

# Christ Church Parish Felixstowe



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**PATRON:** *Church Trust Fund Trust (CPAS)*

## **VACANCY:**

***Team Vicar in the Orwell Team Ministry, with specific responsibility for CCF.***

The Orwell Team Ministry is a benefice of 3 ministers a Rector and two Team vicars.

## **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

***"To know Christ more and make Him known"***

## **OUR COMMUNITY**

### **PARISH STATUS:**

This was granted on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007

### **POPULATION:**

The population of the parish is approximately 5600

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** 90, of which a significant proportion do not reside in the parish.



## **Have you a calling to make a difference?**

Christ Church Felixstowe is a relatively young church, birthed out of a fresh expression of faith in this area 20 years ago, previously known as Cavendish Community Church. We are an urban parish situated at the gateway to nations - Felixstowe is the largest container port in the UK but still maintains its status as a lovely welcoming seaside resort on the east coast.

Our worship is contemporary in style; we cherish the word of God and lifestyle teaching, love all generations and need someone willing to be part of this family church, who will encourage people into all aspects of ministry that they may fulfil their purpose in Him.

We have come to a new chapter in our story and are looking for someone called by the Lord to bring inspiring and enabling Spirit filled leadership with a real heart and vision for outreach. We love our community and whilst we are doing things that touch our local area, we are aware there is much more that we could be doing and are ready to move forward.

Still interested?

**IT COULD BE YOU!**

## **OUR LOCATION**

Felixstowe is an attractive Victorian coastal resort, as well as home to Britain's largest container port. Christ Church is located in the heart of several housing estates on the dock side of the town to the west of the main town centre. The main housing estates are:

Cavendish Park	Privately owned housing, now 26+ years old.
Orwell Green	Mix of privately owned and housing association. Built from 16 years ago up to the present time.
Cricket Hill	Both privately owned and association housing between 20 and 10 years old.
Coronation Drive	Formerly Council housing, but now mix of private and housing association, approximately 45 to 55 years old.

There is also a small unit of former 'Shaftesbury' Housing Association housing in the vicinity.

## **Other buildings and institutions in our area**

There is a residential care home and sheltered accommodation within the Christ Church environs (The Firs, Rowland House, Reynolds Court, and Yetton Ward House), a British Legion centre, a doctor's surgery, two pubs (The Dooley and the Owl and Pussycat), Morrison's Supermarket, a Macdonald's Restaurant and 2 large caravan sites.

Significant local employers in the area include the many companies associated with Felixstowe docks and BT's Adastral Park at Martlesham.

Within the Felixstowe area there are eleven schools (nine infant, junior and primary schools, and two high schools). One of these schools, Grange Primary School, lies within the Parish of Christ Church. Previous vicars have established strong relationships with this and other schools. Locally there are also higher and further education establishments with the University College Suffolk and Suffolk College in nearby Ipswich.

Felixstowe Docks is situated at the edge of the Parish of Christ Church, and CCF, alongside partner churches within Churches Together in Felixstowe, actively supports the Mission to Seafarers.

## **HOW WE FIT INTO THE WIDER CHURCH**

Christ Church is within the Colneys deanery which is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. We have attached more information on both of these in the appendices.

## **The Orwell Team Ministry**

Within the deanery, Christ Church Felixstowe is part of the Orwell Team Ministry. This is a benefice of three churches within the outlying areas of Felixstowe. The other churches in the benefice are St. Mary's Church in Walton and St. Martin & St. Mary in the Trimley villages. Christ Church wishes to build greater team working with the other churches in our benefice.

Additional information on the Orwell Team can be found within the appendices.

## **Relationships with other churches at home and overseas**

Within Felixstowe there is an active 'Churches Together' covenant between all Christian churches in the town (with one exception) who hold joint services for special festivals such as Pentecost & Easter. CCF is part of this covenant and a pro-active and prominent contributor to the work of Churches Together in Felixstowe.

We support the Felixstowe Youth Worker's Trust and the Felixstowe Care for the Elderly Worker.

One church member is in Kazakhstan and many other church members have also been involved in overseas mission activities.

Over the last few years there have been a number of large scale schools-based music projects, which whilst not formally CCF projects have been mainly driven from members within the church (see [onechristmas.org.uk](http://onechristmas.org.uk) as an example).

## **OUR CHURCH**

### **Church Tradition**

CCF originally began as a church plant following a call and vision for there to be a church at the heart of our community. Our church is here to act as a focus and resource for charismatic renewal. Whilst basically Anglican, the church has a strong ecumenical bias and over the years has embraced teaching and guidance from other denominations as well as including retired non-Anglican clergy as part of the leadership. Over the past few years increasingly our attention has been directed towards serving the needs of the local estates and this has culminated in CCF being granted the status of church in its own parish in 2007. The heart of the church is evangelical with a charismatic flavour and a desire to grow further in an understanding of Kingdom values.

The mission statement of "To know Christ more and make Him known" is at the core of all we do.

There is a strong team of lay leaders who are involved in various ways including the leading of worship, prayer, ministry etc. under the overall guidance of the vicar and leadership team. In addition there are two members of the church undergoing Diocesan training, one of whom is to be an Ordained Local Minister.

At Christ Church we have a strong family emphasis with children's groups and youth who regularly contribute to the worship of the church as well as a significant senior section of the congregation.

CCF has a Declaration of Ecumenical Welcome, signed by all the denominational leaders in the county and is committed to working with and welcoming people from other denominations in the area. CCF is a member of the Evangelical Alliance, New Wine Network and Churches Together in Felixstowe.

The PCC (known within CCF as the Forum ) comprises around 12 members in various capacities including Leadership members as well as Benefice and Deanery reps.

At present there is a small Leadership team comprised of the vicar, two church wardens and three elected lay members. This team supports the vicar in leading and directing the life of the church.

CCF recently became a church within its own parish and as part of the process changed its name from Cavendish Community Church to Christ Church.

### **Previous Ministers**

There have been two vicars within the life of our church, as well as two Ordained Local Ministers and two non-Anglican associate ministers. We value and welcome the fact that the Bishop has licensed non-Anglican associate leadership within our church and would

be open to explore this again in the future. In the past CCF has also supported the training of curates as part of their ministry.

### **Our Building**

Following a period of 5 years worshipping in a number of locations, Christ Church is now in a modern purpose built church, constructed in 1994. It has a well equipped worship area (225 maximum seating capacity), kitchen, office, downstairs small meeting room (used for prayer and crèche) plus one large and two small upper rooms.

At Christ Church the building is used by many community groups including U3A, residents associations, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and also hired for Parentcraft classes, elections, community meetings and for children's birthday parties.

### **Clergy Housing**

The vicarage, built in the 1980's, is situated a few hundred metres from Christ Church at no 2 Blyford Way. It is a traditionally styled house with four bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, lounge, utility room and study (not separate as required by green book). The property is enhanced by central heating, a double garage and enclosed garden.

### **Parish Share**

The parish share contributed by CCF for 2008 was £38,784. This is 4% higher than the 2007 figure and is exactly the amount committed by CCF before the start of 2008. CCF has committed the same figure for 2009 but if funds available will endeavour to pay more.

### **Our Values**

At CCF we share the following values:-

- Local church life that is welcoming, relational, accessible for all generations and builds family and community life.
- Inspiring worship that is passionate, intimate, culturally appropriate and facilitates encounter with God.
- Anointed leadership that is visionary, courageous, humble, consistent, full of faith and releases church members into their God-given ministries.
- Spirit-empowered mission that is evangelistic, holistic, kingdom centred and concerned with justice and care for the poor and encourages new church-planting initiatives.
- Orthodox theology with doctrine and ethics founded on the person, teaching and work of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.
- Bible-based teaching and training that is thoughtful, relevant and equips for everyday life and ministry.
- Personal discipleship that is based on living like Jesus, exemplifying love, prayerfulness, holiness, integrity, accountability, humility and generosity.
- Every-member ministry that discerns each person's calling and expresses God's love through the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Giving - the church gives away 10% of its unrestricted income.

### **Activities within CCF**

There are a wide range of activities, groups and teams within CCF ranging from those that support the leading of CCF through to those involved in the organisation and implementation of social events and outreach.

Examples are:-

- Cell Groups (two evening, one morning)
- Two Parent & Toddler groups
- Youth groups
- Coffee mornings (twice weekly)

- A Tuesday Prayer Group
- Football evening each week
- Annual men's walking weekend
- Children's groups both on a Sunday morning and during the week
- The Alpha Course
- "You and Me" - a lunch time discussion group
- 'The Marriage Course' and pre-marriage courses
- The monthly "Young at Heart" club, an open social group for the local community
- An annual church away weekend at Sizewell Hall
- Social events for the local community (such as quizzes, music, drama, mime etc.)

### **What we offer**

We believe that our main strengths are

- Excellent provision for worship with several highly competent musicians.
- Strong emphasis on family and building a place of belonging for all.
- A good technical capability with fully integrated visuals and sound system
- Highly effective children and youth ministry, with a committed team
- A modern and versatile building
- Active participation in Churches Together in Felixstowe
- An informal and open approach to liturgy and style with an enthusiasm to explore new areas of worship
- Child protection policy
- High quality and strength of teaching
- A wide spectrum of denominational backgrounds within the congregation

In addition we have

- A part-time church administrator
- A part-time cleaner
- A 'Prayer Ministry Team'
- A 'Pastoral Care Team'
- A Worship Team
- A Welcome Team

### **What we would like to improve**

- Outreach to the local community, especially in the 20-40 age range
- Development & training of potential 'leaders' from within the congregation
- Conversion & numeric growth
- Discipleship and Formative (e.g. lifestyle) Courses & Teaching
- Impetus and vision for engaging in mission and developing fresh forms of church that build bridges with the community

### **WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN A NEW VICAR**

- Someone who embraces our values and can lead us on in our journey
- An enabler who is secure in themselves and in their own abilities
- A leader with vision who can be prophetic, challenging and inspirational
- Someone with a passion for outreach and working in the community
- A teacher and preacher
- An individual who is also a team player, able to lead Christ Church both collaboratively and openly, engaging with and encouraging current and future church related groups and activities
- Someone willing to share in ministry beyond Christ Church, actively participating in the Orwell Team Benefice, the deanery and churches of other denominations in the Felixstowe peninsula

## **APPENDICES**

The following documents are appended (unedited) to this profile

- Appendix 1: Declaration Of Ecumenical Welcome And Commitment
- Appendix 2: Overview Of The Diocese Of St Edmundsbury And Ipswich
- Appendix 3: Overview Of Colneys Deanery
- Appendix 4: Orwell Team Ministry, Benefice Profile
- Appendix 5: Profile Of St Mary's, Walton Parish
- Appendix 6: Profile Of St Martin And St Mary, Trimley Parish
- Appendix 7: A Google Map Showing The Approximate CCF Parish Boundary

**\*\*\* End of CCF Profile – additional information follows \*\*\*\*\***

## **Appendix1: Declaration Of Ecumenical Welcome And Commitment**

### Cavendish Community Church

## **DECLARATION OF ECUMENICAL WELCOME AND COMMITMENT**

1. We the Vicar and people of Cavendish Community Church (CCC), recognizing that CCC is the only church building and worshipping community on Cavendish & Orwell Park estates, welcome all Christians who choose to worship with us to be as fully a part of our life and fellowship as they are able.

We respect and value the rites of initiation of different Christian traditions and will seek to help and maintain these where possible.

2. We invite those of Christian traditions other than our own
  - to share in the ministry and mission of the Church in our commitment to this community
  - to worship and, if normally receiving communion in their own church, to receive Holy Communion at CCC
  - to be part of the decision-making process of the church and to contribute to a common fund for the mission and ministry of the wider church
3. We undertake
  - to give pastoral care to all those who desire it
  - to share in the ministry and mission of the Church in our community
  - to continue to draw upon and make use of, the richness and variety of Christian liturgy other than our own
  - to invite those who have recognized ministries in other churches to assist in leading worship and preaching
  - to be open to the appointment to CCC of Associate Ministers from other denominations, providing they receive the Bishop's permission to officiate
  - to work collaboratively with neighbouring churches concerning the mission of the church in Felixstowe
  - to include this Ecumenical Declaration as an integral part of the Parish Profile.
  - to review this Declaration within 5 years
4. Following the decisions made by Churches Together in Suffolk on 9 June 2004 and Churches Together in Felixstowe on 27 April 2004 that such declarations may be made in their area which they serve, we have sought and followed their advice as to which churches should be consulted, and those mentioned below have given us their blessing and encouragement.

(Signed by all the denominational leaders in the county)

## **Appendix 2: Overview Of The Diocese Of St Edmundsbury And Ipswich**

### **DIOCESE OF ST EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH**

The diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich is part of the Church of England and home to more than 585,000 people. It covers an area of 1,400 square miles and takes in the whole of the county of Suffolk with the exception of an area in north-east around Lowestoft and includes one parish in the county of Essex

- It ranges from small rural communities to urban centres such as Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket, Haverhill, Sudbury and Beccles.
- The region has many sites of historic interest among which are Sutton Hoo, the ruins of the old Abbey at Bury St Edmunds and the Saxon village at West Stow.
- The whole county, together with its Heritage coastline, is a haven of delight for lovers of natural history.
- The A14 provides rapid access from Felixstowe, one of the largest container ports in Europe, across to the A1 and the Midlands. The A12 links London with the county at Lowestoft. The rail connection to London Liverpool Street takes just over 1 hour.
- The communities of the diocese are served by some 470 parishes. There are 479 church buildings of which 453 are listed. The diocese is served by more than 130 stipendiary clergy, 80 self-supporting ministers, almost 200 Readers and 600 Lay Elders, a post and title unique to the diocese. There are 97 Voluntary-Aided and Voluntary Controlled schools in the diocese.
- Across the diocese some 25,000 people express their Christian faith by being on the Electoral Roll of a parish church and around 19,000 attend worship every Sunday.
- The Anglican churches across the diocese seek to develop close links with other Christian denominations and to build understanding with members of other faiths.
- The diocese has close ties with churches across the world, most especially in Belgium and the diocese of Kagera in Tanzania.
- The diocese is overseen by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (The Rt. Revd. Nigel Stock) supported by the Bishop of Dunwich, the Dean of St Edmundsbury and the Archdeacons of Suffolk and Sudbury.

The diocese works through the Synodical structures and is served by a small team of diocesan office staff based in modern offices in the centre of Ipswich. The diocese has a total annual revenue budget in excess of £7.5 million and serves the Diocesan Board of Finance in managing a total balance sheet of £80 million. The office staff provide administrative, financial, secretarial, property, communication and general support to the parishes. In addition, support is given to the 97 Church of England schools across the county.

## **Pastoral Policy**

The Diocesan Pastoral Committee works to a policy approved by the Diocesan Synod. The policy seeks to encourage Church growth and allocates resources across the diocese in order to provide leadership in mission and ministry in all its communities. The policy encourages collaboration and the Diocesan Local Ministry scheme provides training and support for local ministry (Deacons, Priests, Readers, Youth Leaders, Evangelists and Pastors). In addition, training and resourcing is available to Lay Elders.

## **Mission statement**

This Diocese seeks to live by the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion; all ministers are regularly reviewed in the light of them:-

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Incumbents will need to demonstrate how these marks fit the rural context and develop the nature of the Church as the Body of Christ in each place. We take seriously the presence of the Church as historical inheritance and emerging engagement. Priests in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich are encouraged to be Anglican and Apostolic in equal measure.

## **Parish Share**

Parish Share enables parishes to contribute toward diocesan costs. The priority is to maintain mission and ministry across the whole diocese. Occasionally, there are genuine financial difficulties in parishes, but clergy coming into the diocese are expected to encourage their parishes to pay the Parish Share in full by giving realistically and sacrificially. Clergy are expected to teach and to preach that this is a Gospel imperative.

## **Support**

Anyone appointed to a position in the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich can expect support from the Bishop and his senior staff. Regular Episcopal Review is conducted by the Bishops and Archdeacons. From 2009 onwards Episcopal Review will be enhanced with the addition of a new Ministerial Review process in compliance with Clergy Terms of Service. Rural Deans and Deanery Chapters provide the immediate local support and clergy in the diocese are expected to give high priority to the attendance at Chapters meetings and Deanery Synod.

## **Ministerial Development**

Regular support for ministerial development is given in a number of ways. All clergy receive an annual training allowance and guidance in Continuing Ministerial Education is available from a diocesan officer. Sabbatical leave for all clergy is available on a 10-year rolling programme.

## **Further Details**

Please visit the diocesan web site, [www.stedmundsbury.anglican.org](http://www.stedmundsbury.anglican.org).

## Appendix 3: Overview Of Colneys Deanery



### COLNEYS DEANERY

Colneys Deanery lies to the East of Ipswich, between the river Deben in the North and the river Orwell in the South. The North Sea with the Port of Felixstowe are on the Eastern boundary so forming the Felixstowe Peninsula. A modern road network, North/South and East/West provides fast travel.

The collage illustrates the diversity of life and the main places of work within the Deanery. Felixstowe Docks and the BT research and Development centre at Martlesham Heath which also has the Suffolk Police HQ and new village within its bounds. Felixstowe and the rivers are centres for local tourism, sailors and holiday makers. The Church reaches out to all

In the centre of the Deanery between Martlesham in the North and the Orwell Team parishes of Trimley, Walton and Christ Church, and the Felixstowe town parishes, there are the two main country Benefices of Nacton with Kirton, 5 *parishes* and Waldringfield, 3 *parishes*. In the nine villages (Brightwell is attached to Martlesham) there are farms, three village schools, two independent schools and nine historic churches.



## **BENEFICE PROFILE**



St Mary's, Walton

A vibrant family church with a ministry to all comers, a warm feeling of welcome and nourishment and active outreach to all ages

Christ Church Felixstowe

A church with an ecumenical base and lively worship serving the estates in the South of the Walton Parish. Enjoys strong links with the local community.



Trimley – St Martin's & St. Mary's

The two villages unite in worship at St. Martin's offering Sunday worship to reach all ages and serving the community through various weekday activities at both venues.

# **The Orwell Team – An Overview**

Walton is the original historical centre of Felixstowe but the modern town of Felixstowe and its international shipping port have developed closer to the sea and river with two church parishes, St. Johns' and Old Felixstowe. Felixstowe provides all the amenities associated with a medium sized town with hospitals, secondary schools, a good variety of shops as well as holiday and leisure facilities. St. Mary's, Walton and Christ Church Felixstowe serve neighbouring areas to the west of Felixstowe town centre and the Trimley villages of St. Martin's and St. Mary's further extend the team boundaries towards Ipswich.

The Orwell Team Ministry was formed in 2000 with the Team Rector being based at Walton and Team Vicars at Trimley and Christ Church. For the past nine years this team has continued to serve the three worship centres together with two Ordained Local Ministers, based mainly at Trimley, and at present two Readers at Walton and eleven Lay Elders (seven at Trimley and four at Walton). The ordained ministers usually meet weekly and the three churches come together in the Benefice Council.

The team seeks to recognise and maintain diversity whilst also encouraging each other by working together wherever possible. There are good relations between each worship centre with the team seen to be made up of three equal partners as well as sharing good relations with all denominations in the area. Pastoral care, evangelism and providing appropriate worship for people of all ages are dear to the hearts of all three churches.

The ordained ministers have worked hard to produce a 'Team Values Statement' whilst recognising that any team needs to be flexible and open minded in seeking new ways of serving God. Each of the three churches values its own history, tradition, practice and this has played its part in maintaining the good relationships which have been formed.

It is the hope and the vision of the present staff to take the team forward, building on what has been achieved, encouraging each church to play to its strengths and allowing individual members recognise and develop their responsibilities.

## **Staff in the Orwell Team Benefice**

Team Rector: Revd Napo John. Napo joined the Orwell Team in January 2007. He is based at St. Mary's Church, Walton.

Team Vicar: Revd Val Butler joined the Orwell Team in June 2008. Val is based at Trimley villages.

# **CORE VALUES STATEMENT**

**July 2005**

***In the Team context, core values:***

are those guiding principles which direct our decision making and behaviour identify the uniqueness of our work focus on right behaviour rather than on wrong doing

**DEPENDENCE**

As a Staff Team we affirm our individual and corporate dependence on the living God and our commitment to change as we open ourselves daily to Him.

**WORTH**

We affirm the worth of all individuals.  
Gender and race are not an issue.  
We accept and value our spiritual diversity.

**PARTNERSHIP**

We are committed to the pursuit of excellence with integrity in every area of work.

In our dealings with each other we will be open, honest and loyal in an atmosphere of mutual trust, respect and support.

We value a working environment which fosters care and support, encouragement and forgiveness and promotes the development of gifts, the realising of potential and the unity of the Spirit.

We acknowledge the authority of the Diocesan Bishop and seek to support and promote the work of the deanery and the diocese.

We value partnership with other churches and Christian organisations leading to mutual trust and co-operation, without eroding Team integrity.

**MINISTRY**

We are committed to bringing people into the Kingdom, working evangelistically without being fundamentalist.

We welcome ordained, accredited and authorised ministries regardless of gender or race.

We embrace the Church's current teaching on issues of sexual orientation as contained in the House of Bishops Statement 'Issues in Human Sexuality', December 1991

We embrace and value collaborative ministry.

We are committed to personal and corporate development.

## Appendix 5: Profile Of St Mary's, Walton Parish

# ST. MARY'S, WALTON PARISH



### Our Vision Statement

**"God shows His love to us; we share his love with others.  
Our relationship with Jesus will grow and deepen together."**

- ~ We will seek to ensure that all our activities are Christ-centred and relevant.
- ~ We will prayerfully structure our worship and organisations to create a vibrant and welcoming church and remain adaptable to enable growth.
- ~ We will endeavour to work together with other local churches to follow the command of Jesus to love and care for each other and respect each other's traditions.
- ~ We intend to communicate the love of God by word and action in the community around us and to follow the command of Jesus to share the Good News to all.

### St. Mary's Walton Community

The parish of Walton which is home to St. Mary's Church has a population of approximately 5,430, The Christ Church Felixstowe Parish was created from the Walton Parish and has a population of approximately 5,920.

St. Mary's, Walton area is a mixture of private properties, ranging from Victorian terrace to large detached houses, and housing association developments. There is a strong sense of community around St. Mary's Church and the housing is suitable for all ages.

Both secondary schools, Deben and Orwell, fall within the parish along with Maidstone Road Infant School and Causton Junior School. St. Mary's Church enjoys good working relationships with these schools. The clergy are invited to lead assemblies and there have been school visits to the church.

### Other Institutions

Other places of worship in the vicinity of St. Mary's Church are Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Seaton Road Methodist Church, the Society of Friends and the Orthodox Church. There are also at least three specialised types of housing:- "Shaftesbury Housing" which gives extra care to vulnerable young people by means of a warden; "Conford House" and "Collimer Court" which are sheltered housing complexes for the elderly. We have links with both, and regular services are held in the latter establishment.

## The Buildings:

### St. Mary the Virgin Church

A full description of the church can be found on the website:

[www.stmaryswalton.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswalton.co.uk). It is an interesting medieval building dating back to the mid 1300s. The building has been loved and cared for and is in very good order. About twelve years ago the church was reordered; amongst other changes, chairs were

introduced to give a more flexible worshipping space. The reordering was carried out in a sensitive manner and does not detract from the beauty of the building. It is comfortable, warm and of a most pleasing appearance. There are two vestries, one for the clergy and the other for the choir. There is a small but adequate kitchen, with a hatch into the church for serving refreshments. The adjacent toilet incorporates all current disabled standards. The sound system is in the process of being updated. We have two video projectors - a portable one for use in Junior Church and schools, and a fixed one in the main church building. The surrounding churchyard is closed, and is managed by Suffolk Coastal District Council. There is a small memorial rose garden that is maintained by the church. A car park is at the rear of the church. The use of the church for events such as concerts by visiting choirs and other musical productions has been encouraged.

### **The Church Halls**

The Walton hall, situated directly opposite the church, was built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is well maintained and consists of a main hall with a stage, a committee room and an up to date kitchen. It is well used by the church and other local organisations and presently we are planning to further develop it.

St. Philip's Church/hall, this is a small twin building comprising a church and hall. The church was until recently leased to the Orthodox Church and the hall is used by the local community.

### **Clergy Housing**

The Rectory, built in the early 1990's, is situated approximately three quarters of a mile from St. Mary's Church. It is a traditionally styled house, of "green book standard", with four bedrooms and an annex study. The property is enhanced by central heating, a garage and enclosed garden.

### **The Verger's Cottage**

Adjacent to the hall is the verger's cottage. St. Mary's is the only church in the Deanery to have a paid and housed verger.

### **Churchmanship and Services**

The churchmanship of St. Mary's is open evangelical and values the ministry of women priests. Recently the church has started to move towards a gentle charismatic style.

There are 172 people on the electoral roll of St. Mary's. Three services are conducted each Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The 8 a.m. traditional 1662 B.C.P. communion service has a keen following. An average congregation of 15 attends.

The 10 a.m. service has several variations which occur in rotation, including:- Holy Communion from the Book of Common Worship; Family Service, Morning Worship and Service of the Word. Attendance varies according to the needs of the congregation. At the Family Service there are often 150 in church; baptisms are usually carried out during this service. We also offer "Thanks giving for the birth of a child." Further information about our thanksgiving and baptism policy can be found on our website.

At 6:30 p.m. the services rotate between ReFresh (informal praise and worship service) Evening Worship, Holy Communion from the Book of Common Worship and Service of the Word. Occasionally there is a healing service. Between 35 and 45 people usually attend the evening service.

St. Mary's has a robed choir. Music is provided by an organ or an electronic keyboard, supplemented by a small music group on occasions. There is a midweek communion once a month.

## Appendix 6: Profile Of St Martin And St Mary, Trimley Parish

# ST MARTIN & ST MARY, TRIMLEY PARISH

### Population

Trimley parish covers the two villages of Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin with a total population of 7000.

### Housing

The old villages have seen substantial modern private housing developments over the past 20-30 years that cater for many young families and also retired people. There are also estates consisting of private and housing association properties. It is both rural and suburban, looking to Felixstowe for most of its facilities and having excellent links to Ipswich both by road and rail.

There is a warden-controlled home and a nursing home.

### Church buildings

St Martin's Church is used for worship and also concerts, exhibitions and as a venue for church meetings. St Mary's Church is the church centre, which is for public hire and is where our social events mainly take place. Both churches have their own churchyards now joined together as one large churchyard.

### Services:

#### Sunday

1030 All Age Worship service (CW) once a month  
Holy Communion (CW) twice a month  
Morning Praise (CW) once a month

#### Wednesday

1030 Holy Communion (CW)

The attendance varies between 60-90 for the Sunday Services.

There are occasional evening services such as a Service of Healing and Wholeness on the fifth Sunday and shared benefice services. Services are also held monthly at the warden-controlled home and the nursing home. Communion is taken to the sick and housebound on a regular basis.

### Organisations within the Church:

- The affairs of the Church are conducted by the Parochial Church Council.
- The standing committee meets in between PCC meetings to conduct urgent business.
- The social and funding committee organises the many and varied events held throughout the year.
- A monthly rambling club starts after the All Age Worship service.
- The building committee operates when there is building or repair work to be done by members of the parish.

- There is a leadership group consisting of clergy, churchwardens and Lay Elders, who meet to discuss pastoral and liturgical matters.
- Discoverers (4-10yrs) meet once a month in the church centre.
- Lunchbox is held once a week for 9 months of the year to provide a meal for the elderly and those who live alone.
- We also operate Café Ten, a coffee morning, once a week on a Tuesday in St Martin's Church. This is open to everyone.
- A group for mothers and toddlers, 'Trimley Tots', meets every Friday afternoon during term time.

### **Other churches within the parish**

There is a Roman Catholic Church, a Methodist Church and a Free Church with all of whom we have good relations and with whom we sometimes share services, eg, unity services leading up to the Millennium and the annual Women's World Day of Prayer.

## Appendix 7: A Google Map Showing The Approximate CCF Parish Boundary

