

PARISH of SPRINGFIELD

Steward of The Gospel

WHAT DOES OUR PARISH LOOK LIKE?

Our Bishop asks us all to create a picture of our community.

He asks us to gather, explore and present the facts about our parish life. This is to be the starting point for the process that will lead to changes in our Church life in the Diocese of Brentwood.

The meeting on Thursday 15th September at 7.30 pm is being held to assist us in our effort to create a picture of our parish in order to help our Bishop to make difficult decisions about the future of our Church.

Everyone is invited to have a voice at this meeting. Everyone is invited to play a part in gathering, exploring and presenting the facts of our parish life to our Bishop.

Much of the groundwork to create this picture has already been done and the first draft of the information is available It would be great if you could have a look at it before the meeting on 15th September and if you do not have access to the internet there are hard copies available to take with you today after Mass.

There are bound to be things we have forgotten, interpreted incorrectly or just got wrong and if you think the picture needs improving in any way please come to the meeting and talk about it. You may know of something that is not included, you may think something is incorrectly portrayed or you may have an observation about some of the facts. You may think the bare facts need additional commentary in order to make sense or you may just want to come and hear what others have to say about the picture.

I need to hear your views before I finalise the picture that we present to our Bishop and the other Stewards of The Gospel. This is going to be the information that will be used to make difficult decisions about our future and so we need to get it right for that reason but we also need to get it right for ourselves so that we have a good idea of who and what we are as a parish community.

Please come to the meeting on 15th September at St Augustine's and please get there early so that we can get a prompt start at 7.30pm.

Thank you

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