

The Parishioners of St Michael and All Angels would like to welcome you to their parish.

The Belmont parish is part of the Herefordshire Catholic Deanery within the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Cardiff. Our Archbishop, the Most Rev George Stack was appointed bishop on 19 April 2011 by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

One of the first things you will notice about this parish, which makes it very different to almost all other parishes in this country, is that it shares its church with Benedictine monks! The parish actually predates the monastery by a few years and until 1859 used the chapel of St Peter & St Paul (now the Parish Centre) for Mass. Today, respecting the wishes of Belmont's great benefactor, Mr Francis Richard Wegg-Prosser, the parish shares the church with the monastic community. Parish work has always been one of the traditional works of the English Benedictines and indeed, the Belmont monastic community now provides most of the priests for the ten parishes or Mass centres throughout the County of Herefordshire.

The actual geographic boundaries of the parish begin at the Belmont Tesco roundabout and run south of the river right out towards Hay on Wye, down to Longtown and Ewyas Harold and then across to Grosmont, Garway and St Weonards. However, the 'real' parish which worships here is equally extensive and is drawn from north and south of the river.

The Parish is actively involved in supporting different projects around the world. We have a strong link with Peru where we raise money for the Belmont monastic foundation at Pachamac, near Lima. Through Cafod and other agencies we also seek to support projects or countries in need of aid and support. The support of local charitable projects in Herefordshire is also an important outreach objective.

The Belmont parish has good links with our local Christian churches and is an active member of Churches Together in Ewyas Harold.

Each week we produce a fairly full newsletter with news items, religious reflections and parish or local Church events that might be of interest to parishioners. We also send the Newsletter each week to the homebound or sick members of the parish.

The Angel is our quarterly publication with more extensive articles and is written, printed and compiled by members of the parish.