



## The New Bishop of Bradwell says: “God’s Mission Has No Limit.”

The Venerable John Wraw, Archdeacon of Wiltshire, has been nominated by Her Majesty the Queen as the new Bishop of Bradwell in succession to The Right Reverend Dr Laurie Green. The Ven John Wraw was born in Fordingbridge near Salisbury and grew up in Chester. He studied Law at Lincoln College Oxford, prior to training for ordination at Fitzwilliam College and Ridley Hall Cambridge. He was ordained in 1985 and served as a Curate in Bromyard in Herefordshire. He became Team Vicar of Arbourthorne, Sheffield and in 1992 became vicar of Clifton, Rotherham and was appointed Archdeacon of Wiltshire in the Diocese of Salisbury in 2004.

Bishop John said: “It is with a real mix of anticipation and excitement that my wife, Gillian and my four children move to Essex, to the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Bradwell Episcopal Area. It is a new area of the country for us both and we are very much looking forward to meeting new people and getting to know new places.”

“We are hugely grateful to Bishop Stephen and Mrs Rebecca Cottrell, to Archdeacon David and others in the Area and Diocese for their welcome, their hospitality and their support. The Bradwell Area is among the most diverse in the country, ranging from the metropolitan to the rural, industrial to traditional seaside and indeed both wealth and poverty.”

“It is a real delight that through Saint Cedd and the chapel he built at Bradwell, the Area has such deep roots in mission and prayer stretching back nearly 1,500 years. We look forward to discovering with churches and communities across the Area what that rich heritage means for us in the 21st Century in proclaiming the Gospel afresh in our generation and in offering hope and love particularly to those who find themselves on the margins of our society.”

The Bishop of Chelmsford, The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, added: “I am delighted to be welcoming John to the team here in Chelmsford. John brings with him a huge wealth of experience. Under his leadership the churches in the Bradwell Area will flourish and as a Diocese we will gain from John’s wisdom and faith.” The Archdeacon of Southend, The Venerable David Lowman, said: “I am delighted that Archdeacon John Wraw is to be the next Bishop of Bradwell and wish to welcome him to his new post. He is ideally suited to this Episcopal Area having worked in both urban and rural environments and with a wide knowledge of the Church through being an Archdeacon. It will be a pleasure to work with him.”

It is anticipated that Bishop John will start his ministry early in 2012. Let us keep him in our prayers as he makes preparations for his new ministry amongst us.