

Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking an interest in a Parish of the Brent Deanery. The Deanery covers the whole London Borough of Brent, which stretches from Queens Park to North Wembley, taking in significant centres like Harlesden, Willesden, Kensal Rise and Wembley itself. We are primarily a place of high density housing and as such the whole area is very well served with public transport and we are also on main roads and motorways into and out of London. There are also industrial areas, but the Borough Council 'Brent Plan' is rapidly converting many of these areas into more housing to meet the growing need, so there is much engagement to be done there as well as the constant engagement needed in the many transient areas within the Deanery.

There are twenty two parishes in Brent, as well as multiple congregations attached to them, many schools and hospitals, some with their own Chaplains, and we meet regularly in Chapter and Deanery Synod. Brent is a challenging but rewarding place with many opportunities for spreading the Gospel in traditional and new ways. An entrepreneurial spirit is encouraged and needed, for the area is always changing and adapting itself to successive waves of immigration and movement, so we must also keep up with the world we inhabit and minister to. This changing scene has many benefits, not least the easy availability of good quality food in restaurants from every part of the globe, from Irish pubs and butchers (the first to come to the area) to Romanian Restaurants, Portuguese bars, Brazilian churrascarias, Iranian bakeries and South East Asian street food.

You will find a supportive Chapter and a friendly welcome in a Deanery which seeks to be incarnational, living with and growing in faith with all the people of God in our Deanery. We represent all traditions, Charismatic, Evangelical, Trad Anglo Catholic, Modern Catholic and all points in every direction, yet we worship and minister together in one Borough, to the Glory of God and the salvation of all.

Do be in touch if I can be of any help,

Fr Andrew Teather

Area Dean.