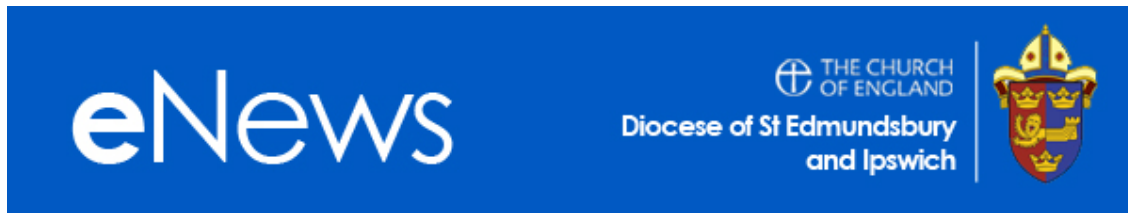


Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese

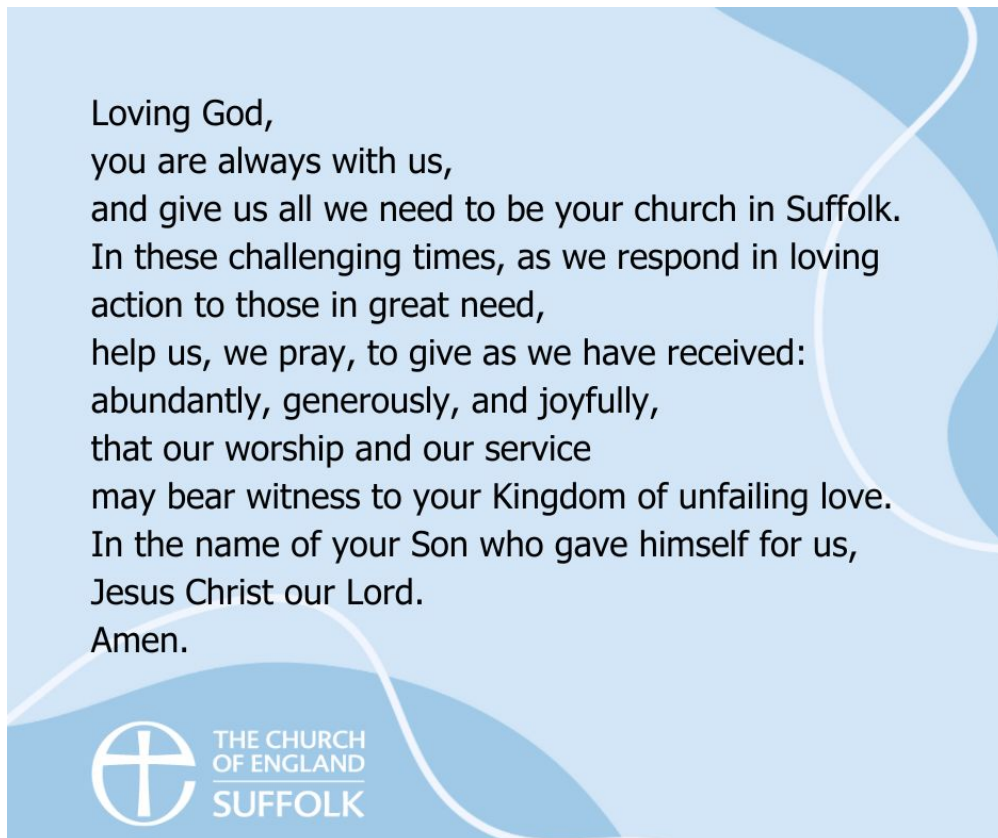
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**Thursday 20 October 2022**

## Growing in God

We pray that for the time ahead we will be able to care for those in great need in our communities and make the necessary provision for those who lead us in our worship and our service. We are therefore asking everyone to pray this prayer in every service until All Saints' Sunday, 30 October.



### **Fuel poverty will affect up to 100,000 Suffolk households by the end of the year**

In these turbulent and uncertain times, Bishop Martin has underlined the responsibility to care for the poor and most vulnerable, and for the environment.

Bishop Martin is highlighting a huge rise in families struggling to earn enough money to pay for their heating bills. And he warns that a large number of Suffolk households will not benefit from the cap on gas prices because they are not able to access gas. He has urged

the Government to ensure that those households without a mains gas supply are not overlooked.

Bishop Martin has raised the issue close to his heart speaking in the House of Lords during the debate on the economy earlier this month too. The Bishop's call for urgent action was noted by Lord Callanan, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Lord Callanan said Bishop Martin had raised the important subject of fuel poverty and added: "*The Government are also aware that the energy price guarantee will leave those households currently with unregulated energy sources, such as those living off the gas grid, with uncapped bills this winter. However, our objective is that all households, regardless of their heating source, will be no worse off than an equivalent domestic gas household under the energy price guarantee.*"

To read the full article please visit our website [here](#).

### Supporting others at the Rural Coffee Caravan



The Rural Coffee Caravan Team has really been focused on helping people in Suffolk stay warm and well this winter. Their Community Engagement Officers can provide specialist energy guidance about organisations and agencies who can be approached if you are struggling to stay warm in your home. This year the team are focussing on two issues:

**Appeal for Slow Cookers:** already they have raised enough to buy 700 slow cookers but so many more are needed. Slow cookers use very little power but allow

cheaper ingredients to be made into delicious nutritious meals - a great option for those experiencing fuel poverty. They are also fundraising to provide wearable blankets, hot water bottles and even electric blankets this year. You can donate to the appeal on their website and find out how all items are delivered straight from the Rural Coffee Caravans into homes where their value may be incalculable at the moment.

**Warm rooms:** The Rural Coffee Caravan, as part of the Team supporting this project, are asking those running community buildings, churches (where practical), pubs, cafes, libraries and more, to think about offering a Warm Space on a regular basis through the winter. If you are doing this, they are providing a map so people can find their nearest Warm Space. Please email them to be added to the map here: [email](#). Offering a warm space is not just about warmth in the cost of living crisis but also about creating a community and combating loneliness during the winter months.

The Rural Coffee Caravan has been providing companionship and practical assistance to residents within the beautiful but often isolated villages of Suffolk, and whose societal needs have often been overlooked, for nearly 20 years. All the information you need is on their website [www.ruralcoffecaravan.org.uk/winter-warmth](http://www.ruralcoffecaravan.org.uk/winter-warmth) or call 01379 855338.

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### Plan for Growth

As a diocese we want to be Growing in God: in depth, influence, number and younger. We want to see "**flourishing congregations making a difference**" across Suffolk in all

aspects of our county's life and among the people who live here. Have a look at the resources available to help you Plan for Growth:

[Growing in God](#) | [Plan for Growth - Incumbent and PCC resources](#) | [Growing in God - Parish resources](#)



Bishop Mike explaining our Diocesan aim - Flourishing Congregations Making a Difference

## Events

### Edmund Lecture

Saturday 19 October, 4.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Former Lord Chancellor and Ipswich-born politician David Gauke, has been announced as the speaker at the inaugural Edmund Lecture at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, part of the ongoing Abbey 1000 celebrations across the town.

The Abbey of St Edmund played a significant role in medieval political life which included parliament meeting at the Abbey on more than one occasion. This lecture honours that heritage and David's Edmund lecture will look on the importance of history, institutions, and the rule of law on the peace and prosperity of the nation.

David is the first Lord Chancellor born in Ipswich since Cardinal Thomas Woolsey was made Lord Chancellor in 1515. He entered Parliament in 2005 and was appointed Treasury Minister in 2010 and served there as Exchequer Secretary, Financial Secretary and Chief Secretary until he was appointed Secretary of State for Work & Pensions in 2017. In 2018 he was appointed Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor. Having opposed the Government's policy on Brexit, he lost the Conservative whip and decided instead to stand as an Independent in the 2019 General Election. He lost his seat and resigned from Government in 2019. David is now Head of Public Policy at Macfarlanes LLP, Senior Adviser

to Instinctif Partners and a regular columnist for the New Statesman and Conservative Home.

Free tickets can be booked now from this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/edmund-lecture-with-david-gauke-tickets-440235766027>





**World Mission Conference 2022**

Our speakers will look at the issue of modern day slavery:

- Simon John and Lizzie Muir from Anti-slavery International - a global perspective.
- Caroline Virgo from The Clewer Initiative - in the United Kingdom today.
- Revd Dr Dan Pratt, founder of The Together Free Foundation - Christians' response and a local perspective.
- John French from Suffolk Police - slavery in Suffolk.

Saturday 22 October 10.00am — 4.00pm  
Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Open to all - Tickets cost £5.

Book at: <https://2022-world-mission-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>  
Join us for an interesting and informative day

**World Mission Conference: Modern Day Slavery - a global issue**  
Saturday 22 October 2022, 10.00am to 4.00pm  
The Salvation Army Hall, 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Join the World Mission Conference and hear from recognised speakers from Anti-slavery International. the Clewer Initiative, the Together Free Foundation and from Suffolk Police. The conference is open to everybody. The cost of the day is £5. Please book here: <https://2022-world-mission-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>

### All Soul's Day Solemn Requiem Mass

Wednesday 2 November, 7.30pm

St John the Evangelist, St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SP

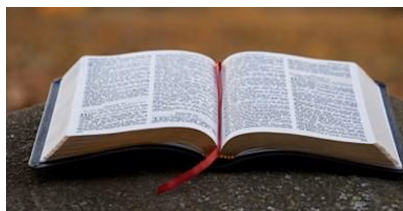
The Eucharist will be [live streamed on Facebook here](#). Featuring Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry St John's Singers with guests, and David Honeyball as Organist. All are welcome to join - followed by a party.

### Children's Society Coffee Morning

Saturday 29 October 2022, 10.00am to 11.30am

The Outside Inn, The Parrot & Punchbowl, Aldringham

Come along for coffee, cake and a chat in aid of the Children's Society. Admission £2 including coffee.



### ENHANCING WORSHIP – Refreshed!

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 November

and 7 December, starting 7.30pm

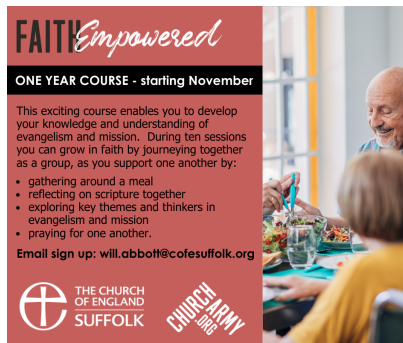
Earl Stonham Village Hall, Forward Green IP14 5HJ

A seven-session course to deepen your understanding of worship that will encourage you to live out your faith in everyday life. No matter what your tradition or preferred style of worship, this course offers an opportunity to learn from each other and the different strands of our Anglican Community. Co-hosted by Philip Banks, Canon Precentor at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, and the Revd Canon Dave Gardner, Director of Mission and Ministry - we want to demonstrate how we can worship together so we are inspired to witness to God's saving love to all. £25 for the whole course (free to those who undertake this as initial training as an Elder or on the Auxiliary Ordination Pathway). Booking details for the course are on Eventbrite [here](#).

### DOCTRINE

16, 23 and 30 November and 8, 14 and 21 December 2022, Online

Join this six-session online course unpacking the Apostles Creed so we can apply this to our own lives and draw others into a deeper experience of God. Bishop Mike has a unique way of expressing deep truths in memorable ways that make us both chuckle and think! Be prepared to be stretched! Subjects include God, Jesus, The Cross; Resurrection; Holy Spirit and Eternal Life! £25 for the whole course (free to those who undertake this as initial training on our Auxiliary Ordination Pathway). Booking details for the course are on Eventbrite [here](#).



## Faith Empowered

Starting November 2022

This is a one-year course exploring evangelism, with participants coming together to discuss key subjects such as how to get to know your context, what evangelism is, how to plan a missional activity and what to say when people ask big questions. Please contact the Revd Will Abbott, Lead Evangelist, Suffolk Centre of Mission, on [will.abbott@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:will.abbott@cofesuffolk.org). For further

information please click [here](#).

## Evangelism Brunch

Saturday 5 November 9.30am to 12.00pm

Great Blakenham Parish Room, Stowmarket Road Great Blakenham IP6 0LN

An opportunity to gather, eat, pray and learn together about sharing our faith in Jesus. We are blessed to have Peter James Farmer as our speaker, whose Facebook page says, *"My purpose is to make disciples, plant new churches on mission & train others to do the same."* Whether an experienced licensed evangelist, or simply curious and wanting to know more, our time together will provide space for everyone to grow in their faith, be encouraged to reach out to others, and pick up practical tips and suggestions of how to do so, both from one another and from experienced practitioners alike. Sign up [here](#).

## Preaching on the Gospel of Matthew - Bishop's Teaching Morning

Saturday 5 November 2022

Salvation Army Hall, 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

What are some of the recent insights on Matthew's Gospel? How does Jesus' person and work come across in this gospel? What about the parables, the sermon on the Mount and Jesus' relation to Judaism? These are just a few of the questions the bishops will address as they look at the gospel which will be used through the lectionary year 2022-2023. For more information and to book please click [here](#).

## Seeing Salvation: Art and the Spirituality of Ministry

Saturday 19 November 2022 9.30am - 3.30pm

Salvation Army Hall, 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

The saying goes: a picture is worth a thousand words. St Ignatius of Loyola recommended 'praying with the senses' as a way of going deeper into scripture and into encounter with the living God. With the help of artists Sieger Köder and Stephen Foster, Gemma

Simmonds reflects on praying with images and on the spirituality of ministry in an image-conscious age. Open to all Readers, LLMs, Elders and Lay Ministers in training. Although this event is free, [please register here](#) so that we can make provision for refreshments.

## Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday 20 November 2022

Safeguarding Sunday is an annual awareness-raising campaign coordinated by the charity Thirtyone:eight to give churches an opportunity to show their communities that they take their safeguarding responsibility seriously and to explore together as a church what safer places look like. The theme of the campaign this year is: "One Church, One Day, One message: Protecting Vulnerable People. Together." A prayer video will be released and includes a contribution from the Bishop of Bristol, Viv Faull, one of the Church of England's deputy lead safeguarding bishops. Churches can download the video and all the resources for free at [thirtyoneeight.org/safeguardingsunday](http://thirtyoneeight.org/safeguardingsunday).

## PCC webinars:

**Parish Share** with Gary Peverley, Diocesan Director of Finance, and Colin Firth, Deanery Organiser for Thingoe | On 9 November 10.00am - 11.30am | Book [here](#). Join Gary and Colin to find out more about Parish Share and have the chance to ask questions. Another date coming soon for second workshop.

Wednesday 2 November, 7.30pm Book <a href="#">here</a>	Catherine Ross, Open & Sustainable Churches Officer at the Church of England.	Focusing on environmental sustainability
Wednesday 16 November, 7.30pm Book <a href="#">here</a>	Diana Spencer, Eastern Region Engagement Officer, Church of England's Bats in Churches team.	Offering advice on bats in churches.
Wednesday 23 November, 7.30pm Book <a href="#">here</a>	The Venerable Dr David Jenkins.	Focusing on alternative uses for churches in addition to regular worship.
Wednesday 30 November, 7.30pm Book <a href="#">here</a>	Edmund Harris, DAC Secretary.	Presentation on faculties, the DAC and church buildings in general.

## Notices

**Heated Cushion Trial:** We are running a trial over winter 22/23 to determine whether electrically heated cushions would enable churches to move to Net Zero by replacing gas or oil heating with green electricity and if they can massively reduce their energy needs by heating people not the building. The trial uses 30 "Nimma" seat and back cushions manufactured by "Sit & Heat". Each cushion turns on when someone sits on them, but the user can easily turn it off and on again. Tony Allwood is running the trial and will bring the

cushions to the church before the service, join in the worship and then collect feedback from the congregation after the service. Any church that would like to participate in the trial should contact Tony on 01394 384575. Full information is available [here](#).

## Vacancies

[Children & Families' Worker](#) | Bridge Church

[Lightwave Red Lodge Cafe Manager](#) | Closing date 26 October

[Archdeacon of Suffolk](#) | Closing date 26 October

[Rector](#) | Lavenham Benefice | Closing date 28 October

[Vicar](#) | Needham Market with Badley | Closing date 31 October

[Youth Minister](#) | The Haven at St Thomas's, Ipswich | Closing date 31 October

[Data Analyst](#) | Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Board of Finance | Closing date 7 November

[Priest in Charge](#) | Orebeck Benefice (south of Framlingham) | part-time | Closing date 10 November

[Rector](#) | Glem Valley United Benefice | Closing date 11 November

[Priest in Charge](#) | St Margaret's Church, Ipswich | Closing date 15 November

[Rector and Rural Dean](#) | Claydon and Barham, Great Blakenham and Henley | Closing date 5 December

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