Christmas Fayre. We have open tower day once a year where members of the public have escorted trips up to the top of the tower.

## **Our Strengths:**

- Small but friendly and welcoming congregation
- Active choir and choirmaster
- Bell-ringers and an impressive peal of bells
- Flower ladies who decorate the church each week
- Regular social events to help with fundraising
- Church and Grounds kept in good condition
- Support from local scouting organisations, especially when fundraising
- Village Prayer Group – this is an ecumenical group that meets at one of the leaders homes, but principally prays for the village and congregations of Canewdon.
- Clergy led assemblies in village church school every two weeks plus new starter and leavers services.

## **Our Weaknesses:**

- No church hall
- Principally retired congregation

## **Our Aspirations:**

- To attract children and young families to the church – we are currently liaising with the Diocesan Youth Worker, Mark Tiddy, regarding this.
- To have more united services/events within the benefice
- To have more groups within the church, ie Bible Study, Edward Bear Club, Mothers Union, Bereavement Support.

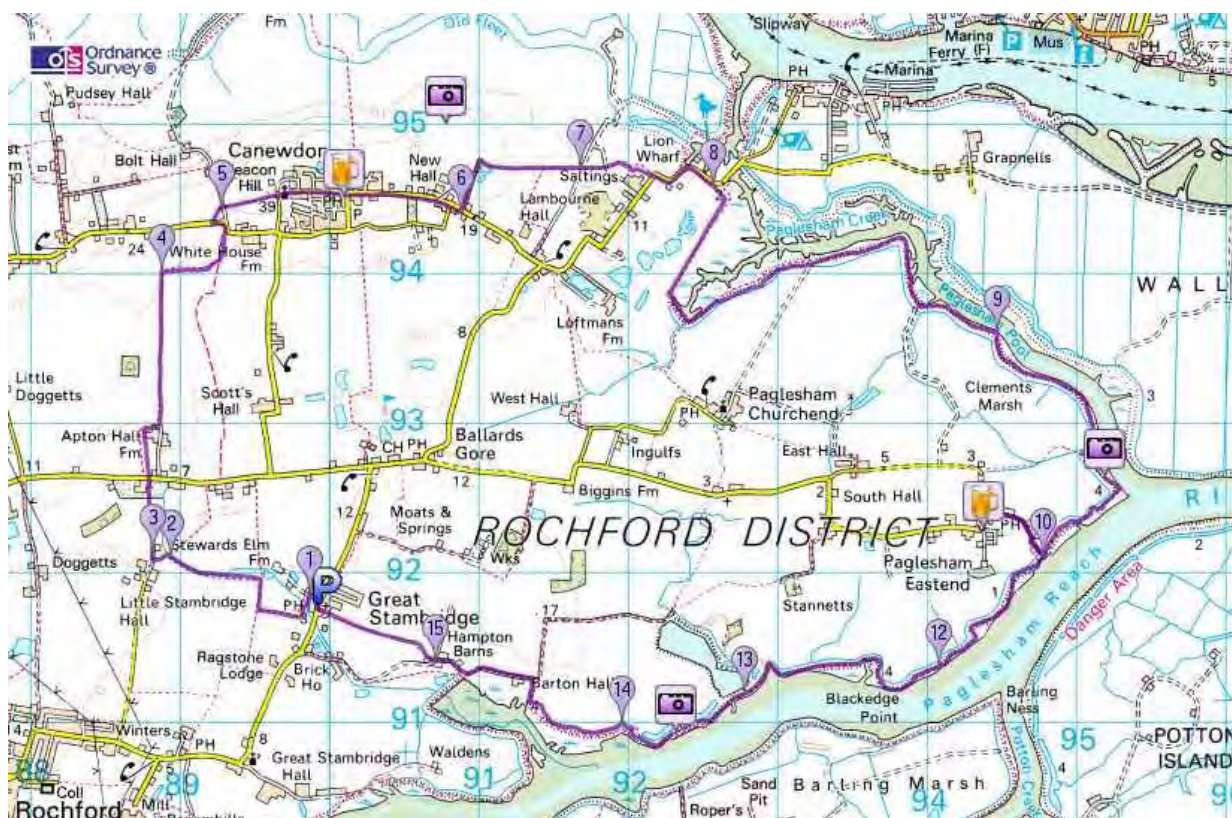


## St Peter's Church, Paglesham

**St Peter's Church, Church End, Paglesham**



**Mission Hall, East End, Paglesham**



The Mission Hall at East End Paglesham is used for our services during the winter months, partly as the hall has a better heating system, but also as it reduces the insurance costs. The Mission Hall was given to the community in 1893 and sold to the Church in difficult times. It has a large field behind kept beautifully by Geoffrey Bradley who is also our main florist at the Church. It is used for numerous activities when the hall is rented out.



## St Peter's Church

**Patron – Hyndmans Trust**

### **PCC:**

We have a small PCC consisting of one Church Warden, a PCC secretary, a Treasurer and two other members. We currently have 21 on the electoral roll.

### **Congregation:**

We have a congregation of 12 regular parishioners. At services such as Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and the annual Carol Service and Christingle we have significantly more.

We run a 100 Club to help fund the Insurance, Electricity and maintenance of the Church. In the past we have held other events such as Jazz and antiques roadshow events. We had a team of parishioners and non-churchgoing villagers maintaining the Churchyard but since the kind donation of an 'eco' toilet we now have the Young Offenders and Community Service organisations helping to keep our churchyard looking good. This has been welcomed as our willing helpers are getting older and less able to do this work.

### **Services:**

We currently have two services a month. One is Holy Communion with a priest and the other a Morning Service with either a Lay Reader or our own Church Warden. Whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month a United Service is held at one of the Parishes – taken in turn.

### **Buildings:**

St Peter's is in good condition having had work carried out to the tower in recent years and the addition of a small kitchen and toilet.

The Mission Hall is a very important building within the village. Not only is it used for services in the winter months it is also the hub of the village. Activities such as Art Group, WI, Parish Council and the Paglesham Village Produce Association use it for their meetings. It is also rented out for events and this brings in an income to maintain the building and pay for insurance, electricity etc.

In the Churchyard Professor Ian Donald is buried. He was the pioneer of ultrasound



### **Where are we at the moment:**

#### **Our Strengths:**

- A friendly and supportive atmosphere. Refreshments are served at the end of each service that helps to promote friendship and community spirit.
- A small but very active PCC.
- We have a flower rota to ensure the church always has fresh flowers on the Altar. This is made up of all villagers not necessary members of the congregation. We also have a very generous florist who assists us with the decoration of the church at special times of the year – Easter, Harvest and Christmas.
- With the help of fundraising via the 100 Club and the kind support of local people, we have been able to maintain 100 per cent of the Parish Share.

#### **Our Weaknesses:**

- Despite all attempts to draw in younger members of the village to our services we have not been able to improve the numbers. We readily have them attending the Christingle and participating in the event, but not during the rest of the year. We are a very small village with few numbers of children.
- As we are such a small congregation we do not have a choir or a Sunday School to draw in the younger members of the village.
- As our village is split into two areas and the Benefice is widespread, with very poor public transport, it is therefore important that the candidate has their own mode of transport.

We look forward to working with and getting to know our new incumbent. We are a warm community with willing participants who do not necessarily attend Church regularly but we must add that we have always relied on the support of the village community in the past.



## Paglesham Village

We are a village of two halves. Church End and East End with three miles by road between us.

There are approximately 220 inhabitants within the two halves. The Primary School closed in 1984 so we no longer have a young community to draw from. Any children in the village now attend either the school in Canewdon (4 miles away) or Hockley (7 miles away).

We have a very active Paglesham Village Produce Association. This organisation arranges two Shows a year – a Spring Show held in the Mission Hall and an annual produce Show held on the village field in a marquee with side shows etc. This is one of the oldest produce shows in Great Britain starting in 1946 to encourage the inhabitants to grow their own produce after the war. Frances Field was bought by the village and the purchase value and included generous donations by residents. The field is maintained by the Village Trust and supported by the PVPA. Toilets have been built in the back half of the shed with the help of the National Lottery. There is a children's play area with funds raised by the PVPA. The field is also hired out for weddings which helps to maintain the field. Other events include a spring and winter supper held at our two public houses – one at each end of the village. A village clean-up is also carried out as a community once a year but other villagers are vigilant as they walk round and often pick up litter. We hold an Open Garden event annually and around 20 homes open their gardens to visitors. A café is open at the Mission Hall where homemade lunches and afternoon teas are served.



## Our Finances

### St Andrews, Ashingdon with All Saints South Fambridge

In the year 2016 - 2017 there were 4 church funerals with burials and interment of ashes.

There were 15 baptisms and 8 marriages.

We were unable to meet our Parish Share in full; an amount of £34,580 for 2016. We did however pay £27,000 a shortfall of 7,580 (22%).

At the end of 2016 we held gross assets of £121,453. However, most of this is tied up in the New Hall Deposit Account and other restricted funds which we cannot access.

### St Nicholas, Canewdon

In the past year there have been 5 church funerals with 4 burials and 2 interments of ashes.

There were 2 baptisms and 4 marriages. Although we had no confirmations this year, there is one member of the congregation who has expressed an interest.

We are currently unable to pay our Parish Share in full; an amount of £12,200 for 2016. At the end of 2016 we held gross assets of £20,787, of which part is held for specific purposes.

### St Peter's, Paglesham

From 2016 – 2017 there were no church funerals and no interments of ashes.

There were two baptisms, no marriages and no renewal of vows.

We were able to pay our Parish Share in full; an amount of £1200 for 2016. .



## Incumbent's House

The residence for the new Incumbent is situated at the top of Church Road, next door to St Andrew's Ashingdon. It was built in the 1960's and comprises of 4 bedrooms, a family bathroom with separate toilet, downstairs there are 2 reception rooms, a large kitchen, plus a study and cloakroom situated close to the front door.

There is a large in and out driveway at the front of the property and a very large garden at the rear, with a wooded area at the end. There is a green-house and outdoor storage area.

It is fuelled by oil fired central heating with radiators and hot water as there is no gas supply to the property.





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