

**Southwark & Newington Deanery Synod**

**Education Chaplaincy  
in The Diocese of Southwark**

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# Chaplaincy



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In one sense, there is nothing new about chaplaincy. There have been chaplains for a very long time in various institutional settings, notably hospitals, the military, universities and prisons. What is new is the sense of **chaplaincy as a phenomenon** which is on the rise, with a remarkable spread into ever new areas of British public life.

**Theology and Models of Chaplaincy, Ben Ryan.**  
***John Caperon, A Christian Theology of Chaplaincy***

Chaplaincy has become extraordinarily broad and difficult to easily pigeon-hole. How can a single model encompass at once a full-time Anglican vicar living alongside soldiers on campaign with that of a lay volunteer visiting a shopping centre? These contexts, and the work being done within them, share a title 'chaplaincy' but are **too disparate to provide clear** 'one size fits all' models.

Yet there are some uniting features to this spread. One is that chaplains **are public operators**. Their role is going out to where people are, as opposed to waiting for people to come to faith groups, and confronting society as it is, rather than as faith groups might want it to be. The unifying feature of good chaplaincy models... is one of **personalism** – an attitude that speaks to **humanity's innate need for relationships** (both between individual people and between individuals and God) in **fulfilling our individual nature**.



## Diocese of Southwark

82 primary schools

4 infants

3 junior

10 secondary schools

2 all-through

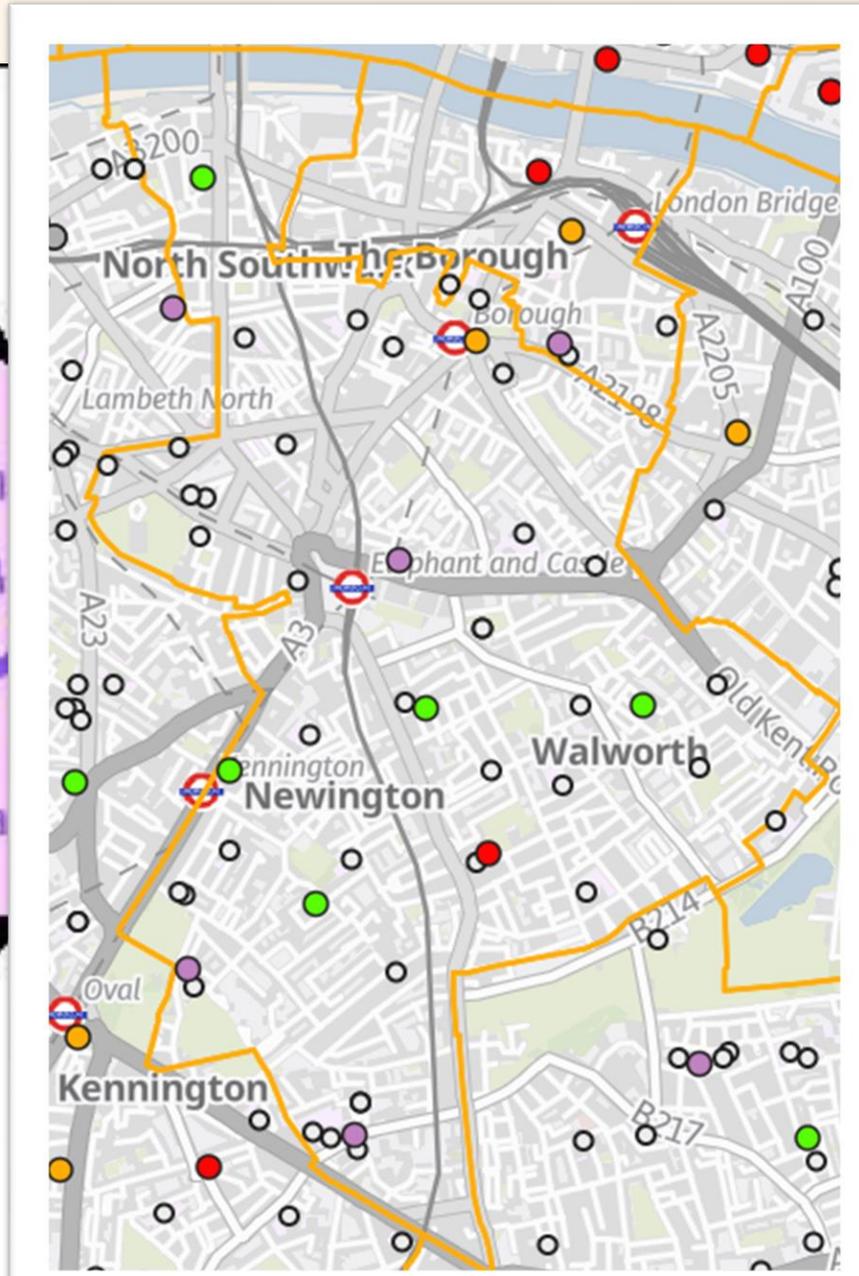
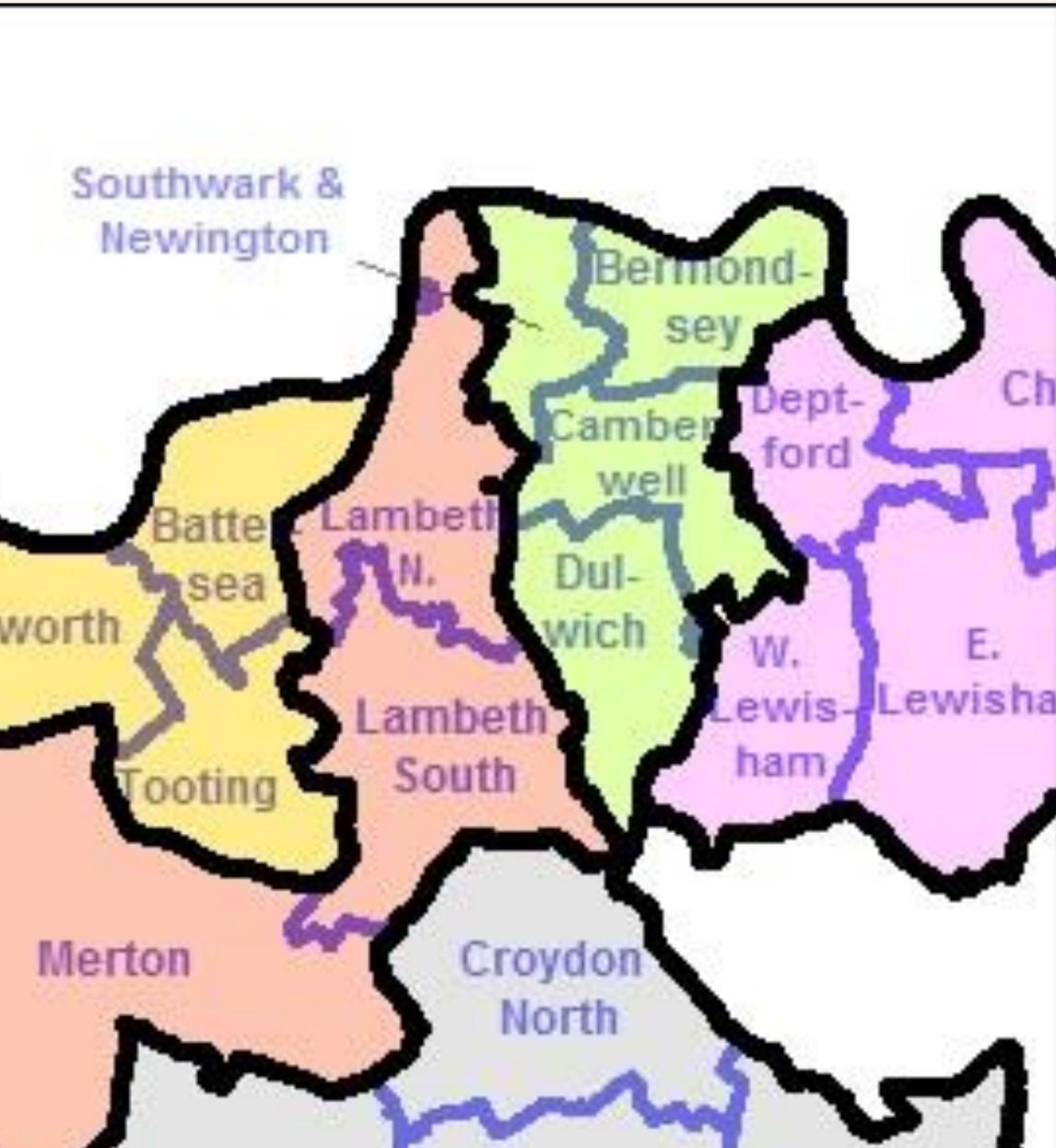
9 of these with post-16

10 FE colleges

9 universities, multiple sites



# Southwark & Newington Deanery



**Churches**

- Grade I listed
- Grade II\* listed
- Grade II listed
- Unlisted
- Other

**Schools**

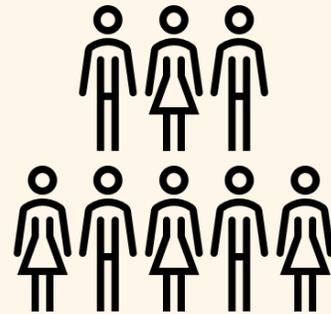
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*The primary space for religious engagement has shifted; today, encounter with religion is less likely than ever before to take place within a parish church.*

*Chaplaincy, accordingly, is no longer an ancillary service that extended the core business of the parish to those outside a normal parish context, but is now increasingly becoming a primary meeting point between religion and society (Ryan 2015, p.79).*



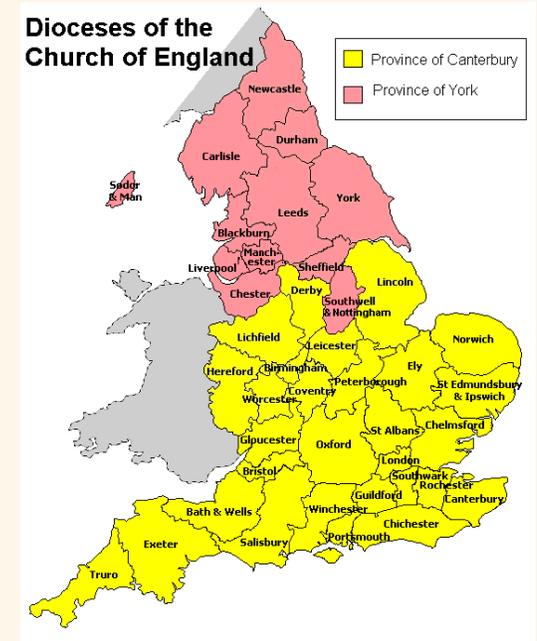
# Chaplaincy within the Church of England



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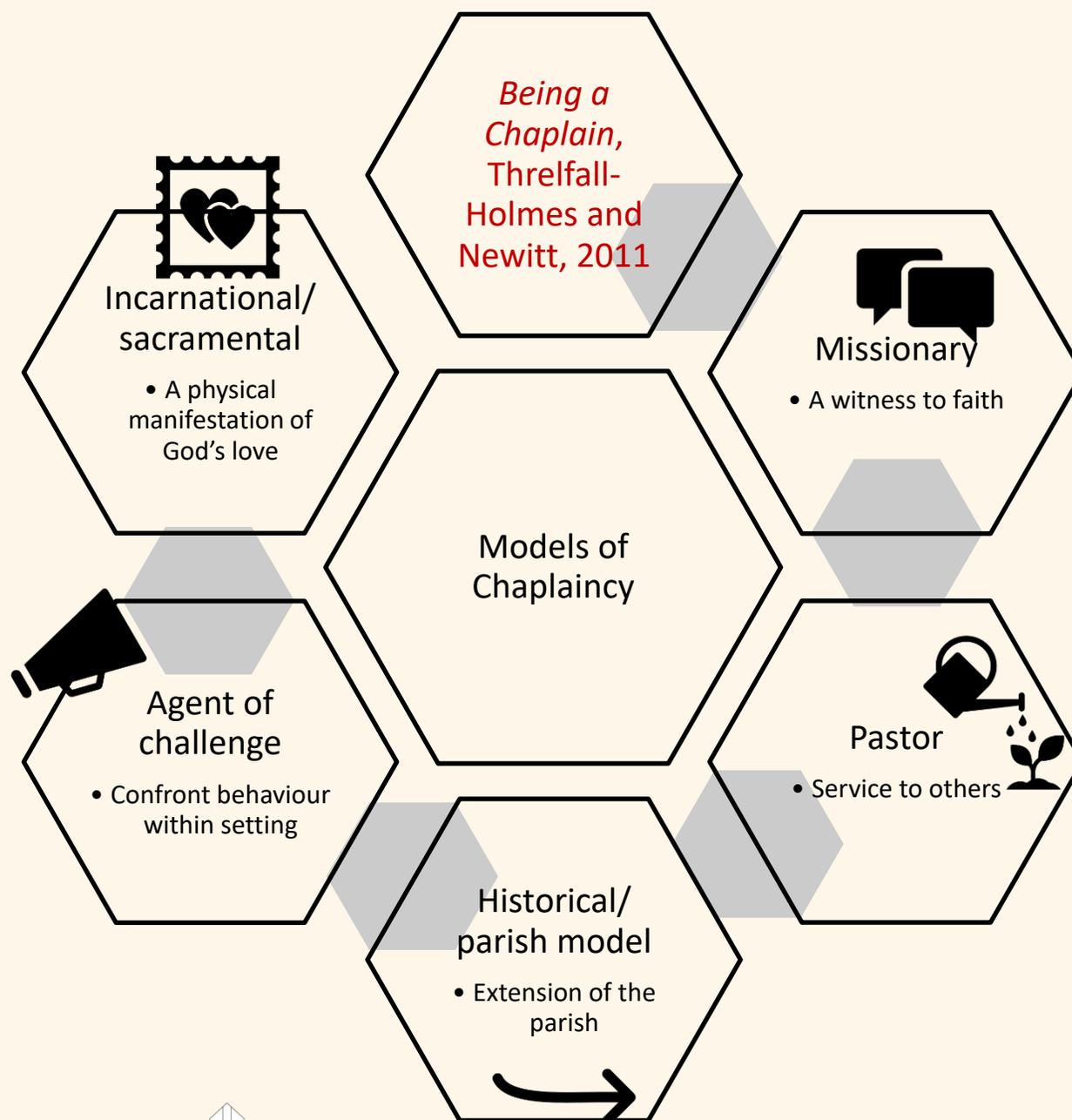


Bishop Ruth Worsley  
Lead Bishop for Chaplaincy  
Interim Bishop of Liverpool  
And Bishop of Wigan



20+ diocese with chaplaincy  
development leads for cross-  
sector chaplaincies





Living as a **faithful witness** to a life shaped by devotion to and yearning for God

**Fostering a strong sense** of belonging and community across the institution and between other worldviews and faiths

Advocating for and supporting **mental health and well-being** on campus

Being approachable and available for **meaningful conversations**

Encouraging the **pursuit of wisdom** within the academic environment

Being a **transformative presence** through consistent and compassionate support

**Nurturing Christian life** on campus and fostering connections with local churches

Providing **compassionate responses** to tragic deaths within the institute community

Promoting **student involvement** in social action initiatives for the common good

Actively participating in the **academic life** of the university

Helping **mediate and resolve conflicts** within the campus community

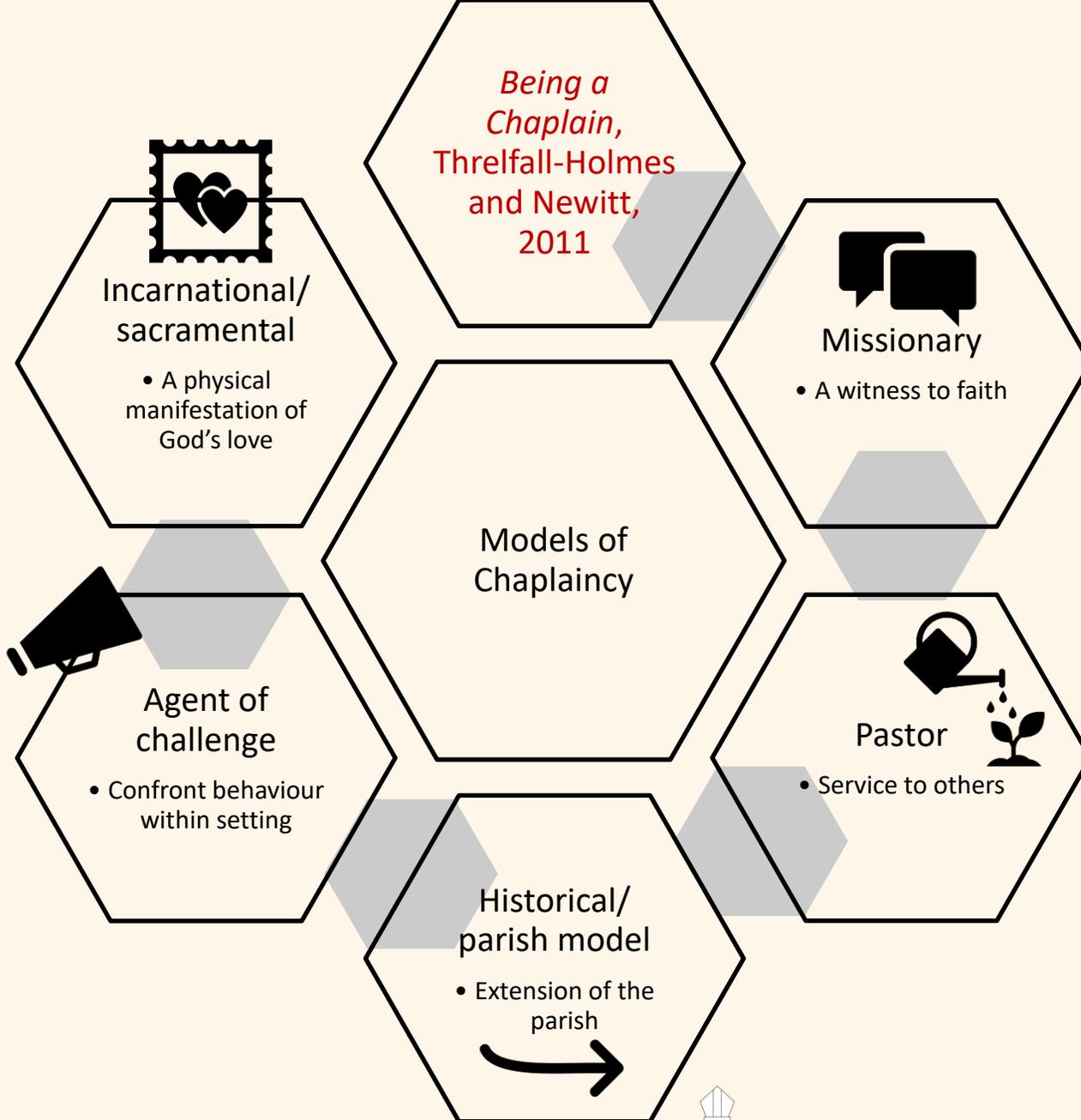
Offering **pastoral care** and **emotional support** to both staff and students

Encouraging **interfaith dialogue** and relationships among diverse faith groups

Contributing to **broader community life**, such as officiating medical funerals

**Advising the institution** on matters related to religion and spirituality





**Highlights:**

Does your church already support chaplaincy?

**Headaches:**

What limitations arise when a church considers supporting chaplaincy?

**Horizons:**

What opportunities are there for the church to support chaplaincy?

**Resource      Prayer      Connections**



# Questions and Answers



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