

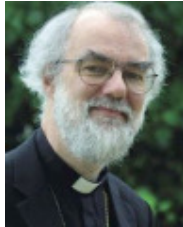
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Question: *The Church of England seems so complex. Can you simplify how it works?*

Answer: Well, it is a tough question, but here goes! The C of E, as it is widely known, is the national Church of England established by law and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is its "Supreme Governor on earth."



Its head priest is The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend and Rt. Hon. Rowan Williams. He is also the leader of an international group of churches which have a sense of belonging called the **Anglican Communion**.



The Church is divided into territorial areas called a Diocese and we live in the Diocese of London. Our Bishop (or leader) is called The Rt. Revd. and Rt. Hon. Richard Chartres

The Diocese of London is very big so it has been divided into 5 sections which are called Episcopal Areas.

London Diocese
Episcopal Areas



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We live in the Episcopal Area of Willesden, in the north west part of London Diocese. South of the river Thames is another Diocese called Southwark with its own

bishop. Our Area Bishop is called The Rt. Rev. Pete Broadbent.

As well as a leader called a Bishop, the church appoints senior clergy to support the work of the church and these are called Archdeacons. Ours is the Archdeacon of Northolt, The Venerable Rachel Treweek.

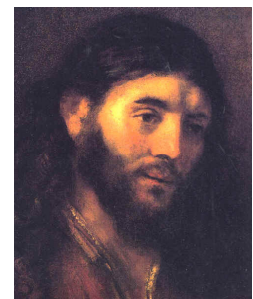


Every Diocese is divided into parishes, each with its parish church. Our parish is called The Parish of Greenford Magna. The parish has a leader called a Rector or Vicar. Our Rector is The Rev. Prebendary Neil Richardson



Here is a picture of our parish church, Holy Cross Church. In fact there are two buildings, but one parish church. One is 600 years old and was the village church for hundred of years. The New Church was built from 1939-1941

Our work as a parish church is to promote the good things which we find in the teaching, healing and life of Jesus Christ and to commend him as the Son of God, sent to bring new life and reconciliation for all.



Head of Christ
by the Dutch master
Rembrandt van Rijn

1606-1669

Neil Richardson