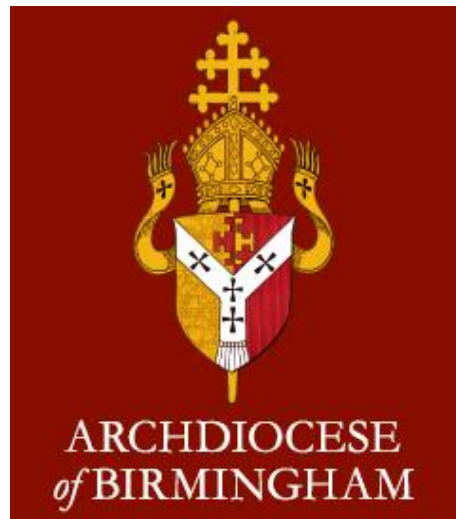
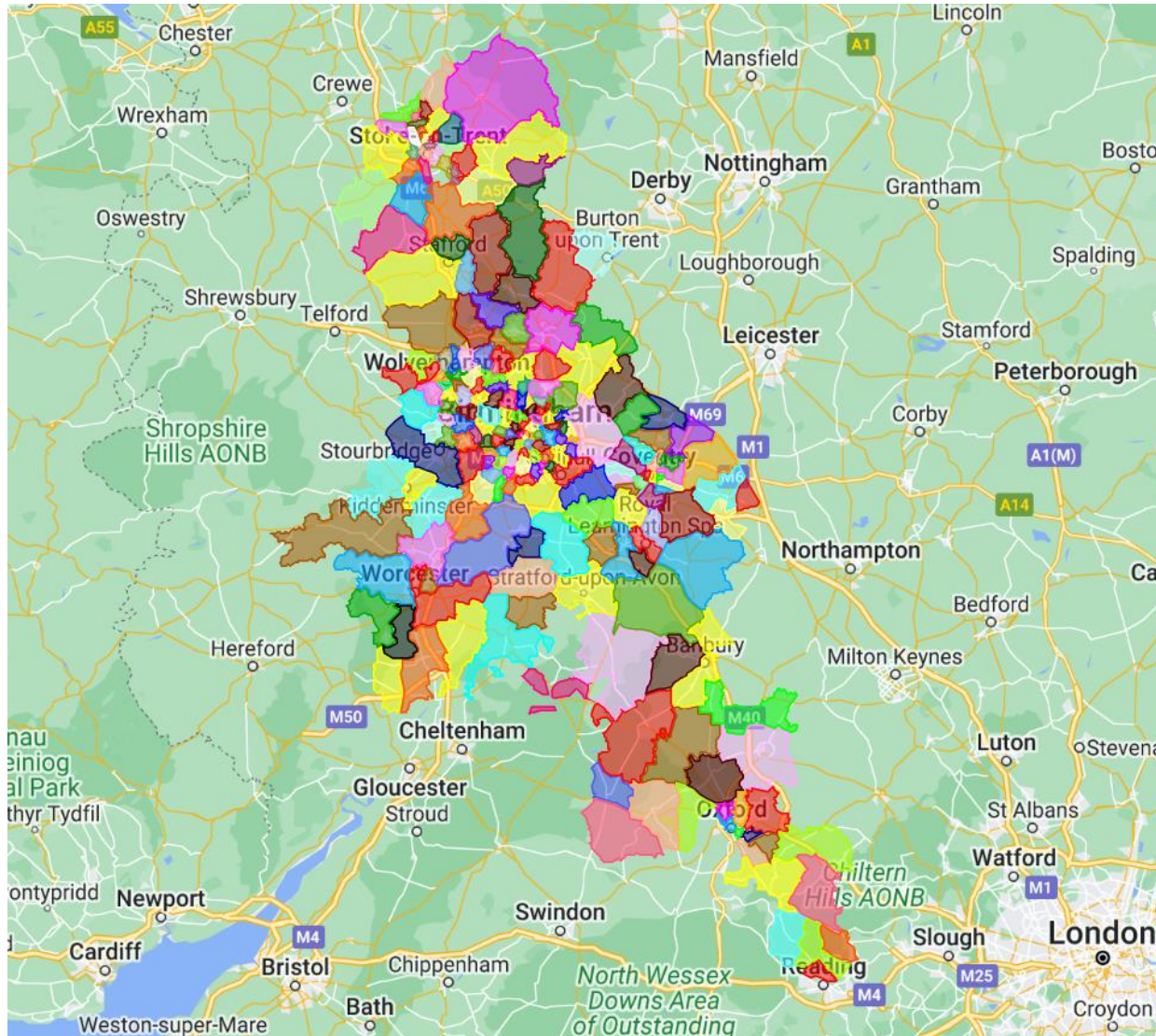


Planning for the future shape of our parish

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Malvern



Archdiocese structure at present



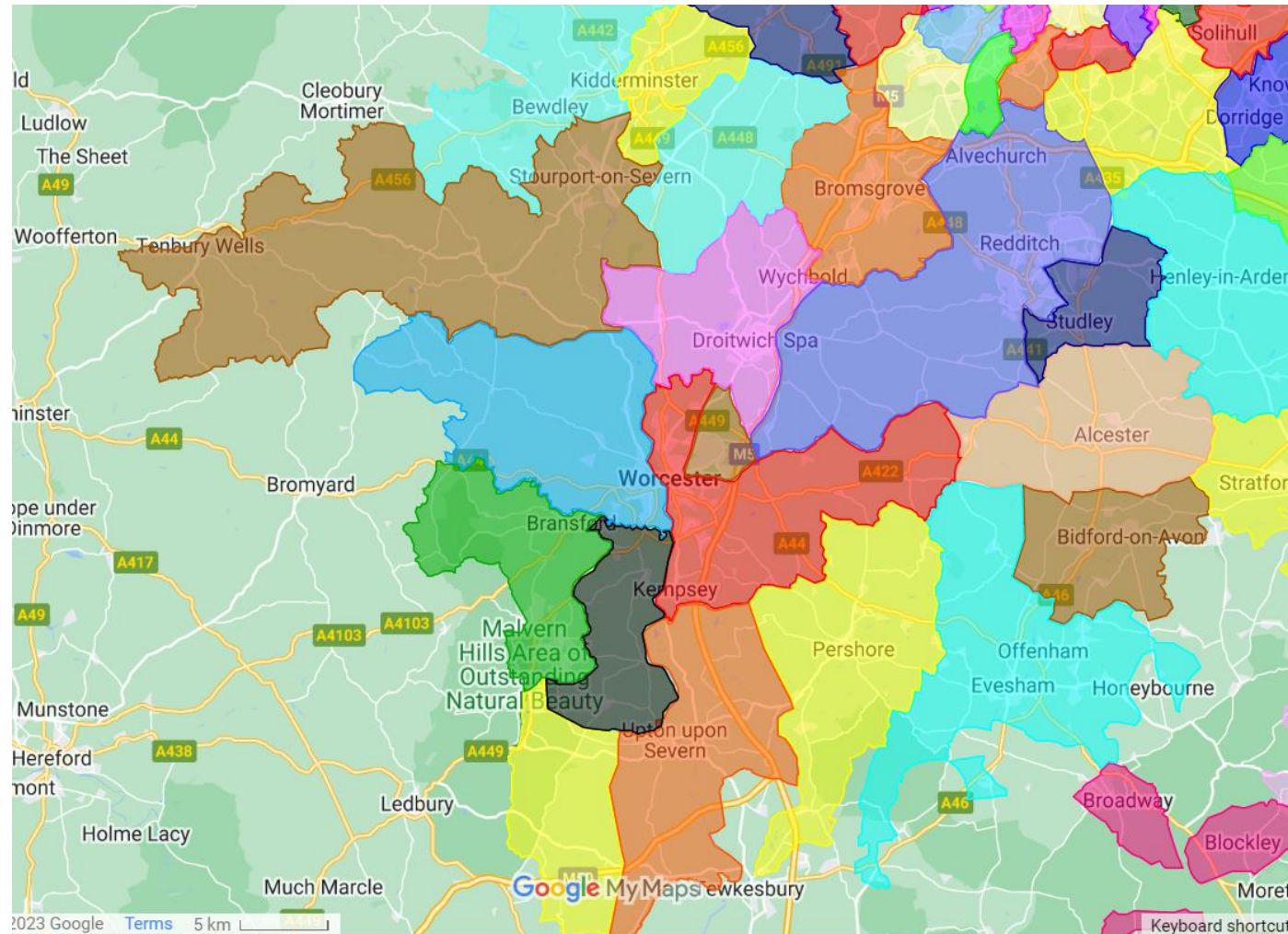
At present we have 11 deaneries –

- Banbury & Warwick - Dean - [Canon John Bathula](#)
- Birmingham Cathedral & South - Dean - [Fr Gary Buckby](#)
- Birmingham East & North - Dean - [Canon Jonathan Veasey](#)
- Coventry & Nuneaton - Dean - [Canon Thomas Farrell](#)
- Dudley & Wolverhampton - Dean - [Mgr Mark Crisp](#)
- Kidderminster & Worcester - Dean - [Canon Brian McGinley](#)
- Lichfield & Walsall - Dean - [Fr Malcolm Glaze](#)
- North Staffordshire - Dean - [Fr Paul McNally](#)
- Oxford (North) - Dean - [Canon Mervyn Tower](#)
- Oxford (South) - Dean - [Canon Paul Fitzpatrick](#)
- Stafford - Dean - [Canon Michael Neylon](#)

The map on the left shows the geographic footprint for each parish in the Archdiocese – it is huge!

- North – Staffordshire Moorlands / Uttoxeter
- South – Caversham (Reading) / Oxford / Chiltern Hills
- East – Rugby
- West – Tenbury Wells

Worcester & Kidderminster deanery



- St George's, Worcester**
- Our Lady Queen of Peace, Worcester**
- St Joseph, Warndon (Worcester)**
- St Joseph's, Upton upon Severn**
- Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park**
- St Wulstan's, Little Malvern**
- St Joseph's, Great Malvern**
- Holy Redeemer, Pershore**
- St Mary & St Egwin, Evesham**
- St Saviour, Broadway**
- Our Lady of Ostra Brama, Kidderminster**
- Our Lady & St Pius X, Kidderminster**
- St Ambrose, Kidderminster**
- Sacred Heart & Our Lady, Tenbury Wells**
- St Wulstan & St Thomas of Canterbury, Stourport**
- Holy Family, Bewdley**
- Sacred Heart & St Catherine of Alexandria, Droitwich**
- St Peter, St Paul & St Elizabeth, Coughton**
- St Mary's, Harvington**
- Our Lady & St Joseph, Alcester**
- St Joseph the Worker, Bidford-on-Avon**

Some numbers

1
secondary
school

10
primary
schools

21
churches

2
hospitals

4 retired
priests
(active)

12 active
priests

10
permanant
deacons

16
parishes

Priests

2023

12 priests in active parish ministry (priests under the age of 75)

4 retired priests (priests over 75 years of age or retired on other grounds)

2028 (5 years ahead of now)

2034 (10 years ahead of now)

The future and the role of the laity

- There will be fewer resident priests
- Parishes will need to collaborate more
- Some parishes will need to merge
- We will use the experiences of other dioceses and parishes to shape our response to change
- Some church buildings may close – changing demographics / reducing Mass numbers
- New churches may be established – changing demographics
- The role of the laity in taking on more tasks previously done by priests will be essential
- The church can grow stronger through the increased roles of the laity within existing parishes
- The church is finding new ways to thrive in parish communities

Discussion