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Foreword by the Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway.

Thank you for taking an interest in this post in the Diocese of Ely. The role of Rector of the Six Fen Churches (Benefice) is a significant post, caring for the people and growing the mission of these 5 parishes in the Deanery of March. We need the next incumbent to be committed to the Deanery and Diocesan mission objectives, as well as to the leadership of these parishes.

The Diocese of Ely is committed to renewing in Christ its mission and ministry. We have revitalised our Living Ely 2025 strategy in the post pandemic situation that we now inhabit. Fundamentally we are still committed to engage with our communities, deepen our faith & grow our churches. We have made major investments in developing our support for clergy and lay ministers and in growing church in market towns (like nearby March).

The next stage of Deanery planning will see us focus resources on growing younger congregations and reaching further beyond our existing congregations, especially in areas of new housing. We will look to these parishes to continue to play the major role they have in the past as we engage with these challenges.

In the light of these mission priorities, we need clergy who are:

- Confident in God - rooted in prayer and scripture.
- Committed to personal holiness and striving for professional excellence.
- Adventurous and visionary, willing to see the church through the eyes of those who do not attend.
- Mission-focused leaders who want to see the church deeply engaged with schools, serving the community and connecting with community organisations of all kinds.
- Resilient people who take risks, accept failure and try again.
- Empowering and enabling collaborative ministry.
- Hospitable and generous when engaging with the local community
- Open and willing to work with and learn from others.

As a diocese we offer:

- A flourishing mix of evangelical, catholic and charismatic churches and clergy
- Modern, well-maintained houses
- Consistent, sustained investment in lay ministries
- A generous diocesan culture with serious investment in clergy wellbeing
- Excellent Continuing Ministerial Development
- Robust diocesan finances, which can sustain posts that are based in deprived communities.

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Stephen, Bishop of Ely

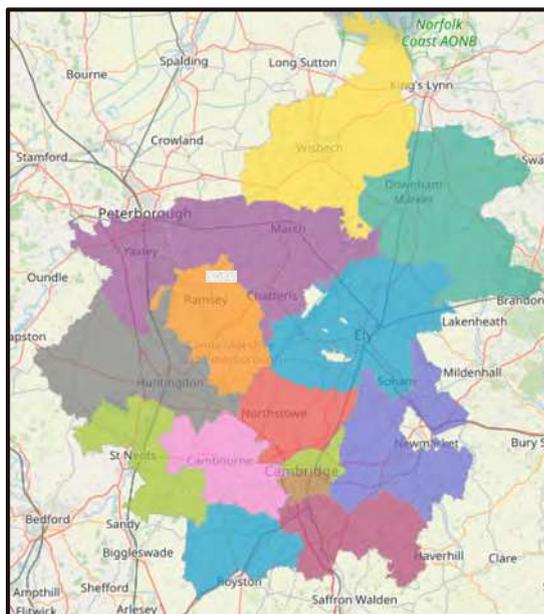


Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon



Richard, Archdeacon of Huntingdon

Diocese of Ely



The Diocese of Ely covers an area roughly similar to the county of Cambridgeshire, but also includes some parts of western Norfolk, Peterborough, Essex and Bedfordshire.

The Diocesan Vision

We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ

- **We...** God calls us to be a part of Him and united with one another. We are people of Jesus Christ. The church is the primary way in which we are visible; as a 'we'.
- **Pray...** Our Christian life is made possible by God's presence and activity in us powered through prayer. All our activity and interaction needs to be underpinned in prayer.
- **Generous...** Generosity is a summary word for our response to God's love for us. As God gave himself generously, unstintingly, to the world He loves, He calls us to reflect His nature. The gospel commands, 'Freely you have received, freely give' (Matt 10:8). Its implications run through our relationships with others in the church, with those outside the church, our use of money, and time, and so on.
- **Visible...** Daring to be out and about in the places where God has put us to work. Not taking refuge in our buildings, or always remaining where we are comfortable, but being present with people where they are, serving our communities, working with others for the common good. We are also very visible through our buildings. Often, they cannot be ignored.
- **People of Jesus Christ...** We belong to the God who bought us at a price (1Cor 6:20), the death of His Son. So, we do not live for ourselves, but as disciples of the one who died and rose again. We are His witnesses as we call others to join us to follow Him.

Introduction

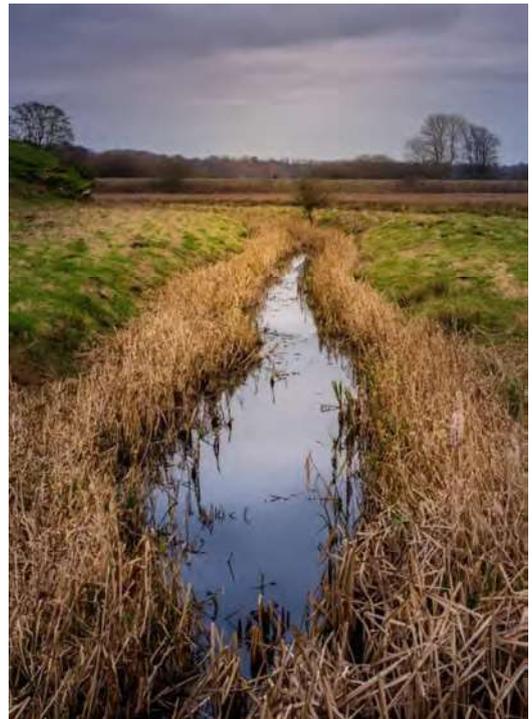
A life in Fenland brings God's creation to your door in all its glory. Softly undulating fields, velvet black soil, and moody skies that go on forever, highlighted by a golden sun, shimmering on the manmade levels, protecting the area from floods, and physically separating the Benefice in two. Yet the love this Benefice has for each Parish within it, is infectious and lifts the heart.

Six fellowships with differing imperfections, paradoxically making them stronger as they unite. Six buildings, all varying significantly, in age, style and condition. Six fellowships, united under an understanding of love and support.

This is the "breadbasket" of England, where our incumbent will find hunger. Literally, as this seemingly middle classed, rural area, masks hidden poverty. There's a spiritual hunger too.

We look for an incumbent who will not only empower the hungry to make that difficult journey for many, of pacing forwards and walking through those solid oak doors, but we invite creative ways of outreach to reach the millennials and generation Z's within our communities, the young people and children.

Many of the villages within our Benefice are home to older people, who choose a slower pace, reasonably priced real estate and lower crime rates. Often those who have settled have moved miles away from their families. We invite an incumbent with a strong pastoral leaning, who will challenge our congregations to show Christ in all we do.



A typical Fenland scene



A familiar sight in Fenland

This is not an area an incumbent will find multicultural living, but a place where a short walk from the rectory, it's possible to breathe in clean air and walk happily and safely through ancient woodland. It's an area where development has happened and is happening.

New estates bringing hundreds more to our villages. Many having moved during the pandemic and do not yet feel fully integrated into our communities, and where few have made it to Church. The opportunities and the challenges are clear.

Our Vision

We are committed to growing a Christian presence in our communities through love and service.

Our vision was developed during a strategic planning session and links very closely to the Diocesan vision *'We pray to be the generous and visible people of Jesus Christ'*.

The Mission and Ministry Team

The Mission and Ministry Team was set up by our previous incumbent to help in the running of the Benefice and implement the vision.

Currently it comprises of the following people who deliver around 90% of the church services during the vacancy.

- Reverend Sheila Tooke (Retired Priest)
- Stephen Tooke (Licensed Lay Minister)
- Richard Holding (Licensed Lay Minister)
- Amanda Carlin (Authorised Lay Minister)
- Christine Day (Authorised Lay Minister)

Within the Benefice, Amanda Carlin is our Safeguarding Officer and Christine Day our Administrator. The group is chaired by Richard Holding.

During the vacancy, the group have focussed on maintaining the spiritual integrity of the Benefice and ensuring with the Rural Dean that the service rota is covered effectively.

The team are very clear of their responsibility for safeguarding and this is a standing item on every meeting agenda. We are blessed with a very pro-active Safeguarding Officer and a very capable Administrator.

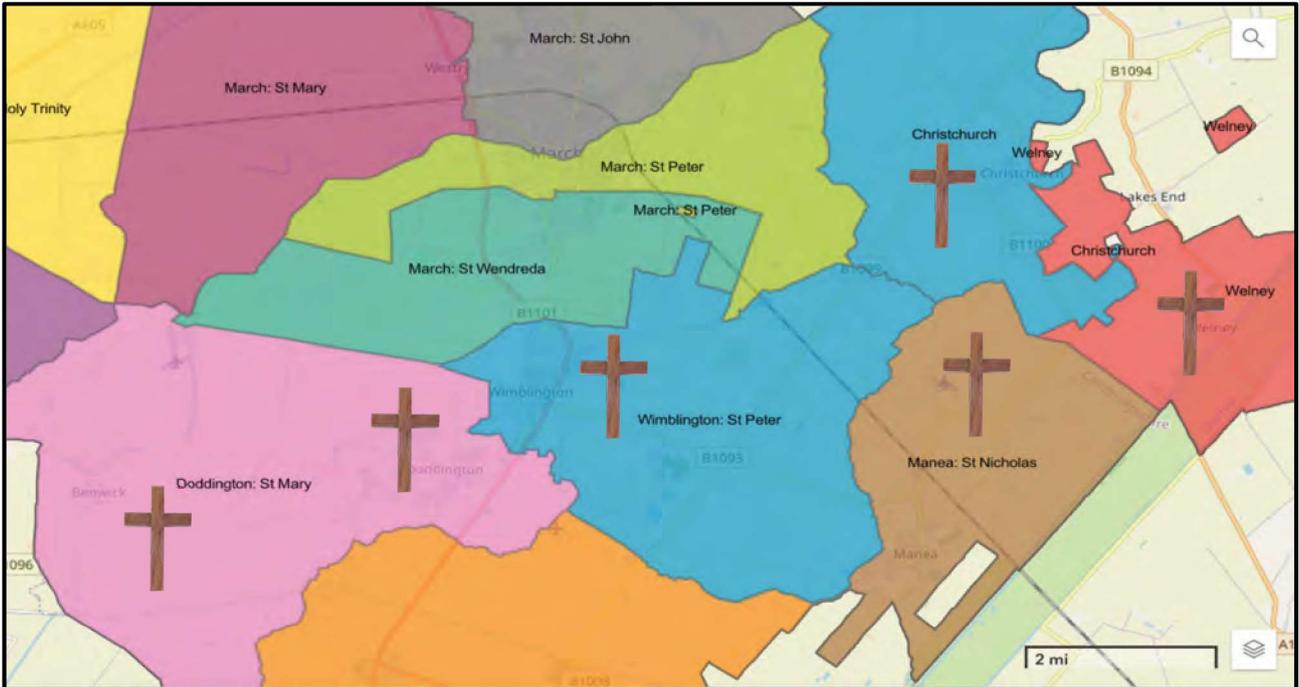
There is a United Benefice Mission Fund which helps to support outreach activities. The latest initiative was to purchase a copy of the 'Daily Prayers for the Coronation' for our congregations and distribute this before Easter.

In line with most other churches, finance is an ongoing challenge, but we continue to meet the parish share.

The Mission and Ministry Team are working together to allocate resources where they have the greatest impact.

The Mission and Ministry Team meet with the churchwardens regularly to discuss service provision and other issues relating to the Benefice.

The Benefice of Six Fen Churches



The Benefice of Six Fen Churches is part of the March Deanery and enjoys excellent transport links to the major centres of Ely, Cambridge and Peterborough.

The villages are developing as cost effective commuter places whilst retaining much of the rural charm of Fenland.

The parishes blend tradition with a desire to move forward and reach out to bring new people into our congregations.

	Village	Parish	Pop.	Area (sq. miles)	Parish Share
✝	Doddington	St Mary, Doddington (with Benwick)	2530	16	13,834
✝	Benwick	As above	1145	5	Included above
✝	Wimblington	St Peter, Wimblington	2370	12	13,834
✝	Manea	St Nicolas, Manea	2810	24	9,498
✝	Christchurch	Church of Christ	893	11	6,926
✝	Welney	St Mary the Virgin, Welney	558	8	5,853
			10306	76	49,945

All parish shares paid in full for 2022

The Benefice of Six Fen Churches

✝ Benwick

✝ Doddington

✝ Welney

✝ Christchurch

✝ Manea

✝ Wimblington



St Peter, Wimblington with good access to the A141 and the rest of the Benefice

We are part of a Benefice that was officially established in 2020 but have been working closely together since our previous incumbent was appointed in 2016.

The Benefice made up of the villages of; Benwick, Christchurch, Doddington, Manea, Welney and Wimblington and covers an area of 15 miles east to west and 5½ miles north to south.

The Rectory is situated in Wimblington, which is relatively central to the Benefice, and is

situated opposite the Church of St Peter.

The majority of our Benefice meetings have been held at St Peter's Church, including some wedding and baptismal planning meetings.

All of the Parishes have a village primary school with the exception of Welney. There are good communications between most parishes and the village schools.

Our Deanery (March) is working on a Deanery Development Strategy Plan in line with a Diocesan Directive and all Parishes within the Benefice are partaking. Consultation is ongoing, we look forward to seeing the results, and to share these. All the Parishes hold Remembrance services, Easter, Christmas, and Harvest services.

Remembrance services are also held in each village and these are particularly well attended with large numbers of non-regular Church members in attendance.

Some villages have an active Christmas Lights Groups which in Wimblington extend to lights on the Rectory's front lawn (with the incumbent's permission) and on the Church building.



Bishop Dagmar leading Holy Communion at St Peter, Wimblington

Why not consider making our Benefice your new home? We can offer you:

- Support by an active and committed Benefice Mission and Ministry team.
 - A retired priest, two Licensed Lay Ministers, (Readers) and two Authorised Worship Leaders (ALM's).
 - A group of united churches who work together well, whilst maintaining their own individual character.
 - Six Parish fellowships with Churchwardens, and five Parochial Church Councils, all of which have officers in place. The Churchwardens are supportive of each other, working on a Benefice level.
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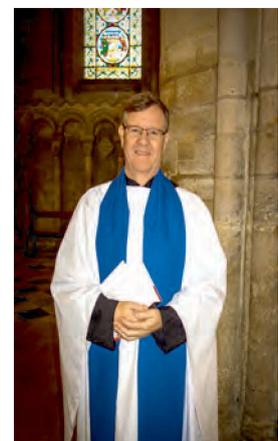
*Retired Priest
Revd. Sheila Tooke*

- As a Benefice we recognise the need to support our incumbent cognisant that we do not expect that person to do everything!
 - We understand and encourage our incumbent to take necessary 'time out' in order to maintain a healthy work-life balance.
 - A Benefice Safeguarding Officer covering all six Parishes.
 - A Benefice Administrator who works to support the incumbent and Mission and Ministry Team.
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*Licensed Lay Minister
Stephen Tooke*

- An achievable rota of services where currently there are typically two services per Sunday within the Benefice, a Holy Communion and Morning Prayer.
 - Monthly services at Benwick and Welney held during Sunday afternoon.
 - A United Benefice service is held on months with a 5th Sunday rotating around our churches
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*Licensed Lay Minister
Richard Holding*

Person Specification

We are seeking a person with the following skills and attributes. Someone who:

Leadership and Collaboration

- Is a leader with facilitative skills who is able to carry significant oversight and strategic development responsibilities.
- Is proven team player, committed to working collaboratively with the Mission and Ministry Team as appropriate.

Spirituality

- Follows an ordered personal, spiritual life.
- Pursues an appropriate work/life balance mindful of the demands of parish life.
- Has the discernment to help our churches share the vision and direction that God is calling us to take.

Worship and Preaching

- Has a passion for the Bible and is able to communicate, teach and inspire others to grow spiritually through relating Bible concepts to modern life.
- Is prepared to support and encourage the ministry of lay people in preaching and leading services.

Discipleship, Learning and Nurture

- Is open and creative in their approach to Christian discipleship and spiritual growth, strongly committed to seeing God's people grow and mature in faith and use their gifts in His service.
- Will actively encourage and develop study group opportunities. Is able to work with diverse age ranges from children to retired people.

Pastoral Care

- Is approachable and sensitive to the varied pastoral needs of our church family and wider community and willing to consider the development of a team of lay pastors.

Mission, Evangelism and Social Justice

- Will be visible in and amongst our local communities, understanding the importance of parish outreach and mission, and will work and encourage others in their church activities.
- Is prepared to serve as a Member of The Marshall's Charity.

Church Development and Stewardship

- Will proactively encourage generosity within church members, in the giving of their time, talents and money.
- Will see part of their role as attending Chapter and Deanery Synod, and consider some additional responsibility within the Deanery or Diocese.
- In order to ensure our effective development within the greater church, will be active in assisting us to meet the vision of Ely2025.

Social Media

Our parishes have a presence on the website 'A Church Near You' listing regular services and events.

Some of our parishes have Facebook pages.

There are varying levels of IT ability across our parishes.

We are keen to use IT to increase the efficiency of our church administration.

We would welcome an new Incumbent with good IT skills, but would not want them to be totally immersed in social media at the expense of face to face contact.



Living in Love and Faith

Our parishes await the outcome of the process in General Synod before coming to their own policy on the blessing of people in faithful same sex relationships.

As rural churches we embrace a spectrum of theological outlook and background, we are evangelical and inclusive, radical and conservative.

We will look to our next Rector to lead us and unite us as we seek to love and serve our communities and remain faithful to the tradition of faith that we have inherited.

We seek generous, reasoned leadership that will show us how to hold faith and grace together in this area.

The logo for 'ely2025' features the word 'ely' in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by '2025' in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Benwick Church

Population: 1157

Growth: 1.5% since 2011

Primary School: Yes

Parish Share: inc St Mary's

Electoral Roll: inc with St Mary's

Area: 5 sq. miles

Services: Monthly

Social Events: Occasional



The Old Church at Benwick

The village of Benwick is four miles from Doddington. Since the physical collapse of the old church a new Church building has been erected as an extension to the village hall. It is consecrated for worship and funerals.

The church building is modern and lends itself to a variety of uses including training and meetings. The Friends of Benwick Church raised the funds to construct the church and continue to provide ongoing support.

Because of the pandemic, a limited range of services have been held but the pattern has now been restored to monthly with worship held on the second Sunday afternoon.

A monthly afternoon coffee and cake event was started recently and it is hoped that we can increase our presence in the community, particularly given it's proximity to the local primary school.

The village has grown steadily with new housing particularly over the past five years. It has a through bus route to Doddington and March and easy road connections to Peterborough.

Benwick has a population of 1145 which has increased by 1.5% over 10 years and covers an area of 5 sq. miles



Benwick Church



The room is very flexible and the altar can be screened off



An ideal training and event venue

Facts about Benwick

- **The original church sank into the fen around 1980.**
- **The stained glass windows form part of the entrance to St Mary, Doddington.**
- **Benwick is growing quickly as a commuter village for Peterborough.**
- **The 'Friends of Benwick Church' provide ongoing support.**

The Church of Christ, Christchurch

Population: 893
Growth: 0.7% since 2011
Primary School: Yes
Electoral Roll: 18
Parish Share: Fully paid
Area: 11 sq. miles
Services: Sunday - alternate weeks
Social Events: Frequent



Christchurch Community Centre



The Church of Christ, Christchurch

Our church is a Grade 2 listed Victorian building c 1870 situated in the heart of the village. The building is currently closed awaiting repair work to the drainage and the ceiling.



Worship in the Community Centre

The real church, our congregation, however is thriving. We continue to meet for worship in the Christchurch Community Centre, usually with a congregation of between 15 and 20.

A recent survey of the people in the village of Christchurch, Tipps End and Euximoor showed that the church is viewed as a very important place and is valued for its historic importance.

We have been very touched by the level of support given to us whilst we endeavour to raise funds. We are pleased to welcome many non-church members at our special services such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas.

We have strong links with the local primary school, who use the church for their own Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christingle celebrations. We hold a well-attended Cake, Coffee and Chat afternoon every week. This is seen as very important to church members and also other people in the village as an opportunity to meet and to care for one another.

Christchurch has a population (2021 census) of 893 with an increase of 0.7% over 10 years. The area is 11 sq. miles



After the service

Facts about Christchurch

- **The church is well known for its Lenten lunches with delicious soups.**
- **Social events are very well attended in the village.**
- **The father of Dorothy L Sayers was once Rector at this church.**
- **The congregation is thriving as it meets in the Community Centre.**

St Mary, Doddington

Population: 2530
Growth: 1.5% since 2011
Primary School: Yes
Electoral Roll: 48
Parish Share: Fully paid
Area: 11 sq. miles
Services: Sunday - alternate weeks
Social Events: Occasional



St Mary Doddington

The 14th Century Church of Doddington St Mary's has a rich history and was once the mother Church of the Fens, housing The Bishop's palace within the village. A former Rector was Christopher Tye wrote the carol, While Shepherds Watched. A recent quinquennial inspection has been carried out with no urgent repairs are needed.



Lionel Walden School Carol Service

The church is heated using a relatively new gas boiler / radiator system and fitted with an amplification system.

The Church Room is in the centre of the village and is utilised for a monthly Church Thrift Shop and for PCC meetings, Church fellowship, Lent and Advent study evenings and is available for hire.

Life in the church is returning post Covid. Attendances are up despite only a bi-weekly service. All the regular festival services are held, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. Visits to the village's Lionel Walden school have resumed presenting 'Open the Book' stories to the children. St Mary's has an open churchyard and memorial garden that is almost full. The largest part of the churchyard is closed and maintained by the district council.

The village of Doddington has expanded recently and continues to do so. There is a thriving village community supporting such activities as Cubs Scouts & Guides, an annual carnival, sports days, horticultural show and Christmas lights.



Introduction by members of the Open the Book Team

Doddington has a population (2021 census) of 2530 with a 1.5% increase over 10 years and covers an area of 11 sq. miles

Facts about Doddington

- **In the Middle Ages, the parish was one of the wealthiest in the country**
- **A former Rector, Christopher Tye, wrote the carol 'While Shepherds Watched'.**
- **The monthly 'Thrift Shop' held in the Church Rooms is very well attended.**
- **The 'Open the Book Team' visit the local school on a regular basis.**

St. Nicolas, Manea

Population: 2810
Growth: 2.3% since 2011
Primary School: Yes
Electoral Roll: 28
Parish Share: Fully paid
Area: 24 sq. miles
Services: Sunday - alternate weeks
Social Events: Frequent



St Nicolas, Manea

The church of Saint Nicolas was built in 1875, at which stage it was in the centre of the village. It is equipped with a sound system with roving and static microphones and a loop system installed. Heating is by way of radiators from an oil-fired boiler system.



Christmas Tree Festival

Our PCC consists of 10 members, with all positions filled. We have an average congregation of between 15 and 20 people. Manea has always paid the Parish Share as requested by 10 monthly instalments.

The churchyard is a 'closed churchyard' For its size St Nicolas has an active fellowship with regular meal events and has an annual successful 'Christmas Tree Festival'

We have the benefit of a hall close by which is used for our social events.

It has the distinct advantage on having a Railway Station with a line to Ely and Peterborough with a connection to the main line to London or Edinburgh.

The village has a Tesco One-Stop shop with Post Office, Indian restaurant and takeaway and Chinese takeaway, also a café which provides teas and coffee and light snacks.



Harvest Decorations

There is a primary/junior school and secondary education is at Chatteris or March with transport by bus.

Manea has a population (2021 census) of 2810 which has increased by 2.3% over 10 years. Manea covers an area of 24 sq. miles.

Facts about Manea

- **Manea is one of the fastest growing villages in Fenland.**
- **It has direct rail services to Cambridge, Ely and Peterborough.**
- **St Nicolas is a lively, welcoming church.**
- **The Manea Silver Band play at the church on special occasions.**

St. Mary the Virgin, Welney

Population: 558
Growth: 0.2% since 2011
Primary School: No
Electoral Roll: 7
Parish Share: Fully Paid
Area: 8 sq. miles
Services: Monthly
Social Events: Frequent



St Mary the Virgin, Welney

The Church of St. Mary in Welney is friendly, open and welcoming, with a growing congregation of worshippers.

The Church has been on reduced services since the end of the pandemic due to resource issues within the Benefice, although we hold key festivals; Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance, as well as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Remembrance Sunday in particular regularly sees a large community congregation.



Stained glass window

St Mary's is surrounded by a community who are beginning to return to Church in encouraging numbers and are willing to support key events. There has been a place of worship on the site for over a thousand years with the current structure dating back to the mid 1800s.

The Church has an open graveyard, and St. Mary's benefits from the support of the William Marshall Charity who donate 1/3 of their income to the fabric including the churchyard. This makes the Church financially stable. The Church Warden is an active member of the community, and there is an enthusiasm for taking the Church forward, with a drive for modernising the internal layout of the Church to better cater for the community and to improve disabled access.



Fellowship after the Easter Sunday service

St Mary's has many plans to reinvigorate the Church in the community creating targeted outreach events for our older and younger residents. Welney has a population of (2021 census) of 558 which has increased 0.2% over 10 years and covers an area of 8 sq. miles.

Facts about Welney

- **The William Marshall Charity provides financial support to the parish.**
- **The church is the only one in the Benefice which is in Norfolk.**
- **The church is built from 'Carrstone' found locally in West Norfolk.**
- **The local 'Welney Washes' attracts many migrating birds in the winter.**

St. Peter, Wimblington

Population: 2370
Growth: 0.7% since 2011
Primary School: Yes
Electoral Roll: 77
Parish Share: Fully paid
Area: 12 sq. miles
Services: Sunday - alternate weeks
Social Events: Frequent



St Peter, Wimblington

The Church fellowship is a united and committed family in Christ. The building was consecrated in May 1874, and St Peter's will soon celebrate 150 years of ministry within our village.



Family activities in the West End of the church.

The Church has a modern efficient gas central heating system and an amplification system. The church also has a disabled access toilet. There is a flower arranging area and kitchenette, suitable for community functions and fellowship. There is a WC suitable for disabled people. The West End of the Church has a community space, suitable for any purpose from Bible studies to strawberry teas and coffee mornings. This space has a basic food and drink preparation area .

St Peter's has willing volunteers, from Sidemen, Bible readers, intercessors, floral arrangers, refreshments and Churchyard working parties.

St Peter's Parochial Church Council meets once every two months, and works closely with each other keeping the Incumbent fully informed. The Church consistently ensures that the parish share is met. Fundraising events take place during the year to assist with finances and are positive social occasions.

Outreach includes Foodbank collections and a weekly community coffee morning and drop in as well as fundraising events and visits from our village school. Wimblington has a population (2021 census) of 2370 which has increased by 0.7% over the last 10 years. It covers an area of 12 sq. miles.



Refreshments are ready!

Facts about Wimblington

- **Wimblington is growing quickly with a new housing estate planned.**
- **The church has a unique war memorial in the graveyard.**
- **The weekly coffee morning is very well attended.**
- **The Rectory is about 50 yards from the church!**

Our Monthly Worship Pattern

1st Sunday	10-30am Doddington	Holy Communion
	10-30am Christchurch	Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday	10-30am Manea	Holy Communion
	10-30am Wimblington	Morning Prayer
	3-00pm Benwick	Evening Prayer/Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10-30am Doddington	Morning Prayer
	10-30am Christchurch	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	10-30am Manea	Morning Prayer
	10-30am Wimblington	Holy Communion
	4-00pm* Welney	Holy Communion/Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	United Benefice**	Holy Communion

United Benefice Service rotated around all six churches**

Service times at Welney in the afternoon may vary*

All services use liturgy from Common Worship

Our Services for April 2023**2nd April**

10.30 Morning Prayer, Christchurch

10.30 Holy Communion, Doddington

15.00 Evening Prayer, Benwick

6th April Maundy Thursday

18.30 Agape Supper, Wimblington

7th April Good Friday

14.00 Hour at the Cross, Doddington

9th April Easter Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion, Manea

10.30 Holy Communion, Wimblington

15.00 Holy Communion, Welney

16th April

10.30 Holy Communion, Doddington

23rd April

10.30 Morning Prayer, Manea

10.30 Holy Communion, Wimblington

30th April

10.30 Holy Communion United Benefice Service, Christchurch



The Open the Book Team in action at Lionel Walden School



Carnival Day



Everyone's happy!



Part of the team at Welney



Fun with families



Carol Service at Christchurch

A selection of activities and people involved with our work in the Benefice



Alison, one of our organists



Part of our Thrift Shop Team



Remembrance Day



A regular meeting of the Mission and Ministry Team and our Churchwardens



One of the duties of a churchwarden!



Autumn Fair



Service at your seat



Community Christmas Tree

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The Manea Silver Band

Attendance Figures

	Christmas 2022					Easter 2023			
	School Service	Christingle or Crib Service	Carol Service	Christmas Eve (HC)	Christmas Day	Palm Sunday	Agape Meal	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
Benwick	-	10	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Christchurch	-	-	43	12	-	16	-	-	-
Doddington	230	53*	77	24	31	34	-	25	-
Manea	150	130*	75	-	-	-	-	-	29
Welney	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	27
Wimblington	-	41*	76	28	-	25**	24	-	52

*Services held on Christmas Eve

**5th April 2023 - Time4T Easter Service

	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Average attendance*
Benwick	-	-	1	10 - 15
Christchurch	-	1	3	15 - 20
Doddington	2	4	12	30 - 40
Manea	4	2	5	15 - 20
Welney	2	-	1	10 - 15
Wimblington	2	1	5	30 - 40

*Anticipated numbers for Benwick and Welney as services recommence on a monthly basis

Following the pandemic, services moved to a bi-monthly pattern for Christchurch, Doddington, Manea and Wimblington.

Monthly services are scheduled to take place at Benwick and Welney commencing May 2023.

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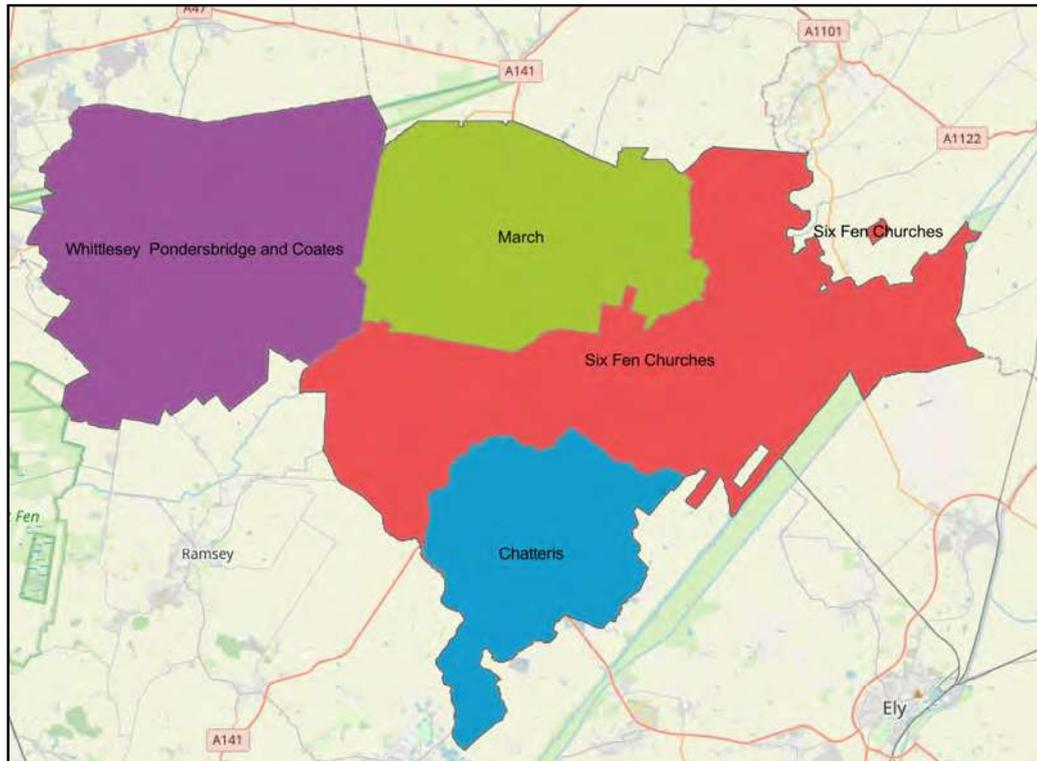
The Rectory



The Rectory is located in Wimblington in the centre of the Benefice. The accommodation is spacious and overlooks the church. The A141 road passes close to the village providing easy access to other towns and villages in the area.



Information about March Deanery



March Deanery

- The Deanery covers a large part of the Fenland District Council area.
- Although there is light industry, the area is predominantly used for agriculture.
- The Deanery includes the market towns of March, Whittlesey and Chatteris.
- There are four Benefices in total; one for each town plus our own Six Fen Churches.
- Fifteen churches are open for worship across the Deanery.
- They include varying styles of churchmanship.
- Travelling within the Deanery and to Ely is easy with a good range of A roads.
- March and Whittlesey have regular rail services to Cambridge, Ely and Peterborough.
- The Chapter meets regularly for support, fellowship, prayer and reflection.
- The Chapter includes active and retired male and female members.
- The Deanery Synod meets quarterly and supports the development of Lay Ministry.
- Licensed Lay Ministers also meet up from time to time.

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Additional Information

Fenland District Council
<https://www.fenland.gov.uk>

Cambridgeshire County Council
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

Education Authority
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/education-system>

Leisure Amenities

Residents in the Benefice have good access to leisure centres in March, Chatteris, Whittlesey and Wisbech.

Leisure Centres
<https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk>

Health

Doddington Community Hospital has a minor injuries' unit. The main hospitals servicing the area are Hinchingbrooke in Huntingdon Peterborough City Hospital and Queen Elizabeth at Kings Lynn. There is an additional non 24 hours minor injuries Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely.

We are in easy reach of the renowned Addenbrookes University Teaching Hospital at Cambridge along with the Royal Papworth Hospital at Cambridge (specialising in heart and lungs). There are G.P. surgeries in all of our villages with the exception of Christchurch and Welney.

Health Authority - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS FT
<https://www.cpft.nhs.uk>

Rail Services
<https://www.greateranglia.co.uk>

Bus Services
<https://bustimes.org/operators/stagecoach-in-cambridge>



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