

## **EXTRACT FROM BRENTWOOD DIOCESE WEBSITE**

Brentwood is the only diocese to have been originally part of the Archdiocese of Westminster, from which it was separated in 1917.

Pope Benedict XV appointed Monsignor Bernard Ward as Titular Bishop of Lydda and Apostolic Administrator of the new Diocese of Essex on 22 March 1917. Bishop Ward was consecrated by Cardinal Bourne in Westminster Cathedral on 10 April 1917.

Initially, no name was given to the new diocese, save that of 'Essex', because a decision had to be made as to where the new bishop would reside.

To read more see: <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>