

**St Barnabas Church
Woodford Green &
St Alban's Church
Great Ilford**

Parish Profile



When we are discerning the next steps in priestly ministry of course the first thing to do is to pray. As you read these Parish Profiles, I am praying for you and for a renewed consecration of your life and ministry; of faithful, joyful and sacrificial service; and that you will consider joining us as a fellow priest and pilgrim here in the Richborough family serving within the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Barking Episcopal Area.

Rejoicing in the fullness of Catholic life within the Church of England, the Richborough parishes serve a huge variety of communities, rural, coastal, and urban, across 14 Dioceses within the Province of Canterbury. Amidst this diversity, we are called to bring Jesus Christ to all those whom we serve in his name, working in close and fruitful partnership with our sisters and brothers in each Diocese.

We do this through the beauty of holiness manifest in our liturgical and sacramental life, in our pastoral care, in our evangelistic zeal, and through our active care for the most vulnerable: that God's holy people may be fed, nurtured, and equipped for his loving purposes in the world.

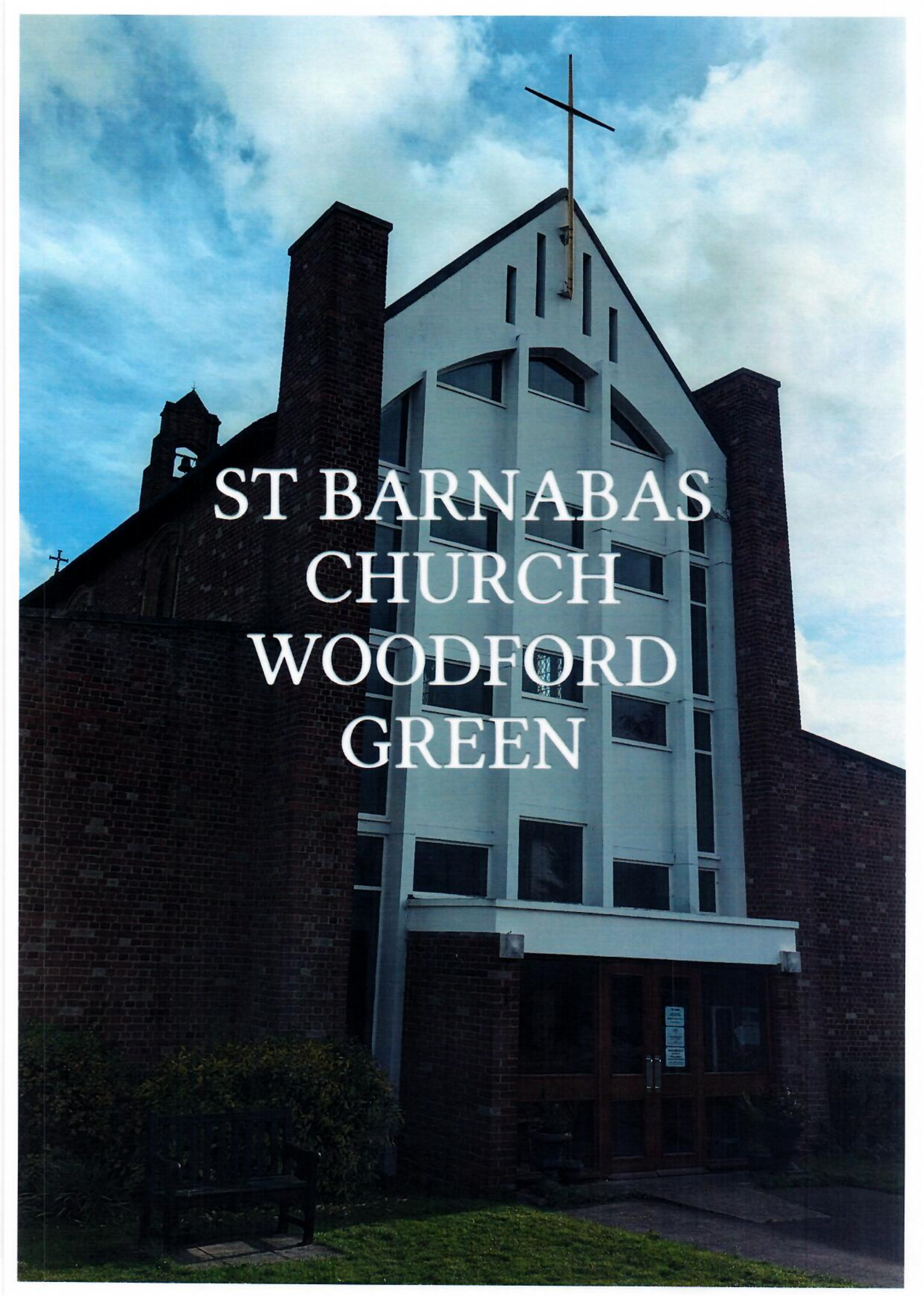
These parishes in Woodford Green and Ilford stand in the depth and fulness of the Catholic tradition. Their faithfulness across generations has brought the light of Christ to the communities they serve. Now, with imaginative collaboration and partnership in the Gospel, there is the opportunity for confident renewal and revitalisation as we build with thanksgiving on all that has been and look to further strengthen our witness to the Faith in love and hope.

If the Lord is calling you to serve as the new parish priest for St Barnabas, Woodford Green, and St Alban, Ilford - to be held in plurality - may your 'yes' be a source of life and peace for you and those whom you will serve in his Name.

+Luke Rutupiae

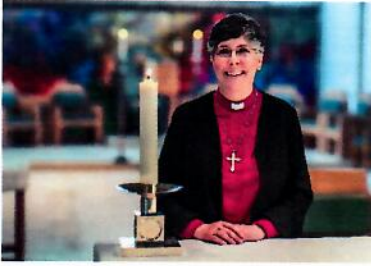
✠ Luke

The Right Reverend Luke Irvine-Capel
Bishop of Richborough
nostra autem conversatio in caelis



ST BARNABAS
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THE DIOCESE: A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GULI



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

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

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

- Our purpose is to love God and to love our neighbour; to worship faithfully and empowered by the Holy Spirit, witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ as we serve the extraordinarily diverse array of local communities in Essex and East London.
- Our approach is to enable and empower parishes and worshipping communities to discern how they are to be God's people in their own very different local contexts and as part of one diocesan family.
- Underpinning our approach is an invitation to a way of being articulated by shared diocesan values which might shape how we travel together, support each other and provide mutual accountability.

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

+Guli

Bishop of Chelmsford

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



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

Redbridge Deanery contains all the parishes within the London Borough of Redbridge. It is one of five London boroughs which together form the Barking Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Chelmsford, and it sits within the West Ham Archdeaconry. *London over the Border*, as it is sometimes colloquially known, has its origins within the old county boundaries of Essex. However, nowadays much of Redbridge feels solidly part of London: a hugely diverse area with excellent food options, a good transport network, and of-course, a vast range of people in various stages of wealth and poverty, often living not much more than a stone's throw away from each other.



Perhaps more surprisingly, Redbridge is quite a green borough, and protected space and parks can be found in almost every parish. The Central Line connects much of the borough which means that commuting into the City from Redbridge is relatively easy – whilst the M11 and A12 make getting out of London by car a fairly painless task. Cycling is also a popular option amongst several of the clergy in the deanery! The Borough boasts a range of good schools, both at primary and secondary level, along with opportunities for involvement in numerous clubs and activities. Music, drama and sport all abound here. Sadly, there also exists in Redbridge all the challenges of crime and social deprivation that one might expect from anywhere which seeks to pack 300,000 people into just a few square miles.

Our deanery is an active one, with 23 churches, the majority retaining their own incumbent, along with lay leaders and self-supporting ministers. Our youngest ordained member of Chapter is in their twenties and our oldest, in their nineties. Redbridge Deanery encompasses most traditions of the Church of England, and our churches have a good record of working together and supporting each other despite our occasional differences. The deanery also has a good rate of parish share payment and it is one of the largest annual contributors to Chelmsford Diocese's share collection.

We have Chapter meetings four times a year, plus a social event in the summer, whilst Deanery Synod meets three times a year. All clergy are encouraged to take an active role in the deanery. Smaller, informal groupings of clergy or parishes, exist to offer each other mutual assistance and new incumbents can be assured of a warm welcome from their colleagues, as well as support should they need it.

Statistics suggest Redbridge to be a religious borough. It is true that people here are used to seeing those of faith, albeit from a range of faiths, openly displaying their devotion to God. Faith is taken seriously here and although the Church of England may not be the majority religion in much of the borough, opportunities abound for the work of God to prosper.

I hope you will consider applying for this post within our deanery. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions whatsoever.

Yours,

Revd James Gilder,
Area Dean of Redbridge
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St Barnabas Church is an Anglo-Catholic parish church under the episcopal oversight of the Bishop of Richborough.

History of St Barnabas Church

St Barnabas Church had its origins in an iron mission church established in 1904. A permanent church was constructed between 1910 and 1911, including the lady chapel, organ chamber, chancel, and two bays of an aisled nave. The nave was completed in 1964. The church was designed by E. T. Dunn.

In 1911, parts of the parishes of St Paul's, All Saints Church (Woodford Wells), and Holy Trinity Church (South Woodford) were combined to form the new parish of St Barnabas.

In 1920, the St Barnabas Woodford Green War Memorial was erected in honour of those who gave their lives in armed conflict up to that time.

St Barnabas Church is a welcoming and inclusive parish church in Woodford Green under the Diocese of Chelmsford, serving our local community with worship, pastoral care and outreach. Our vision is to spread the Gospel, grow in faith, serve our neighbours and show God's love in action.



Worship and Spiritual Life

- > We celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday at 9.30am, with additional weekday services. Our worship combines reverence and participation, supported by cantor, lay ministers and volunteers. Seasonal events include Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival.

Ministries and Outreach

- > Our ministries include coffee fellowship, visiting the sick, Community Outreach initiatives with the Quiet Garden Movement, The Big Lunch and Spare Loaf ... We welcome volunteers of all ages and aim to make faith visible through community service.

Leadership and Volunteers

- > Fr Reg Bushau SSC, Churchwardens and supported by the PCC, and a team of dedicated volunteers. We value collaboration and encourage members to share in ministry.

Buildings and Facilities

- > The church building provides space for worship, parish meetings, and community events. Facilities include a community Hall, kitchen, and garden area. Maintenance and safety are managed by the PCC and incumbent vicar... .

Finances and Governance

- > Our financial management is overseen by the PCC Finance Team

We aim for transparency and sustainability through donations, fundraising, and hall rentals



Worship – Regular Services

Monday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

Friday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

Contacts and Leadership

Hon Assistant Priest: Fr Feg Bushau SSC — 07817
374548

Churchwardens:

Patricia Obedoza — 07877 944099

Bebe Stubbert, JP — 07905 368852

Additional Notes

Remembrance Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Requiem Mass,
11:00 a.m. (Two-Minute Silence at the Parish War
Memorial).

**St Barnabas Church
Woodford Green**

**Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green,
Essex IG8 7HX**

PART II

We are Anglo-Catholic church in the leafy suburb of Woodford Green offering a High Church tradition of worship and strong commitment to liturgy, music and prayer. Our previous vicar will be retiring in April 2026 and the parish is considering its future, including a proposed joint benefice with the neighbouring church. This is an exciting opportunity for collaborative imaginative leadership.

We are seeking a Vicar who is a member of 'the Society' in sympathy with its principles, aims and objectives.

Responsibilities & Duties

- Conduct regular worship services, including Sunday services and special liturgical services
- Administer sacraments such as baptism, communion and marriage
- Provide pastoral care and counselling to parishioners in need
- Lead and participate in church community events and activities
- Facilitate Bible studies, prayer groups and spiritual gatherings
- Manage church administration, including finance and record-keeping
- Co-ordinate with church staff, volunteers and committees
- Represent the church in the wider community and participate in ecumenical activities
- Visit the sick, elderly and those unable to attend church services
- Oversee the maintenance and upkeep of church property
- Engage in continuous professional and spiritual development

Skills:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Proven leadership abilities and experience in organisational management
- Skills in counselling and pastoral care
- In-depth knowledge of religious doctrines and practices

PART III

Skills specific to St Barnabas Church Woodford Green

We are a diverse and small church community ideally located in the centre of Woodford Green. Woodford Green is mainly residential with excellent transport facilities, restaurants, small shops and independent businesses. Woodford Green has a thriving multi-cultural community with multi-faceted needs and aspirations. WG is attractive to families and retired people with quality schools and local amenities.

Intentions and Aspirations

- Encourage young families with children and young people to join church community
- Church growth with committed volunteers in ministry work relating to the Parish Church Council, church maintenance, pastoral and community outreach projects
- Recruitment of permanent local music director with the view to starting a choir to attract and inspire worshipers
- Start a Sunday school
- Youth and activity clubs serving the community

PART IV

RENT FREE HOUSING (inclusive of council tax & water rates)

THE VICARAGE

107 Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green, IG8 7HX

Well presented family house with 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 receptions, kitchen and front study/office with front and back gardens next to the church



PART VI

Financial Report

St Barnabas has consistently contributed to the parish share quota.

Investments

Restricted funds totalling £159,011.92

Assets

Tangible Assets

Church hall, building & Contents £517,964.00

Scout Hut Fund £238,496.00

Curates House Fund £153,685.00

Tangible assets £910,145.00

Cash at bank and in hand £349,899.78

Grand Total £1,419,056.70

see attached Statement as at 31.10.24

PART VII

Monthly Income & Expenditure

See attached Statement as at 31.12.24

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Woodford Green St Barnabas

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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