

Thursday 25 May 2023



The Suffolk Show



The Suffolk Show is the largest two-day visitor experience in the county, providing a unique celebration of everything that makes the county great and showcasing the best of Suffolk's food, farming and agricultural heritage.

We are so excited to be hosting a stand at the show next week!

Come along and meet our flock of sheep, they will be making their first appearance in our marquee and we would love you to help us paint and decorate them - do

come and join in.

We will also be knitting prayer scarves over the two days. Four scarves will be knitted, one for each of our Archdeacons, who will be invited to take the scarves out and about with them across the whole diocese, to remember that people are praying for them, and to encourage them to pass this blessing on. Our marquee will be focused around café church offering, and will include complimentary tea, coffee and cakes, puppet shows, face painting, craft activities, games and more!

Come along to stand 602 and take part in the activities - we'd love to see you!

Growing Younger team

We welcome Emma Allinson to the Diocesan team as Growing Younger Project Support with a focus on Early Years. Emma was appointed on 24 April to support Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell, our Children's and Families' Enabler, to focus on our key Growing in God priority, Growing Younger. Emma has a background in Children and Families Ministry and her experience in working with the under 5's makes her ideal for this role. In particular Emma will be looking at the importance of growing disciples amongst 0-5 year



olds in all diocesan activities while ensuring we view everything through the lens of children and young people. Her first project reflects this as she launches the Early Years Ministry Network (see below).

Emma will be supporting our children's activities at the Suffolk Show on 31 May and 1 June – we hope you can pop along to say hello.

Early Years Ministry Network Meeting

Saturday 24 June, 2.30 - 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](#).

Supporting families through school and life transitions

Thursday 22 June, 7.00 - 8.00pm on Zoom.

Are you working with Children and Families, a Youth Worker or part of a team who minister to local schools? Perhaps you're a parent of a child who is about to start Primary School, High School or go on to Higher Education? Maybe your family or a family you know is journeying through a life transition such as a big move or a bereavement? If so, we would love you to join us for an evening of support and advice on all things 'transition'. We'll look at how our faith helps us navigate big life changes and we'll signpost you to support and resources that you might find useful. Speakers include Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Officer, Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell, Diocesan Children and Families Enabler and Emma Allinson, Growing Younger Project Support (Early Years). To book your place click [here](#).

Special Award for Lead Chaplain

Linda Pepper is the Lead Chaplain at the University of Suffolk, and has just become the proud recipient of an award from the University's Students' Union, 'Support Staff (non-academic) of the Year'. The Students' Union Awards is an annual celebration of the efforts and success of all their staff and celebrates those members of the University community who go above and beyond to make student life that little bit easier. It rewards those who have been helpful, supportive, approachable and patient and have ultimately positively affected the student experience. Congratulations Linda!

Leadership Conference 2023

Thursday 25 May, 6.30pm

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

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](#).

Margery Kempe: a Quiet Afternoon of Music and Reflection

Saturday 3 June, starts 2.00pm

St Mary's Church, Withersfield, Haverhill CB9 7SG

Join a quiet afternoon with bray harpist, musicologist and accomplished pilgrim Leah Stuttard, whose original research into Margery Kempe has inspired these reflections on pilgrimage and song. Come for the whole afternoon or just for the evening. Timetable: 2.00pm workshop on singing for well-being; 3.00pm free time to explore Withersfield church and village; 4.30pm evening prayer followed by refreshments; 5.30pm concert of readings from the book of Margery Kempe and period music. Suggested donation for the whole day £15.

Corpus Christi Celebration

Thursday 8 June 2023 at 7.30pm

St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SN

Join the Revd Dr Andrew Miller and the Revd Alison Miller for this celebration Eucharist with Procession and Benediction. Followed by Parish Party.

Conference: Building a generous church

Saturday 10 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm

St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH

BUILDING A GENEROUS CHURCH

You're Invited!

IMPROVE YOUR CHURCH'S FINANCES
Saturday 10 June
9.30am to 3.30pm
@ St Augustine's Ipswich

Jonathan De Bernhardt-Wood
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

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUFFOLK

Organised by Inspiring Ipswich and the Diocesan Office

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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: Coddenham 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](#).

Gala Concert

Saturday 10 June, 7.30pm

St John's Church, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1SP

Come and join the Abbot Consort as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a Gala concert of choral classics including Durante's Magnificat, Haydn's Missa Brevis and the ever-popular Vivaldi Gloria. Entry is free, retiring collection in aid of St John's Fabric Fund.

Safeguarding Q&A Session

This is a meeting for all Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officers to ask questions, and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team 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 checks, the Dashboard, or other matters that you would like to know more about. All sessions are the same, please chose from: 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](#).

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 Hall, 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.

Suffolk Saints - Saint Botolph Pilgrimage

Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July

Join this five-day pilgrimage inspired by St Botolph. Starting in Dunwich via Stowmarket to finish at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in time for a special Choral Evensong. A full programme is available [here](#) and the booking form is [here](#).

Churchwarden training 2023

[Sudbury Archdeaconry](#) | 10 July at 7.00pm at Cockfield Village Hall, Church Lane IP30 0LA

[Suffolk Archdeaconry](#) | 17 July at 7.00pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh IP15 5EA

[Ipswich Archdeaconry](#) | 19 July at 7.30pm at St Mary at Stoke Church Hall, Stoke Street, Ipswich IP2 8BX

These training sessions are aimed primarily at new or nearly new churchwardens, but experienced ones invariably find that there is always something new to learn. The session covers Churchwardens' tasks and legal responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and Q&As.

Building a generous culture

Wednesday 12 July, 7.00pm

Village Hall, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Bury St Edmunds IP30 0AS.

Join the Parish Resources Team to find out about building a generous culture in your parish. Covering: QR codes, online giving, contactless donation devices, Parish Giving

Scheme, reducing church costs, Church Grants, Gifts in Wills and starting a Friends' Group. To book please email Yalda.davis@cofesuffolk.org, stating your name, parish role and parish.

Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) Summer Social

Friday 21 July, 6.00pm

The Rectory, West Stow, Suffolk IP28 6ET

The SCP Chapter for St Edmundsbury and Ipswich is now officially launched, with great thanks to Fr Ian Gomersall, the European Provincial Rector, for coming to the Cathedral to arrange this. If any clergy or ordinands are interested in becoming a member, please do come along to our Summer social. Contact Mother Ali for more details:

teamvicarlvnb@btinternet.com.

Praying with Icons

Saturday July 22, 9.00am - 1.00pm

Whitton Parish Hall, 170 Whitton Church Lane, Ipswich IP1 6LT

Annette Lawrence has been studying Icons for over 20 years and regularly leads Icon Workshops on writing an icon along with the spirituality, theology, and practice of praying with Icons. In this session Annette will introduce us to the ways we can use icons in prayer. To book, [please click here](#).

Find Your Voice! A Community Singing Workshop for Key Stage 2 pupils

24 – 26 July 2023 9.30am - 3.00pm

St Mary le Tower, Ipswich IP1 3BE

St Mary le Tower is running a three-day community singing workshop aimed at children who love singing, enjoy playing music from around the world and performing. The workshop finishes with a live performance. The programme will be delivered by qualified teachers supported by chaperones, and the activity has been verified by The Children's University. Every participant will come away with a certificate of attendance, detailing what they have achieved and the key skills they have developed in the process. Find out more [here](#).

The Season of the Spirit - *postponed to 28 October 2023*

Saturday 28 October, 9.30am - 1.00pm

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

With Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, and Bishop Mike. This is an opportunity to share in worship and fellowship, to reflect on our ministries and to be inspired afresh to share collaboratively in God's mission within our communities. Although this event is free, please register so that we can make provision for refreshments. To book, please [click here](#).

Notices

Small Grant support available from the National Churches Trust : If there are repair or maintenance costs facing your church, please do apply for a small grant £500 - £1000, deadline 29 June. Contact [Emma Denton](#), Giving Advisor or call 07483 006379 for advice/support.

Vacancies

[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
[Independent Volunteer Health & Safety Advisor, Governance Committee](#) | Closing date: 30 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

Vacancies at River Church: Director of Operations, Spear Centre Manager, PA to the Church Leaders and River College Internship. For details on all these roles please visit [Vacancies at River Church here.](#)

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