

The Rev'd Christine Beecroft, BA (Hons) MA

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Hi I'm Chris and I've been in Guildford Diocese for 17 years, serving at St. Paul's Addlestone with my husband Revd Canon Ben Beecroft, where we are Joint Vicars. It's been exciting to see how St. Pauls has become increasingly culturally diverse over the years, and we now have over 20 different nationalities represented in our church. Our International Evenings where everyone brings and shares food from different national cuisines is always a joy!

I've been ordained for 27 years, I trained at Trinity College, Bristol, and I previously worked as an NHS Registered General Nurse.



Current and Past Posts

1998–2000	Full-time Assistant Curate, St Paul's, South Harrow.
2000–2004	Part-time Assistant Curate, St Helen's, Stapleford.
2004–2007	Associate Priest, St Michael the Archangel, Warfield.
2006–2007	Congregational Leader, All Saints Church
2007–2024	Part-time Associate Vicar, St Paul's, Addlestone.
2024–present	Joint Vicar, St Paul's, Addlestone

Additional Diocesan Roles

2018–present	Member, Bishop's Deliverance Advisory Team.
2019–present	Diocesan Synod.
2025–present	IME Tutor.

Key Facts

- Joint Vicar with my husband Ben at St Paul's Church, Addlestone; married with three grown-up daughters.
- Served in 4 dioceses: London, Southwell & Nottingham, and Oxford Dioceses before Guildford.
- Former NHS Registered General Nurse (Experience working in hospitals, a hospice, and as a Sister at a GP surgery).

Ministry & Mission

I am a committed Anglican, and I enjoy being a Parish Priest serving withing the Church of England. I have a wide range of experience ministering in parishes across four different dioceses. I am passionate about seeing people come to faith and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. I've also known the blessings and challenges of juggling both motherhood and ministry over the years!

At St. Pauls I am the Alpha Course co-ordinator, the chair of the Mission and Evangelism platform of the PCC and chair of Mission Partners group. Additionally, I also oversee our pastoral assistants.

Serving the Community

- Runnymede Borough Council Community Cohesion Task Force — secured wider community access to a new estate's community building.
- Runnymede Homelessness Task Force — helped bring council-funded sleep pods to Addlestone.
- 'Loaves and Fishes' holiday lunches for children — 2,482 lunches given out this summer; I serve on the distribution team.

- Parish 'Winter Warmers' — hot chocolate and breakfast snacks for local schoolchildren.
- Leadership team, Hebrews coffee shop.

Areas of Interest

- Medical ethics and the sanctity of human life — published article and letters, including on assisted dying, and MP correspondence.
- Modern-day slavery — visited safe houses for trafficking survivors in Asia & UK; lobbied MP on sex trafficking.
- The interface of psychology and theology (my MA thesis looked at the parallels and contrasts between 20th century secular psychology and the major strands of pastoral care.).
- Human flourishing — I hold to a traditional understanding of marriage, whilst my extensive experience both as a nurse and a priest lead me to strive to be gracious and generous to all those I serve.
- The value of the Parish system — I support redistributing funds back to Parishes, especially our most deprived.

Things I enjoy/ Hobbies

I enjoy travelling and walked the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage from Portugal to Spain. In recent years I have visited a variety of countries including India, USA and a mission partner we support in Zimbabwe

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, and walking, including with our two dogs

Some other experience/ things I'm involved in:

I'm enjoying my role as an IME tutor and sharing in the joy of their development and recent ordinations to the priesthood. I have been a Seminar Speaker at New Wine summer conference on transitioning church; and at leadership conference on growing churches and in giving leadership support to vicars who were struggling in their parishes.

Pre-ordination, I was part of the original planting team from Emmanuel Northwood which planted a new church in an estate school.

Priorities for General Synod

This is my first time standing for General Synod. If elected I would especially like to promote:

- Encouraging greater intercultural diversity in the Church.
- Mission and Evangelism — sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with all.
- Promoting clergy wellbeing.

Why General Synod?

I am standing for election to General Synod because I want to help grow a Church that is richer in intercultural diversity, more confident in mission, and attentive to the wellbeing of the clergy who serve it. A Church that better reflects the growing diversity within our nation will be a stronger and more credible witness to the gospel. I have also seen, in Parish ministry, both the opportunities for fresh mission and outreach within our communities, and the real cost that ordained ministry can place on clergy — a cost the Church must take seriously. If elected, I would bring these priorities — intercultural diversity, mission, and clergy wellbeing — together with prayerfulness, practical experience, and a commitment to listening to clergy and laity across our diocese.

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