

Belmont Abbey Parish Council 2026



Fr. Augustine Primavesi OSB Parish Priest

Originally from Abergavenny, Fr. Augustine got to know Belmont through the monks who worked on the parish there. After studying law at university, he joined the Community at Belmont in 2013, was ordained a priest in September 2020 by the former Abbot, Bishop Mark Jabalé. He was the assistant priest for the Belmont Parish before being appointed Parish Priest in September 2023 taking over from Abbot Paul.



Louise Wright BEM - Chair

Louise is a lifelong Belmont Parishioner; she was baptised, had her First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage at Belmont. From a young child she has been involved in parish fundraising and now chairs the Parish Events Committee. At 15 she joined the Choir and at 18 was the youngest Eucharistic Minister. A mother of four, Louise has been Chair of the Local Preschool and Scout Group. She has a degree in business and founded Woodee Limited in 2013, which she runs with husband Andrew.



Jacqui Corrigan

Jacqui has been a member of the Belmont Parish since 1985. She married her husband, Rob at Belmont Abbey which both consider to be their spiritual home. She considers it a privilege to run the First Holy Communion classes. They are also members of the Praise and Worship Group and read regularly at the 11 am Mass



Rob Corrigan

Rob has been a member of Belmont Abbey parish for 38 years. He married Jacqui at Belmont Abbey in 1986 and since that time has been active in the parish as a choir member, reader and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Along with Jacqui he now runs First Holy Communion classes which he finds to be a real blessing.



Michael Hall

Michael moved to Hereford from Bristol for his job as a hospital doctor over 30 years ago as a specialist in nutrition and diseases of the digestive tract. He helped carry out the recent parish census, is interested in the history of Catholicism in Herefordshire and enjoys playing the piano. He is married to Susan, a retired GP, and both regard Belmont Abbey as their spiritual home.



Austen Ivereigh

Austen has lived with his wife, Linda, and their dogs in Allensmore since 2019 after moving from Oxfordshire. They keep a few sheep and chickens and grow veg. He is an author and journalist, writing mainly about the Church and Pope Francis, and has been involved in the synod on synodality drafting national and global summaries.



Martin Marston-Paterson

Martin was born in Herefordshire and was later received into the Church by a monk of the Abbey. He has worked in law in the City and in Jersey and later in government in Whitehall. In terms of the parish, he is on the CAFOD group having been involved with CAFOD whilst at university.



Jacqui Ramage Smith

Jacqui is Chair of the Parish Finance Committee and therefore an ex officio member of the Parish Advisory Council. She is a former bank manager and a long-standing parishioner of Belmont Abbey taking on the additional roles of both Welcomer and Reader.



Ray Rose

Ray, with his wife Margaret, moved to Herefordshire from Kent, 40 years ago, to work for the NHS as Director of Estates. He is an active member of the Parish and has served it in many roles including Chorister, Treasurer, Parish Centre Manager and currently produces the Welcomers Rota. His other interests are computers, CNC machines and driving for Dore Community Transport as well as being secretary and treasurer for a local community trust.



Ellen Sarewitz

Ellen returned to Herefordshire five years ago. Benedictine spirituality has informed a career in writing, singing then pharmaceutical marketing. She has been involved in liturgical performance and church history and gained a diploma in spiritual direction in the Carmelite tradition and now acts as a tutor. Ellen is a member of the Abbey choir, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and helps organise the parish Lectio Divina group.



Renata Schmidt

Renata is a cradle Catholic born in Hereford of Polish parents. She was Consecrated to the *Ordo Virginum* in 2007 and is a Benedictine Oblate of Belmont Abbey. She has worked in Education, Healthcare, and Spirituality, in both Ignatian and Carmelite traditions, and is currently the Catholic representative on the Standing Committee of Churches Together in Herefordshire. She is also a member of the parish CAFOD group.



Gabrielle Stanley

Gabrielle is the Parish Safeguarding Representative and an Oblate of Belmont Abbey, her spiritual home for over 30 years. She is a retired Associate Specialist Paediatric Dentist and Lecturer at Birmingham University and Children's Hospital and a former hospice trustee and school governor. Gabrielle is still involved in Health Care Accreditation and very interested in Health Promotion.



Joanna Vials

Joanna moved to Belmont in May 2024 with her husband Chris Bentall. For nearly 20 years they had been active in the former Benedictine parish of St Gregory the Great in Cheltenham. Some of her former work was with Relate/Marriage Guidance and Shared Lives Dementia Care. She maintains her interest in local history, especially as it applies to Belmont Abbey and parish.



Jan Wyman

Jan has been an active member of Belmont Abbey Parish for many years. She is Minutes Secretary for the PPC; an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist; a member of the Praise and Worship Group and is also responsible for the distribution of the Parish Food Bank Collection. Her other interests are gardening and reading.

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