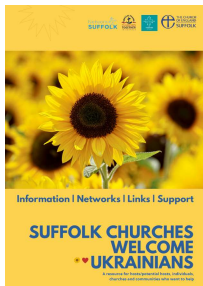




Thursday 12 May 2022



Responding to the crisis in Ukraine: Archdeacon Rhiannon King is co-ordinating our response for Ukraine and has prepared this information booklet: [Suffolk Churches welcome Ukrainians](#). This booklet will be updated and is available on our website [here](#). If you would like to be part of a Suffolk-wide response team or if churches would like ideas as to what to do next, please email [Archdeacon Rhiannon](#).



Bishop Martin invites everyone in our parishes to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together.

[Click here for all resources.](#)

Our nation will come together over a four-day Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, starting on Thursday 2 June. In Suffolk we would like to get involved and bless those around us - #suffolkblessing. This could be sharing the Suffolk prayer at your services, during school assemblies and while joining communities' Jubilee-themed activities. We have produced a series of graphics to help you engage in the #suffolkblessing:

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If you are interested in having some postcards printed please email: communications@cofesuffolk.org

Torch Relay starts on 13 May. The Revd Tony Wilcox will be joining the relay as torch

bearer in Sproughton, Tony and his wife have been supporting Sproughton church for many years. Janice Grant will be doing the Hitcham section, Janice who is at the heart of the village, is a bell-ringer and has also helped in the shop and the post office. Finally, Hayley Pollard is joining the Thurston section of the route having been Primary School Governor. Please be aware that all the timings are flexible and routes may be affected on the day depending on road works, weather and crowds. Further details are [here](#).

Are you bell ringing? Nationally guidance has been given for ringing to coincide with the service of thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday at 11.30am but you can ring at a time that is appropriate for your band and when it would be appreciated by your local community. Many villages are planning fetes, beacon lighting, and other events which would be well complemented by ringing. Whatever ringing you do please share your plans with your local community, through our social media group [here](#) and please email [Neal Dodge](#), Public Relations Officer at the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, who can add you to BellBoard if you need help with this.

Suffolk Show - 31 May and 1 June

We are excited to be hosting a stand at the show. After two years of cancellations this show should be the best yet, with the added benefit of being the two days before the Jubilee weekend which is sure to increase its profile. We will be offering complimentary tea, coffee and cakes in a marquee furnished with comfy seating, cushions and sofas. Amongst the entertainment are a puppet show and messy church crafts for children, free face painting and youth arcade games. At 2.30pm each day, the marquee will erupt in song – with a chorus of popular hymns. **Do come along to see us and join in.**



Bishop Martin has appointed Gavin Bultitude to be the next Diocesan Secretary.

The position is the one of most senior posts within the Church of England in Suffolk and includes helping the Bishop's senior management team to lead on strategic planning, shaping policy as well managing the Diocesan Office in Ipswich.

Bishop Martin said: *"I am delighted to appoint Gavin to this key role, I know he will make a real difference in supporting the life of our church communities across Suffolk. Gavin has a strong background across a range of sectors, and his skills will be invaluable in supporting us, building on the excellent work of our current Diocesan Secretary Anna Hughes who is retiring from the role after contributing so much to the organisation."*

Gavin, who lives in Suffolk, said: *"I am so excited to be taking up this role. I know the challenges we face are real, but I hope I can play my part in overcoming them and building a flourishing Church in Suffolk. I'm looking forward to starting in August, and hope that before then I can meet more of you, visit your churches, and better understand the issues that you face."*

Click [here](#) for further information.

Otley's immersion baptistry used again after 180 years



On Sunday 1 May, Kurt Finch, became the first person for some 180 years to be immersed in the chilly water of the baptistry that hides under the floor in St Mary's, Otley. Watched by the congregation via video. Canon Brynn Bayman, in the water, and the Revd Kathleen Martin staying dry in the priest's special alcove beside the pool, baptised Kurt in preparation for his forthcoming confirmation in June at Framlingham College. The baptistry in the vestry at Otley is one of only a very few in a medieval church and the only one in Suffolk. It may have been constructed in the 17th century, possibly at the request of local Anabaptists. The last recorded baptism took place in 1840 and the baptistry was later

boarded over and forgotten. It is hoped that we will not have to wait such a long time for the next one.

'Walk the Talk' photograph competition

The Suffolk and North East Essex ICS Equalities Film Competition is looking for film makers. Their competition requests a two-minute film sharing experiences of local health and care that can help others to understand how as a '*Can Do Health and Care*' system they can truly '*Walk the Talk*'. Prizes will be awarded for films in six categories each based on their six core values in practice: *Courageous, Collaborative, Compassionate, Creative, Community Focused and Cost Effective*. Entries must be received by Wednesday 15 June 2022. Six prizes of £300 are available, plus an overall winning prize of £500. Further information are on the ICS website [Help us to 'Walk the Talk' - Film Competition - Suffolk & North East Essex Integrated Care System \(sneecs.org.uk\)](https://www.sneecs.org.uk).

Events

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) - Who, What, Why?

Tuesday 17 May 11.00am to 12.00pm (online)

Julie Podd (Diocesan Parish Resources Manager) invites you to hear from Catia Oldrey (PGS Regional Advisor) and Grant Forrest (PGS CEO). This session will outline everything you need to know to help you make an informed decision about using the PGS. Book [here](#).

Taking photographs at your Jubilee events

Tuesday 17 May 2.00pm to 3.00pm (online)

Join Becky Luetchford, Lightwave Comms Story Telling, and Leonie Ryle, Diocesan Communications Manager, as we look at the basics in taking good photographs, using them for PR and permissions/safeguarding issues. Book [here](#).

Using the Parish Giving Scheme as a catalyst for generosity

Tuesday 17 May 2.00pm to 3.00pm (online)

Join Julie Podd (Diocesan Parish Resources Manager), Catia Oldrey (PGS Regional Advisor) and Grant Forrest (PGS CEO) to share ideas about how you can incorporate a generosity campaign with the launch of PGS in your parish and see how the two combined can be a catalyst for generosity. Book [here](#).

Living our faith - facilitating inclusive ministries in worship and witness

Saturday 21 May 9.30am to 3.00pm

Earl Stonham Village Hall, Forward Green IP14 5HJ

Are you interested in widening your vision to make God's Kingdom accessible to all? Our visiting speakers will focus on relating to those with mental ill-health, dementia and deaf awareness within our churches and communities. [Book here](#).

A teaching morning with Bishop Martin - Worship for Christian Formation

Saturday 28 May 9.30am – 12.00pm

Christ Church Moreton Hall, Lawson Place, Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EW Gathering for worship is the primary focus for growing deeper in faith and discipleship for all who attend our churches. Formation for Christian life in communities centred on word and sacrament is at the heart of our journey of faith. This morning is designed to assist all who lead and plan worship to explore the understanding, insights and practices that can help our acts of worship be formational and transformational for our congregations of whatever shape, size or flavour. Register here: <https://worship-for-christian-formation.eventbrite.co.uk>

God Calling?

18 June 2022 10.00am to 12.00pm

Assington Hall, 75 Further Street CO10 5LE



Sometimes life can seem so full on and fast paced that we don't feel that there is any time to stop and listen to God. God Calling? is an opportunity to press the pause button in our busy lives for a couple of hours and tune into God's still small voice. Join us at the beautiful surroundings of Assington Hall for a morning of

quiet reflection on theme of God's call on our lives. To book your place please visit:

<https://2022-god-calling.eventbrite.co.uk>

Notices

Covid-19: Please visit the recently updated Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information and guidance for churches.

Notices

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust: The next grants meeting is Monday 11 July and details of how to apply are on the Trust website www.shct.org.uk. The money given in

grants is mainly raised by the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive Day, please save the date: Saturday 10 September for the 2022 event.

Energy Footprint Tool: The Church of England's General Synod has set new targets for all parts of the church to work to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030. The easy-to-use Energy Footprint Tool will tell your church what your "carbon footprint" is, based on the energy you use to heat and light your buildings. This tool is now live and is available to all Church of England churches via the [Online Parish Returns System](#). Deadline 31 July 2022.

Vacancies

[Vicar](#) | St Mary with St Peter, Bury St Edmunds | Closing date: 17 May

[HR Manager](#) | Closing date: 7 June

[Lead Evangelist](#) | Centre of Mission, Ipswich

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