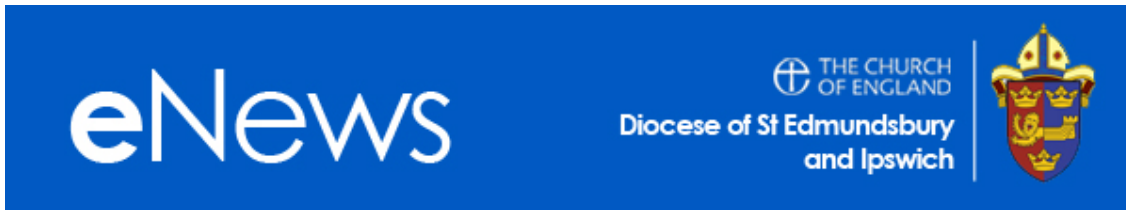


Thursday 18 May 2023



The Revd Canon Rich Henderson installed as the new Archdeacon of Suffolk



The Revd Canon Rich Henderson was installed as the new Archdeacon of Suffolk during a moving service on Sunday 14 May at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

He said: *"I have been involved in church leadership for 35 years, seven years as a churchwarden, then as a lay youth and families pastor before being ordained in this diocese in 2006. I am looking forward to coming alongside clergy, churchwardens and parishes to help develop good sustainable and flourishing ministry across the archdeaconry. As Archdeacon of Suffolk I will also be supporting chaplains in a variety of ministries across the diocese."*

Bishop Martin said: *"We are delighted to welcome Rich to what is a very varied role as one of our archdeacons. He will play a vital part in strengthening the mission of the diocese and relating this to the local realities and concerns of the moment. He has a wide-ranging brief which includes care of clergy and matters relating to church buildings, clergy housing, parish fund raising and a range of pastoral concerns."*

Please read the full story [here](#).

Stoke by Nayland Benefice and Stoke by Nayland CofE Primary school join forces

Stoke by Nayland Benefice had set up a community pantry to support families through the pandemic and beyond but as requests for financial assistance began to increase, a Hardship Fund was established. Looking to target the right people needing support, especially those who had never needed assistance before, the Benefice got in touch with Stoke by Nayland CofE Primary School. A letter was sent out to all families qualifying for



free school meals, offering a grant payment to anyone who needed it, to help with rising energy, fuel and food costs.

The partnership between church and school became aware that some families needed additional funding – and the ‘no form-filling’ hardship fund was ideally placed to support them. The trust and confidentiality between local school and clergy, and the relationship the headteacher has with families, ensures both

goods and money are donated safely and responsibly.

The Revd Val Armstrong said: *"It can be very difficult to know which families need help and to make contact, so sending out the letter through the church school gave us that starting point. Offering a grant payment removed a significant barrier to applying for many families. We now have referrals from three or four schools and nurseries in the area. We also give grants in response to direct requests or referrals from individuals, when we draw on our own local knowledge. Unlike the government, we can give emergency support instantly – most grants can be with families in two or three days."*

Read the full story [here](#).

Photograph caption: Kelly McGrath and the Revd Val Armstrong.

Events

Look to the skies - Prayer Walk for Ascension Day

Thursday 18 May, 7.30pm (or arrive from 6.30pm to relax together with a bring-your-own picnic)

Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve, nearest postcode is CO10 7HZ.

This prayer walk is offered by Churches Together as part of ‘Suffolk in Prayer’ and ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. It will be led by the Revd Ruth Ridge. Please contact Andy on 01787 464010 for more information.

Big Suffolk Prayer Walk

19-21 May 2023

Hosted by Suffolk in Prayer and Ipswich in Prayer to encourage people all across our county to unite together in times of prayer. You can follow local routes and maps, or very simply pray as you do your daily walk or pop to the shops. Those less mobile are encouraged to join in at home, praying over maps or photographs of their local area. More information visit www.suffolkinprayer.uk where you can let us know what you’ll be up to, or you can email suffolkinprayer@gmail.com

Catching the Fire

Sunday 21 May, 12.00pm - 4.00pm

White House Farm, Great Glemham IP17 1LS (note Sat Nav is unreliable)



Join this Lightwave community event, part of Thy Kingdom Come (10 days of prayer starting Thursday 18 May) and the Big Suffolk Prayer Walk (19-21 May). This year the theme is 'Celebrating God's Spirit at Work' and we are coming together to worship, eat together and prayer walk. Please bring your own picnic and invite your friends. Bishop Mike, Archdeacon Sally and many others from rural churches will lead worship for all ages. Story, song and breaking bread in a breath-taking outdoor setting. Enjoy tea, cake and more in the banqueting barn at 2.30pm. Worship and celebration of

mission in Suffolk at 3.00pm.

Car parking is available on site. You are welcome to just turn up - but it would greatly help our planning if you would sign up for this event [here](#).

Church Grants training – major donor fundraising for Church Appeals

Tuesday 23 May, 1.00pm – 2.30pm | Online webinar

Join this training session to learn from decades of church-related major fundraising capital appeal experience and explore:

- how to identify major donors already within your networks
- Finding new major donors and know how best to approach these
- Gain the confidence in how to 'present the ask' and 'close the ask'

This training is for: fundraising appeal leads, church leaders, Churchwardens and members of a building or fundraising committee. Sign up for training [here](#).

Leadership Conference 2023

Thursday 25 May, 6.30pm

River Church, St Mary At The Quay, Key Street, Ipswich IP4 1BZ

River Church is so excited to be hosting a local hub of Leadership Conference 2023. This is an opportunity to gather together in unity as the family of God, across traditions, generations, cultures and borders. This annual event will feature a diverse selection of global contributors from many fields and gives leaders from every sphere the opportunity to encounter God, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be mobilised to continue evangelising the nations, revitalising the church, and transforming society. Speakers include Nicky Gumbel and Mark Sayers. To sign up please visit [here](#).

Pentecost Taizé Worship

Sunday 28th May 2023, 6.00pm

All Saint's Church, Gazeley CB8 8RB

All Welcome. Enquiries the Revd Canon Chris Childs 01638 429212.

Conference: Building a generous church

Saturday 10 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm

St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH

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National Advisor for Giving and
Income Generation,
Church of England



Bridget McIntyre
Social entrepreneur and
former High Sheriff of Suffolk



The Revd Al Metcalfe
Vicar of St Augustine's
Ipswich and Chair of
Oasis Centre, Gorton

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the Diocesan Office

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Inspiring Ipswich

We are delighted to invite you to our first conference on how to improve your church's finances. Led by Archdeacon Rhiannon King, the Diocesan Parish Resources staff and our keynote speakers: Jonathan de Bernhardt-Wood, National Advisor for Giving and Income Generation, Church of England; Bridget McIntyre, Social entrepreneur and former High Sheriff of Suffolk; and The Revd Al Metcalfe, Vicar of St Augustine's Ipswich and Chair of Oasis Centre, Gorton. This will be followed by nine

specialist workshop options: creating a financial strategy; parish share; giving and generosity dilemmas; financial MOTs; Parish Giving Scheme; running a stewardship campaign; raising money for mission and ministry, church grants and digital giving.

We can offer you free parking, a light lunch, exhibition stands, advice and support and a chance to connect and share your ideas with others. Book [here](#). To download the poster please click [here](#).

A Pilgrimage of Song

Saturday 10 June: Icklingham to Red Lodge

Saturday 9 September: Coddendam to Ipswich



St Edmundsbury Cathedral's InHarmony project and Cantus Firmus Trust are working together to provide two popular Pilgrimage of Song events, which combine country walking and choral singing. Each day starts with a workshop to learn the music, then a walk of around six miles, singing a short service in churches in the villages passed, before ending the day with a meal together. Music will be led by Richard Hubbard, with the services led by the Revd Dr Simon Hill. Advance booking

is essential. Full details can be found [here](#).

Environmentally Aware Worship - Praxis East

Wednesday 14 June 2023, 7.00pm – 9.00pm on Zoom

Liturgy and worship practitioners across the eastern dioceses are invited to come together to share experience, ideas and expertise. Praxis East is one of the regions of a national organisation you can join. The major benefit of the annual subscription of £15 is the quarterly journal Praxis News of Worship, which keeps you informed of topical worship and liturgy issues and Praxis training events across the country. Find out more [here](#).

A Quiet Day with The Revd Dr Charlie Bell

Friday 16 June 10.00am - 3.30pm

The Barn, The Rookery, Hollesley Road, Eyke IP12 2RR

Charlie is well known to some of us from his time working at the West Suffolk Hospital. He

is curate of St John the Divine, Kennington as well as a national Board member of AffCath. Charlie Bell is an Academic Clinical Fellow in Psychiatry at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London. He is also the John Marks Fellow, College Lecturer and Director of Studies in Medicine at Girton College Cambridge. His book, 'His Queer Holiness', was published last year by Darton, Longman and Todd. Join this meeting from the diocesan group of the Society of Catholic Priests. Please bring food to share at lunch-time - drinks will be provided. Participants are welcome to stroll in the delightful gardens. Booking via Michael Wilde 01284 767415 or cormack246@gmail.com. A £10 donation would be appreciated.

John's Gospel with Prof David Ford

Saturday 17 June, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Salvation Army, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Prof David Ford will lead the Bishops' Study morning looking at John's Gospel. Prof Ford is Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus in the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Selwyn College. He has studied John's Gospel for most of his academic life and the fruits of that study are distilled in his recently published theological commentary on John's Gospel, which has been widely acclaimed and the bishops can attest is a wonderful inspiration for sermon ideas! Come along and be inspired, illuminated and enthused as Prof Ford unfolds this the most multi-layered of gospels for sermon ideas!

Click [here](#) to book (please book early to avoid disappointment!) This event is free of charge, enquiries to Lesley Steed: lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org.

Early Years Ministry Network Meeting

Saturday 24 June, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

The Woolpit Institute, Woolpit IP30 9QH

Are you involved in Early Years Ministry in the diocese? Perhaps you run a parent and toddler group, a pram service or work with under 5's on a Sunday? If so, this event is for you. It will be a chance to make friends, share experiences, look at the bible together, explore new resources and eat some delicious, home baked cake. This event is open to anyone, lay or ordained, who has a heart for reaching the youngest children and their families in our communities with the hope of the gospel. To book please click [here](#).

Suffolk Saints - Saint Botolph Pilgrimage

Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July

Join this five-day pilgrimage inspired by St Botolph. The journey begins in Dunwich before setting off to Snape Maltings. Day two heads along the shore of the Alde to Iken with the following few days taking pilgrims through the Finn Valley to Claydon and onwards through the Gipping Valley to Stowmarket. Day five is the final day of the journey which ends at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in time for a special Choral Evensong.

A full programme is available [here](#) and the booking form is [here](#).

Safeguarding Q&A Session

This is a meeting for all Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officers to ask questions... are there things that you're not sure about? do you want to know how to find out about training for your church members? would you like keep up to date with changes? Whatever your

question, this is an opportunity to share it with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, who will do their best to provide you with some answers. Please join us, so that we can get to know you a little better, at the same time as updating you with any changes to Safeguarding Training, DBS check, Dashboard, or other matters that you would like to know more about. There are several sessions to choose from – they will all be the same, so hopefully you will be able to join us for one of them.

Tuesday 13 June, 3.00pm [Book here](#)

Monday 19 June, 10.30am [Book here](#)

Tuesday 4 July, 7.00pm [Book here](#)

Saturday 15 July, 9.30am [Book here](#).

Notices

Vacancies

[Insight Technical Support \(Full or Part-time\)](#) | Closing date: 19 May

[Lead Evangelist](#) | Closing date: 19 May

[Safeguarding Administrator](#) | Closing date: 22 May

[Rector](#) | Claydon and Barham, Great Blakenham and Henley | Closing date: 26 May

[Associate Vicar for Mission](#) | St Augustine's Church, Ipswich | Closing date: 28 May

[Youth Pastor](#) | St Augustine's Church, Ipswich | Closing date: 28 May

[Parish Nurse \(Part-time\)](#) | Walton Parish Nursing | Closing date: 31 May

[Debenham High School Chaplain and Leader of youth orientated congregation](#) | Closing date: 2 June

[Priest \(0.5\)](#) | Exning Landwade/Assistant Curate (in charge) of Exning St Agnes | Closing date: 5 June

[Priest \(0.5\)](#) | Sproughton, Burstall, Copdock with Washbrook & Belstead | Closing date: 7 June

[Cook/Chef](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral

[Safeguarding Committee Member](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Perspectives Ipswich's Centre Co-ordinator | for further information please

email perspectivesipswich.plss@gmail.com or call 07443 537541

Area Secretary Local branch of the Royal School of Church Music | for information

please email Richard Hubbard, RSCM Suffolk Team Leader, rscmsuffolk@gmail.com

[Choir Director](#) | Woodbridge

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