



St Helen, Holy Trinity, St Luke, Ipswich

Benefice Overview April 2009

Situated on the South East of the town, the Waterfront Churches Benefice (St Helen's, Holy Trinity and St Luke's are located in a growing and changing part of Ipswich, the busy County Town of Suffolk. The parishes include a mixture of housing, parks, schools and churches with developing waterfront apartments and the education quarter (University College Suffolk and Suffolk New College)

Many members of the three churches are actively involved in Christian service, both within the benefice and in the town. Currently the churches run under individual PCCs serving their local parishes.

Benefice outreach includes 2 Parent & Toddler Groups; Open the Book; (primary school assemblies) and Grounded Youth group. Town wide outreach includes Town Pastors; Soup Run; Mission to Seafarers and Christian Youth Ministries. Other Benefice activities include seven home groups and three prayer groups.

St Helen's is a residential parish on the edge of the town with a multi-ethnic population. Morning worship includes strong Children's work.

Holy Trinity is the largest of the three church sites and is situated close to the University and College and offers exciting prospects for development. A separate hall is hired by a number of community organisations.

St Luke's is situated within 'The Rivers' housing estate and is a relatively modern building with attached hall used by many church and community groups.

Support is provided for the Rector with a staff team including 1 NSM, 3 readers, 2 retired clergy and shared assistance from elders and members of the congregations. A Benefice Ministry Team is in place to provide support for the Rector together with a part-time administrator. The Benefice has two offices, one of which is the base for "Heart for Ipswich".

The three evangelical churches are now looking for a new Rector to continue to build on on-going work and further the mission of the benefice. The Church Patronage Trust is the patron to all three churches.

Given considerable housing development, the Benefice desires a biblically based, spirit-filled, people-centred minister to lead, motivate and encourage existing members and to help the churches look outwards.

Benefice Mission Statement

"To know Christ personally and to make Him better known to others"

For more information and a copy of the Benefice Profile
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