

PARISH PROFILE

The Parish covers the North-East part of Weymouth as indicated on the enclosed map. It includes one side of the harbour and the whole of Weymouth seafront stretching inland about 1 to 1 ½ miles.

Overall the parish is very mixed including high density multiple occupancy housing, new housing association property and a variety of unoccupied housing.

This single parish is divided into 4 districts having currently within them 5 centres of worship in total. The team Rector is responsible for the Radipole District. This has 2 churches within it; St Aldhelm and St. Ann. One team vicar is responsible for the St John's District which includes both St John's Church and the Park Church Centre. He is also chairman of the parish primary school, St John's, which is voluntary aided. The two other districts have one church in each, Emmanuel at Southill and St Mary in the town centre, close to the sea front; and the other team vicar is responsible for these two churches.

The Parish staff each have access to full-time central administrative support (situated at St. Aldhelm's). This supplements the support that each Church/District has within itself.

Weymouth still attracts a large number of visitors including those who are staying in the town, those who are staying at caravan and camping sites nearby and day trippers. Open air work of various types takes place during the summer. Victorian Show Night in December is a major event in the town, the parish taking full advantage of the opportunities with outreach based at St Mary's.

As a parish we take an active part in the Deanery Synod. There is a chapter meeting and Ministers' fellowship attended by clergy and leaders of most denominations and churches. We seek to work together where we can for the sake of Christ.

The main shopping centres are at Bournemouth, Poole and Yeovil, all ¾ of an hour to an hours drive away. Dorchester, the county town, is only 15 minutes drive (depending on the traffic, especially in the summer). Salisbury is 50 miles away, which is a little further for Diocesan events.