

PARISH DIRECTORY

2010 Edition

The Catholic Parish of Springfield

St Augustine of Canterbury
The Presbytery, Beardsley Drive,
Springfield CM1 6GQ

Church of Christ Our Saviour
Ashton Place
Chelmer Village

New Hall School
Boreham

Anglia Ruskin University
Catholic Chaplaincy
Chelmsford



FROM FATHER FRANK

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SPRINGFIELD.

This part of Chelmsford is a wonderful place in which to live and I hope/pray that you will be very happy here.

The Catholic Parish was founded in 1983, although Mass has been celebrated at New Hall since 1799. We can, therefore, claim to be the oldest Post-Reformation parish in Chelmsford!

We have three Sunday Masses – including the Vigil Mass at Chelmer Village. The 9am Mass at St Augustine's is very popular, and includes many young families. The celebration is a joyful one making use of modern settings of the Mass, but without loss of dignity. The 10.45am Mass at New Hall is rather more traditional in tone, with choir and organ (particularly in term time). Both of these Masses include a children's liturgy. The Saturday Vigil Mass at Chelmer Village is an altogether more simple affair – but is celebrated with music and dignity.

I have been Priest here since 2002 and thoroughly enjoy living and working here. I was ordained priest (at the age of 51!) in 1999, having spent a number of years in Anglican ministry. A Deacon, Rev Kevin Lyons, one of the first Permanent Deacons to be ordained in the Diocese, also serves the parish. Both Kevin and I have the privilege of being married men with children and grandchildren!

Do introduce yourself after Mass.

May God richly bless you
Fr Frank

June 2010

Up to date parish information can be accessed from the weekly Parish Newsletter distributed after Sunday Masses or from www.staugustine-springfield.com

**The Parishes of St Augustine of Canterbury,
Church of Our Saviour and New Hall**

The parish is part of the North Springfield Ecumenical Project sharing both St Augustine's and Our Saviour's Churches with the Anglican and Free Church Communities.

The parish also encompasses the Anglican parishes of All Saints Springfield, St Andrew's Boreham and St Martin's Little Waltham.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	Church of Christ our Saviour	5.00pm
Sunday	St Augustine	9.00am
	New Hall Chapel	10.45am

Weekdays Times may vary – check the weekly news letter or notice board

Holy Days of Obligation – as announced and on notice board

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.15 – 11.45am at St Augustine's
Two Penitential Services are held during the year.

BAPTISMS By appointment.
Contact Father Frank.

MARRIAGES 6 months notice is needed.
Contact Father Frank.
Couples are required to complete Foccus as part of Marriage Preparation.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This sacrament is available to anyone who is sick.
Father Frank is available 24 hours a day.
Please contact Father Frank if you are going into hospital.

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SCHOOLS

Primary

The Bishops' Primary School

Beardsley Drive
North Springfield CM1 6ZQ
Tel 01245 460107
Fax 01245 464377
Head Teacher – Mr Greg Waters

New Hall Preparatory School (Independent)

Boreham
Chelmsford CM3 3HT
Tel 01245 467588
Fax 01245 464348
Head Teacher – Mrs Sarah Conrad

Secondary

St John Payne Comprehensive School

Patching Hall Lane
Chelmsford CM1 4DJ
Tel 01245 256030
Fax 01245 352337
Email: asc@sjp.essex.sch.uk
Head Teacher - Mr Anthony Schuler

New Hall School (Independent)

Boreham
Chelmsford CM3 3HT
Tel 01245 467588
Fax 01245 464348
Principal – Mrs Katherine Jeffrey

PARISH REGISTER

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

You are very welcome and we hope you will feel part of our parish family.

Join us for coffee after the 9am and 10.45am Masses on Sundays.

Please contact any of those listed in this directory if you would like more information or would like to join any groups. Newcomers always welcome!

Please complete the form below and return it to the presbytery or put it in the collection basket.

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Names

Address

Tel No

Please add children's names and the schools they attend if appropriate.

I would like to know more about the parish gift aid scheme. Yes No

(Please also notify the parish of change of address or when you move away.)

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council consists of representatives of parish activities.
Personnel may vary and change from those listed.

Parish Priest	Fr Frank Jackson	465333
Chairperson	Bernadette McCaffrey	603494
Secretary	Paul Newman	355451

The chairman and vice chairman are elected at the AGM in July.

Chairmen of Parish Committees

Finance	Peter Whittington	441736
Liturgy	Rev Kevin Lyons	460783
Youth	Chris Thompson	469161
Confirmation Preparation	Christine Webb	603156
Marriage Care	Bernadette McCaffery	603494
Social	Cath Lyons	460783
SVP	James McEvoy	256754
Publicity	Peter Whittington	441736
Ecumenical Council	Chair: Karin Seeman	466167
Management:		
St Augustine	Chair: Peter Corbett RC Representative/Secretary: Peter Allen Treasurer: Paul Mear	469864 268439
Our Saviour	Chris Thompson	469161

Other representatives

Music Group:	Judith Wiseman	252881
Marriage and Family Life	Bernadette McCaffrey	603494
Deanery Pastoral Council:	Karin Seeman	466167
	Dominique Thompson	469161
	Angela & Roger Sclater	469458

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism

Contact Father Frank tel. 465333

First Holy Communion

Children from the age of 7+ **who are attending Sunday Mass** are invited to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. The Christine Brussleman Course is used. The classes begin in the autumn and meet twice monthly. The themes the children follow are *Belonging, Celebrating, Listening, Caring, Making Peace, Giving Thanks, Sharing a Meal and Let's Go Forth*. Once a month this is reflected in the Sunday liturgy. Each month the parents also meet with Fr Frank and Deacon Kevin to discuss the theme their children are preparing.

Contact Cath Lyons 460783

First Reconciliation

The children attend a short course in preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Contact Cath Lyons 460783

Confirmation

Confirmation Course is held every 3 years for young people between 14 and 18 years of age. The course consists of 8 evening sessions and an overnight retreat.

Contact: Christine Webb Tel. 603156

Marriage

Couples are requested to contact Fr Frank to complete the necessary forms and for sacramental preparation.

They also need to arrange to complete Foccus, a Marriage Preparation Inventory. Contact: Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801

PARISH LIFE

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Each year several hundred adults are welcomed into the Church in our diocese. Over the past few years there has been a small number of people “Received” from this parish. Instruction is given as part of the Café course (Catholic Faith Education) which runs each Autumn. Adults are normally “Received” into the Church at Easter.

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Faith, contact:

Father Frank tel. 465333.

Eucharistic Ministers

The parish has trained Ministers of the Eucharist who take Holy Communion out to the sick at home or in hospital on Sundays. They administer the Host and Chalice on Sunday and weekdays.

When there is no priest or deacon during week times a minister will also conduct the Eucharistic Service.

Anyone who is sick and needs Communion contact Fr Frank tel. 465333

Readers

Ministers of the Word proclaim the scripture readings at Sunday Masses, throughout the week and at special services throughout the year.

New readers are always welcome. Readers need to be able to read aloud well and be willing to continue to develop understanding of scripture.

A rota system for St Augustine’s and Our Saviour’s operates.

Contact: Doreen Cornish Tel. 264821

Music Group

The Music Group leads the singing at the 9am Mass on Sundays and other celebrations throughout the year, principally Holy Week, Easter and Christmas. The music reflects the church’s seasons, liturgy and readings. The parish is fortunate to have an animator/flautist, two pianists/organists, seven singers, one guitarist, a flautist and clarinet player.

New members are always welcome. We meet on a Friday evening in the chapel to prepare the music for Sunday. A willingness and enthusiasm to play and sing for the glory of God helping to lead our worshipping community in song and praise is all that is required. Come and join us.

Contact Doreen Cornish 264821 (New Hall Music Group – Jackie Chester 464465)

Altar Servers

Altar servers have a wonderful ministry in helping the priest and deacon to lead God's people in celebrating the Mass.

Altar servers are members of the guild of St Stephen.

New members receive initial training before they begin serving.

After a period of 6 to 12 months they are enrolled in the Guild.

Any young person interested in knowing more about being a server contact -

Father Frank tel. 465333 or Deacon Kevin tel. 460783.

Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy takes place during the 9am and 10.45am Masses.

Ages range from three to eight. The children leave after the Opening Prayer for their own Liturgy of the Word and return at the Offertory often processing with work relating to the readings. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop an appropriate understanding of the Mass and offers parents space for their own reflection.

Contact Cath Lyons (St Augustine) 460783 or Jane Doy (New Hall) 0793 2402131

Transport Rota

Some of our parishioners want to come to Mass on Sundays but because of their infirmity they need transport.

We operate a rota system of drivers.

If you are able to help contact Angela or Roger Sclater tel. 469458

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Come and meet your fellow parishioners. Refreshments are served in the small hall after 9 am Mass and in the school refectory after the 10.30 Mass at New Hall. The rota is organised by Cladis Manson tel. 468784 (St Augustine) and Eileen Forder 250067 (New Hall).

Welcome and Hospitality

A team of parishioners act as greeters and give out hymn books and news letters at each service.

The Elderly and Housebound Tuesday Monthly Mass

On the first Tuesday of the month the 10.30 am Mass is special. A dedicated group of car drivers collect elderly and housebound parishioners and bring them to Mass. Afterwards we have tea, coffee and biscuits and chat.

Why not join us, get to know the older members of our parish? Perhaps you are able to offer transport from time to time or help with refreshments.
Contact Doreen Cornish tel. 264821

PRAYER GROUPS

Mothers' Prayers

The group meets one Friday a month at St Augustine's to pray for families and the needs of the world. All ladies welcome.
Contact Janet Hoare 346900

The Bishops' C of E and RC Primary School

The school enjoys a valued reputation for the education it offers its children and more importantly the hard work of all the staff and the various clergy who support the school ensures that its very special Christian ethos is maintained.

In January 2002 Bishop Thomas and Bishop John visited the school to mark its 10th Anniversary. The school now educates 360 children and will grow to 420 pupils on the role in the near future.

The school looks forward to the next exciting and challenging era in its history.

For more information about the school contact Mr Greg Waters tel. 460107

PARISH COMMITTEES

Liturgy

It is the responsibility of each member of the parish to be encouraged to fully participate in the sacred liturgy especially when we gather together on Sunday to celebrate Holy Mass.

For this reason we have a liturgy committee who meet three or four times a year with Father Frank to discuss all aspects of the parish liturgy and ways of promoting it.

Contact: Deacon Kevin Lyons tel. 460783

Finance Committee

Under Canon Law each Parish is required to have a finance committee, a group of parishioners whose specific role is to provide assistance to the Parish Priest in the administration of "parish goods".

The current committee consists of Father Frank, Deacon Kevin, Chris Thompson (Parish Treasurer), Rowena Redfern (Secretary) Dee Davey (Gift Aid Organiser), Gwen and Bernard Storkey and is chaired by Peter Whittington. We meet approximately four times a year to consider all aspects of Parish finance, in particular monitoring income and expenditure. The principal sources of income are the weekly offertory, gift aid and fundraising (mainly the Annual Bazaar), whilst our major costs are the Diocesan Levy and the running, upkeep and maintenance of the two Church buildings and the presbytery.

Contact: Peter Whittington tel. 441736

Ecumenism

We have a very unique opportunity to promote ecumenism within the parish through the sharing of the two churches. We work with our fellow Christians to share together in the ministry of Christ through mission, service and education. Our mission is to evangelise, service includes our social responsibilities, education includes respecting different traditions. We have shared services of word and prayer which bring a fellowship of love.

The Ecumenical Council has representatives from each community and the team clergy. It meets three times a year and has an Annual General Meeting.

If you would like more information or would like to become involved please contact: Fr Frank Tel. 465333

Youth Group

The Youth group meets alternate Friday evenings at St Augustine's Hall at 7.30pm. It is for young people from 10 years of age, most of members are in the 10 – 13 age group. The material used is prepared by "Youth for Christ", an umbrella group helping those working with young people in a range of Churches. A typical evening consists of games and activities ending with a reflective session at the end of the evening. There is also time for socialising and refreshments. Outside visits take place too, e.g. to the Police Museum and Megazone and there is a Christmas Disco and Summer Barbecue.

New members always welcome, come for an evening, make new friends.

The Leaders' Team varies from four to six people.

New helpers, either regularly or occasionally, are always needed.

It is a most important part of our parish. Are you interested in knowing more?

Contact Chris Thompson on 469161 or thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk

Social and Fund Raising Events

Contact Cath Lyons tel. 460783

Management Committees

St Augustine's and Our Saviour's are shared with the Anglican and Free Church communities. Each church has a management committee made up of members of each denomination. They are responsible for the upkeep of the buildings and their fabric. Both committees need volunteers.

If you can help please contact: Fr Frank 465333

Publicity Committee

Any group wanting help with publicity contact Chris Thompson tel. 469161 or thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul)

The aim of the SVP is to meet the needs of the poor in body and spirit in our own parish and in the wider world – people of all denominations and none. The SVP visit the elderly and housebound in their homes and in hospitals. They give financial help to the needy in the area. Each January there is a Grand Party, and in the summer an Annual Outing and Strawberry Tea in Leigh on Sea. The SVP help staff the overnight shelter for the homeless in Chelmsford as part of the “Churches Together” project. They collect and send clothing to “The Passage”, in Westminster, the drop in centre for the needy. And further a field, the Springfield SVP are twinned with two SVP conferences in India. As well as supporting with prayer on a practical level they have helped fund a baby feeding programme in India

Much of the work of the SVP is confidential, is unknown to others and unsung.

SVP members come from the Catholic, Anglican and Free Church communities. They meet for prayer, support, co-ordination of visits and activities. Auxiliary members visit clients. Friends of the SVP offer help with activities and transport.

If you would want to know more contact Jane Mc Evoy tel. 256754

Justice and Peace Group

The main purpose of the group is to raise awareness within the parish of Justice and Peace issues by:

- Promoting and developing justice and peace initiatives
- Publicising and encouraging special events
- Strengthening links with overseas partners

One important initiative has been the promotion of Fair Trade products which are stocked in many local supermarkets and in the Oxfam Bookshop. The more we buy, the more they will stock and the fairer the world will become. Much more information can be found on the Fairtrade website www.fairtrade.org.uk. New members of the group are always welcome. Meetings will be publicised in the weekly Parish Newsletter.

Association for the Propagation of the Faith

Red Mission Boxes are available to have in your home.

Contact: Bernadette Güler Tel. 450138

Protection Of Children And Vulnerable Adults.

In his introduction to 'Safe Children, Safe Church' the Bishop wrote:
"One of the most striking aspects about Our Lord's ministry was His special care for any group of people who were vulnerable.
It is very much our responsibility to ensure that our parishes are safe communities for children and vulnerable adults."
Our parish fully embraces the need to establish 'best practice' in this area.
If you have any concerns about the safety or well being of any child or vulnerable adult in our parish community, please contact our Child Protection Representative: Angela Mear. Telephone 268439

Teams of Our Lady

The Teams of Our Lady is a group for married couples. It meets approximately once a month to share a meal, exchange family news and important activities. The meeting also includes meditation and discussion on scripture and prayer. (The balance varies from meeting to meeting). It is an informal support for members and a way of sharing important areas of experience as well as an opportunity for those who take part to think about their relationship with each other and their Church. The Teams originated in France.
There are regular regional gatherings for the London area and national and international meetings on occasions.
There are currently three couples in the Team and Sister Angela, from New Hall, is the spiritual facilitator.
The group is interested in expanding Teams of Our Lady in Chelmsford.
Contact Chris Thompson on 469161 or thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk

Repository

There is a small rack of cards at the back of church. Seasonal items are available throughout the year.
If you would like specific items contact Cath Lyons 460783

Flowers in Church

There is a rota for flower arranging shared with the Anglican and Free Church Communities. Donations towards flowers are always welcome.
At Easter and Christmas parishioners are invited to remember loved ones through donating to the floral decoration in the church.
Would you like to join this creative flower-arranging ministry?
Contact Cath Lyons tel. 460783 (St Augustine), Elizabeth Parry (New Hall) 01277 231353, Anne Jackson (Our Saviour) 465333

Publications

The Catholic newspapers are on sale at the back of church.
The Brentwood News is a quarterly free paper.
The Brentwood Diocesan Directory is available priced £2.50.

New Hall Voluntary Service

The New Hall Voluntary Service has continued with its work in the local community and is able to help our girls to respond sensitively and constructively to people living locally who are vulnerable or in need.

We work with many of our parents, Old Girls, parishioners and friends to facilitate the smooth running of 13 regular weekly activities as well as our annual children's holiday for children from the London Boroughs, our links with refugees and asylum seekers in partnership with our Community House in Leyton - and the inevitable fund-raising events which make all of this possible.

We are also pleased to offer hospitality to other groups from the local area that meet at New Hall for special events - the HCPT Group 13, the St John Payne Handicapped Club and many others on a one-off basis. We are conscious of the blessings that our facilities and grounds offer and are always pleased when we can share them with others.

Nearly all of the girls at New Hall aged 13 and above are actively involved in our Community Service programme on a regular basis and we were pleased that our contribution to helping young people recognise their responsibilities to others was recognised by the Chelmsford Borough who awarded us one of their coveted Millennium Awards.

We continue to work closely with Ford UK who give us a lot of practical assistance in our work - endlessly repairing bikes, improving facilities and making new equipment. We also hope that they will be able to help us work towards obtaining our NHVS bus which now needs replacing.

We are very pleased that we can continue to be involved in such mutually beneficial ways with so many people locally, and our NHVS family continues to expand to include more and more friends and parents who want to be involved in different ways. We are particularly pleased that our Holiday Visiting Scheme has grown in such a positive way as this enables families to visit people during the long school holidays when otherwise they miss 'the girls' so much!

Contact the school tel. 467588

The Springfield Branch Of The Walsingham Association

Our Branch in Springfield (the first in the Diocese) was established in February 2004. We currently have 21 members.

The national Walsingham Association exists primarily to spread devotion to Our Lady and to encourage pilgrimage to her shrine at Walsingham.

The aims of the Association are that members seek to:

- ❖ Deepen their devotion to Our Lady by joining in daily prayer with members throughout the country.
- ❖ To support through prayer the life and witness of the national shrine.
- ❖ Spread the devotion to others by organising and supporting pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady.

Members:

- ❖ Share in the daily Masses at the shrine.
- ❖ Share in the special Masses offered for members and their families.
- ❖ Unite in the daily prayers of all members.
- ❖ Receive newsletters from the shrine.

If you would like to find out more about Walsingham, or feel you would like to join the Springfield branch of the Association, please contact Anne Jackson (465333).

Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for Us.

Ladysmith Support Group for our twin Parish, Mhlumayo, in South Africa.

Our parish twinned with Mhlumayo, a very poor parish in Dundee, South Africa in 1987. There are twelve Mass stations and only one priest, Father Mbingo Reuben. Father Mbingo is the new Parish Priest, the first native Zulu to be ordained by Bishop Michael Rowland. We support the parish by prayer but also in very practical ways. Money from the Green Urn in the porch, private donations, proceeds from events such as "soup and rolls" lunches go to feed, clothe and educate the children.

The parish is very dependent on our continued support.

For more information of how you can help contact Fr Frank tel. 465333

Gift Aid Scheme

Do you pay income tax?
Have you filled in your Gift Aid Declaration?

It only takes a minute to complete; yet it enables the parish to reclaim an additional 28% for any donation you make at no extra cost to you. You can include your weekly contribution and any other ad hoc donation you make during the year. You need only complete one Gift Aid Declaration.

The Inland Revenue conditions are that you continue to be a taxpayer while you are making your contributions. Inform us if your status changes.

Higher rate taxpayers can claim additional relief through your tax return.

The parish receives in excess of £6,000 back from the Inland Revenue.

Please think about it. Unclaimed money sits in the Inland Revenue! All information is confidential.

For more information or to complete a declaration form contact:
Dee Davey Tel. 353657

*(Did you know you can pay your weekly contribution by Standing Order?
Contact Dee)*

The Green Urn in the Porch and Sunday Refreshments

Money collected in the urn is sent to our twin parish in South Africa.

Hall Bookings

St Augustine and Our Saviour

Both the halls are available for bookings.
There is a music and dance licence. Hirers must apply for their own drinks licence. For more information contact Cath Lyons tel. 460783 for St Augustine
Marianne Inskip tel. 465207 for Our Saviour

CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development)

Cafod works throughout the developing world supporting over 1,100 long term self help projects in 75 countries. It also responds to emergencies worldwide. There are Cafod Family Fast Days in Lent and October each year.

DEANERY ACTIVITIES



Marriage Care is a national organisation. It supports people through the best and worst of times in their marriage and family relationships.

Marriage Care is a charity operating across England and Wales, from 53 Centres, with 80 counselling locations. Our volunteers are mainly, though not exclusively, drawn from within the Catholic community.

We provide marriage preparation, relationship counselling, relationship education, a telephone helpline. We also offer general support and advice to those who want to marry or enter long-term relationships.

Volunteers are always welcome to work in one of the above areas; or by offering administrative or management support to one of our Centres; or by making a financial donation towards our work.

If you are experiencing relationship problems, call our telephone helpline (0845 660 6000), or make an appointment to see a counsellor by calling 0800 389 3801 or visiting www.marriagecare.org.uk.

Couples marrying in the parish are required to complete a FOCCUS inventory which is designed for use with individual couples. We believe that increasing couples' mutual understanding of their relationship, with all its richness and complexity, improves their chances of a lasting and satisfying life with each other.

For more information contact Bernadette McCaffrey (603494) or Fr Frank.

Deanery Pastoral Council

The Council holds four meetings a year. Its purpose is to disseminate information from the Bishop, Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Deanery Liaison Group. It also keeps parishes informed of latest trends.

Contact Karin Seeman tel. 466167

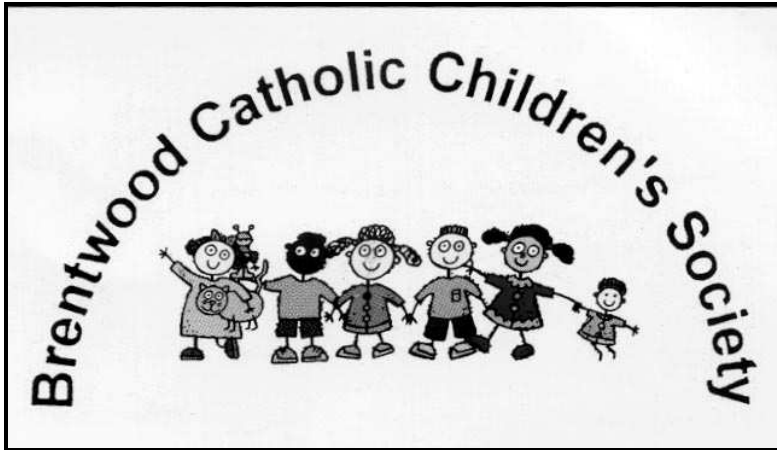
Knights of St Columba

The Knights of St. Columba is an organisation of Catholic men concerned with good works. The Chelmsford branch (or Council) consists of the four parishes with about 50 members who meet once a month on Wednesday evenings. The objective is to support the clergy and parishes in the area, to help each other develop in faith and work to promote Christian values. There is an active social programme, including large and small social events, trips and visits and a quiz with other Councils in the Diocese.

Both local and national activities are supported. The Council is committed to the work of Churches Together in Chelmsford. There is internal support for members by prayer and spiritual events that serve to refresh and renew. New members are always welcome, new and fresh ideas are welcome too.

Chris Thompson 469161 thompsoncit01@blueyonder.co.uk

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES



Help us to help children and families in need

THIS IS YOUR VERY OWN CHILDRENS' SOCIETY.
WE DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THE GIFTS OF THE
PEOPLE OF BRENTWOOD DIOCESE.

We provide a service for children and families in need throughout the Diocese.
We attempt to bring them not only the skills of professional workers, but also
the love and compassion of Christ.

We need your help

You can help us by donations, covenants and legacies: by raising funds
in your own parish.

If you wish to help us help
CHILDREN IN NEED

Please contact:

Dick Madden, The Director,
Brentwood Children's Society
'Childcare House
Little Wheatley
Rayleigh
Essex

Tel: 01268 784544.
Charity Reg No. 1000661

DIOCESAN HOUSE OF PRAYER (ABBOTSWICK)



The Diocesan House of Prayer welcomes all those who come to spend time with the Lord.

The main thrust of the House is to be one of hospitality and openness to all and be an oasis of Peace in a busy world.

The house opens at 10.30am and remains open until 9pm every day **except** Monday and during August.

For further information, details of retreats and bookings please write to
The Bookings Secretary
Diocesan House of Prayer
Abbotswick, Navestock Side,
Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH enclosing a s.a.e.

Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Council has two plenary meetings a year for discussion, action and communication with the various Diocesan Commissions, currently the Justice and Peace Commission.

Contact Karin Seeman tel. 466167

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH

There has been a worshipping community in Springfield since the late 1950s. Monsignor Wilson celebrated the first Sunday Mass in the Women's Institute Hall. As the congregation increased, the need to find new premises became apparent. The new Mass Centre at the end of the 1960s was the dance studio at the back of Springfield Place.

And so the congregation outgrew this venue and in the 1970s it moved to Perryfields Junior School Hall. Mass attendance was in excess of 200 people. Sunday worship continued here until the move to St Augustine's – apart from during the school caretakers' strike when All Saints Church offered hospitality. During all this time Springfield was part of Our Lady Immaculate Parish and Mass was celebrated in rotation by the three resident priests.

During the next years the new church was being planned and funds raised.

In the thirty years or more before becoming a separate parish Springfield community was very active both spiritually and socially.

There were family discussion groups, prayer groups, retreats and catechetics. The Mass Centres were prepared each week and fund raising towards the new church was high on the agenda.

In 1974 a Parish House was purchased on the Uplands Estate and became the first presbytery and meeting place. Parishioners furnished the house.

A successful "500" club, market stalls, summer fetes, coffee mornings were part of the fund raising to furnish the sanctuary of St Augustine's.

Bishop Thomas announced that the church would be a shared ownership building with the Anglican and Free Church Communities and so negotiations took place.

The Church of St Augustine of Canterbury was opened in 1983 and a Priest in Charge then Parish Priest was appointed.

As the population of Chelmer Village grew, Holy Mass was first celebrated in a porta-cabin until the shared church of Our Saviour opened in 1985.

Sunday Mass continued to be celebrated at New Hall.

In 1987 the Presbytery in Beardsley Drive was completed and in 1990 the new Bishop's Ecumenical Primary School was opened.

More recent additions to St Augustine's have been the stained glass windows in January 2000 and the Stations of the Cross installed for Lent 2001.

In 2002 the car park was resurfaced.

A significant extension to St Augustine's Church was added in 2007.

PARISH PRIESTS OF St AUGUSTINE'S SPRINGFIELD

Fr Leslie Knight	1983 - 1988
Fr John Glynn	1988 - 1993
Fr Leslie Knight	1993 - 1997
Fr John Harvey BA (Div), JCL, MCL	1997 - 2002
Fr Frank J Jackson BA (Econ)(Hons), MA (Theol), ACIS	2002 -

THE ANGLICAN and FREE CHURCH COMMUNITIES

St Augustine, Springfield

The Anglican and Free Church Community at St Augustine's hold Sunday Morning Service at 10.45 am.

For further information contact Reverend Jane Anderson tel. 466160

Christ Our Saviour, Chelmer Village

The Anglican and Free Church Community at the Church of Christ our Saviour hold Sunday Morning Service at 10.00am.

For further information contact Reverend Ann Mackenzie tel. 462387

PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Altar Servers:** St Augustine's and Our Saviour, Deacon Kevin Lyons (460783),
New Hall, John Furze (467306)
- Association for the Propagation of the Faith:** Bernadette Guler (450138)
- Baptisms:** Fr Frank for all baptism enquiries (465333)
- Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:** Karin Seeman (466167)
- Catholic Women's League:** Gina Appiah (464347)
- Catenians:** Paul Newman (355451)
- Child Protection:** Parish Representative: Angela Mear (268439)
- Children's Liturgy** Jane Doy (NH) 07932402131
- Children's Ministry:** First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Children's
Liturgy at St Augustine's : Cath Lyons (460783)
- Confirmation Preparation:** Christine Webb (603156)
- Diocesan Pastoral Council:** Karin Seeman (466167)
- Ecumenical Council:** Karin Seeman (466167)
- Elderly and Housebound Monthly Mass:** Doreen Cornish (264821)
- Eucharistic Ministers:** St Augustine and Our Saviour, Bernard Storkey
(441267), New Hall, Bernadette McCaffrey (603494) and Ian Forder (250067)
- Fair Trade:** Richard Larkman (462896)
- Finance Committee:** Peter Whittington (441736)
- Flowers:** St Augustine Cath Lyons (460783), Our Saviour Anne Jackson (465333)
- Gift Aid Scheme:** Dee Davey (353657)
- Hospitality:** St Augustine's Cladis Manson (468784), New Hall Eileen Forder
(250067)
- Joint Management Committees:** Deacon Kevin Lyons (460783) and Chris
Thompson (469161)
- Knights of St Columba:** Chris Thompson (469161)
- Liturgy Committee:** Deacon Kevin Lyons (460783)
- MC at New Hall:** John Furze (467306)
- Marriage:** Fr Frank (465333)
- Marriage Care:** Bernadette McCaffrey (603494)
- Mid-Essex Deanery Pastoral Council:** Karin Seeman (466167)
- Mothers' Prayers (Prayer Group):** Janet Hoare (357959)
- Music Group:** St Augustine, Doreen Cornish (264821), New Hall, Jackie
Chester (464465), Our Saviour, Anne Jackson (465333)
- New Hall Voluntary Service:** Contact the school (467588)
- Parish Magazine (The Augustinian):** Nigel Gardener (265040)
- Parish Pastoral Council:** Bernadette McCaffrey (603494)
- Readers:** Doreen Cornish (264821). New Hall, John Stephenson (346126))
- Rite of Christian Initiation:** Fr Frank (456333)
- Rosary Group:** Alice Wallace (466059)
- Sacristy at New Hall:** Jacque McGlynn (284019)
- Social Committee (St Augustine):** Cath Lyons (460783)
- Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):** Jane McEvoy (256754)
- Teams of Our Lady:** Chris and Dom Thompson (469161)
- Transport Rota (St Augustine's):** Angela Sclater (469458)
- Twinned Parish of Mhlumayo:** Fr Frank (465333)
- Walsingham Association (Springfield Branch):** Anne Jackson (465333)
- Welcoming Committee:** St Augustine's, Cath Lyons (460783), New Hall, Ian
Forder (250067)
- Youth Group:** Chris Thompson (469161)