

## RED LODGE

Red Lodge is situated between the A14 and A11 four miles south of Mildenhall. Only 6 miles from Newmarket and 7 miles from Bury St Edmunds, the original village was on the pilgrim route to Walsingham and Norwich.



For the modern commuter, Red Lodge is only 3 miles from Kennett Station which offers a frequent and direct rail service to Cambridge in 30 minutes. Stansted airport is only 40 miles away.



The area has become the centre of the largest single housing development in Suffolk. Even under the present economic climate the project expects to see 2000 new homes with an increase in population of up to 5000. A new school will accommodate the relocated Tuddenham Primary School.



At the heart of the old village and well-placed for the new housing, the Red Lodge Community Church built in 1958 is about to be renovated following serious fire damage in 2002. With an attached hall and kitchen, the building is home to a variety of groups including the Community Lunch and Holy Moleys (a toddlers and carers group). The Millennium Centre also provides conference and community facilities at the heart of the village.



The Anglican / Methodist partnership dates back to the early 1990s and has recently been given new impetus. In 2007 a Lay Worker was appointed, funded by the Methodist Church. This has enabled new and growing links to be made with the community. The provision of a Mission Post at Red Lodge is a recognition by the Anglican Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich of the scale of the development, the ecumenical partnership and the missionary opportunity.



The Anglican/Methodist congregation meets for worship each Sunday morning. Services are led on a rota basis by the Methodist minister, an Anglican priest and Methodist local preachers. On occasions the lay worker leads informal worship. Both Methodists and Anglicans preside at the monthly Holy Communion service. Ecumenical colleagues meet regularly to plan, and collaborate in worship whenever possible.

