

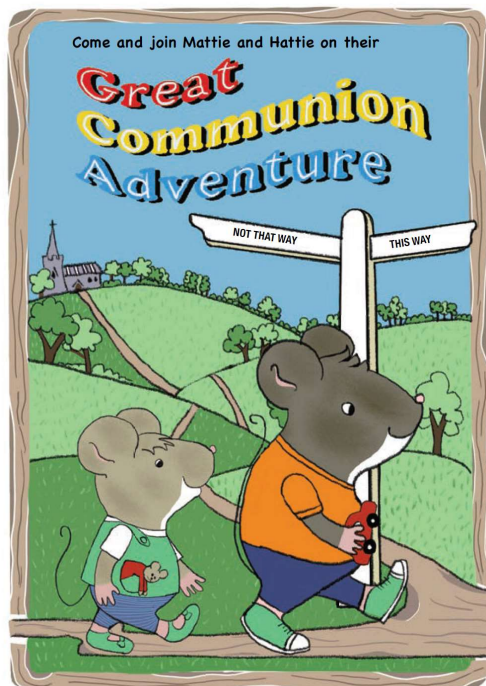
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## Growing Younger this Sunday 30 January 2022

We would love each and every church in our diocese to involve children and young people in their services this Sunday, to celebrate with a theme for Candlemas of 'Being a light, belonging and building community'. Please find our new resources to support Growing Younger on our website [here](#).

## Great Communion Adventure



Learn about Holy Communion with Mattie and Hattie and delve into this new resource for children, families and young people. This book is a child's guide to the service of Holy Communion, Order One, from Common Worship. Its aim is to allow children to engage in the liturgy of the church in a way that is suitable for them. It can be used as a child's Sunday service booklet alongside the liturgy that the adults are using or used with a group of children in churches or schools.

*"I hope you enjoy the journey of Mattie and Hattie in this booklet. Just as they are making a journey, I pray that you are able to travel with them and be guided to learn more about God's love for you and to grow in Jesus' way, which is just the best way to be that you could*

*imagine."* The Rt Revd Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich"

This is a fantastic collaboration by a local team led by the Revd Carl Melville and designed and illustrated by Amanda Manley. The book is available at a moderate cost please

email [hilary.wordsworth-sewell@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:hilary.wordsworth-sewell@cofesuffolk.org) our Diocesan Children's and Families' Enabler for more information and ordering. Or please visit our website page [here](#). Picture copyright: 'Great Communion Adventure', 2021, Gipping Press

## Big Weekend

Friday 18 March 6.00pm – Sunday 20 March 4.00pm

Sizewell Hall, Christian Conference Centre, Leiston IP16 4TX



The Big Weekend is organised by the Church of England here in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and run by experienced youth workers from around Suffolk. It's a weekend of craziness, worship, games and friendship all focused around learning more about living as a Christian in the C21st.

It is for any young people aged between 7-13 years old. Whilst it is Christian in ethos and focus you don't have to call yourself a Christian to be able to attend and have fun. This weekend away costs £55. To book please visit Eventbrite [here](#).

Youth leaders are more than welcome to attend with their young people – in fact we encourage it! It's much better for ongoing discipleship. We are offering a subsidised rate for youth leaders, please book in by contacting Matt Levett [matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org).

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## Announcing Growing in God Growth Fund grants for 2022



our church family in number.

The diocesan Growing in God Growth Fund offers grants to help you and your church reach out creatively to encourage sharing of the Christian faith and to grow

If you have plans for Lent, Easter, the Queen's Jubilee or you wish to support your projects for Growing Younger and just need a bit of money to finance your ideas we have grants of up to £500 available. For inspiration, look at: <https://cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/growing-your-parish/growth-funding-opportunities/> to see case studies of other funded projects, an overview of how the fund has been invested over the last three years and how to apply.

*"Once we knew what we wanted to do and what extra money we needed - filling out the grant request form was dead easy – it was done in 20 mins!"* The Revd Toby Tate. If you need help filling in the application form do get in touch with Matt Levett [matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org).

## Events

### Sight Loss Friendly Church Taster Sessions

Thursday 10 February 2.00pm

Thursday 17 February 7.00pm

Monday 14 March 2.00pm

Wednesday 23 March 2.00pm

Every six minutes someone in the UK starts losing their sight. Christian charity Torch Trust have announced further dates of their popular 30 minute Zoom sessions giving you the opportunity to learn about the benefits of being a Sight Loss Friendly Church and ask questions. To book your place visit <https://torchtrust.org/sight-loss-friendly-church/taster/>

### **World Praise Day**

26 February 2022 1.30pm workshop and 4.30pm service

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS



St Edmundsbury Cathedral's InHarmony Project is joining with Cantus Firmus Choir to present an exciting day exploring the music of the worldwide church. Starting at 1.30pm there will be a workshop led by Geoff Weaver, for all who enjoy singing. He will demonstrate how simple songs from other cultures can be incorporated into the worship of our churches in order to heighten awareness of the worldwide church, to inspire and empower our prayer. Many of these songs can be easily used in small churches with limited resources. The workshop will be followed at 4.30pm by a colourful, inspiring and uplifting service led by Bishop Mike. Music will be directed by Geoff Weaver and Richard Hubbard, with Cantus Firmus Choir, and will include songs from many countries including several that will be taught in the workshop. There will be special focus on our diocese's link with the Kagera Diocese in Tanzania. Project co-ordinators Chris and Anji Dawkins will share up to date information on their work, and there will be an opportunity to pray for the project and for the worldwide church.

You can attend the workshop, the service, or both. Tickets for the workshop cost £10 (under 18s free), and can be obtained from

<https://stedscathedral.digitickets.co.uk/category/23278> Admission to the service is free.

There will be a retiring collection.

### **Discovery Evening**

Monday 28 February 7.30pm-9.30pm

Online

Are you, or is someone you know, exploring a mission vocation, or looking to be part of an exciting network of Evangelists? Church Army are hosting their first Online Discovery Evening of 2022 for anyone interested in finding out how to train to become a Church Army Evangelist or joining the Church Army Mission Community. Find out more and book your place at [churcharmy.org/discover](http://churcharmy.org/discover) or contact [Andrew Payne](#), Regional Community & Vocations Advisers Team Leader.

### **Step Forward**

Saturday 5 March 1.00pm to 4.30pm

Online

Step Forward is for anyone aged 18 to 30 who is wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry in the Church of England. You may have already taken some steps down this route – or you may never have thought about it until now! Either way, the day will help you think, talk and pray through this question. The Revd Stuart Batten, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, would be delighted to have a conversation with anyone who is interested please email: [stuart.batten@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:stuart.batten@cofesuffolk.org). To book please visit: [www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk/](http://www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk/)

### **Abiding Wisdom**

14 and 15 May 2022- Save The Date!

An exploration of the wisdom of St Benedict for 21<sup>st</sup> century life and how we should live following the pandemic, guided by Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury), monastics, lay Benedictines and others. The weekend will include ecumenical worship, fellowship, and celebration. More details soon.

### **'When a Child has Died'**

Thursday 19 May 10.45am – 3.00pm

Walsingham, Norfolk

The Guild of All Souls is arranging its ninth day conference 'When a Child has Died' exploring pastoral, practical and spiritual care for grieving families bereaved of a child of whatever age and from whatever cause. It is open to interested clergy and laity of all denominations. Registration is £15, including coffee and a two-course lunch. There will be some presentations and the opportunity for Q & A. To register, email Maureen Howard at: [mihoward@btinternet.com](mailto:mihoward@btinternet.com). Further details with booking confirmation and at: [www.guildofallsouls.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.guildofallsouls.org.uk/whats-on)

## **Notices**

**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 during the Covid-19 pandemic.**

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### **Message from Gary Peverley, Finance Director, on Parish Share end of year payments:**

Thank you to all of our parishes for your giving towards parish share so far for this year. We would like to remind you that we continue to accept payments towards the 2021 parish share **up to and including Monday 31 January 2022. Payments received after that date, unless we know about them in advance, will be treated as 2022 parish share.** This is to enable us to move more quickly to close our own accounts and prepare for our statutory audit. We understand that, for some parishes, it can take time to work through final parish share payments for the year just ending, but would appreciate it if we could all work to the timetable above and understand the cut-off dates. Our preference is to receive funds via online banking (but please ensure you make clear which year the payment is for in the text field).

Any cheques must be received at the office by 31 January 2022 to be included in your 2021 Parish Share figures. Cheques received after this date will only be accounted for in your 2021 figures if you have told us by 31 January to expect the cheque so that we can accrue for it, allowing us to finalise our own accounts.

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Bishop Martin will be at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 16 April at 5.30pm for an Easter Vigil and annual Diocesan Confirmation. You are warmly invited to bring candidates to this year's Diocesan Confirmation Service. Please confirm your attendance with Canon Philip Banks ([precentor@stedscathedral.org](mailto:precentor@stedscathedral.org)) for planning purposes and to prepare the usual paperwork.

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## Vacancies

[Schools and Youth Worker \(part-time\)](#) | Newmarket & District Youth For Christ | Closing date: 31 January

[Trust Chaplain](#) | East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust | Closing date: 31 January

[Cafe Manager](#) | St Michael's, Martlesham Heath | Closing date: 4 February

[Rector](#) | Suffolk Heights Benefice | Closing date: 7 February

[Vicar](#) | All Saints' Newmarket | Closing date: 9 February

[Priest-in-Charge](#) | Mid Loes benefice | Closing date: 20 February

[Diocesan Mission Administrator \(Mission and Ministry\)](#) | Closing date: 21 February

[Vicar](#) | Bures with Assington and Little Cornard | Closing date: 25 February

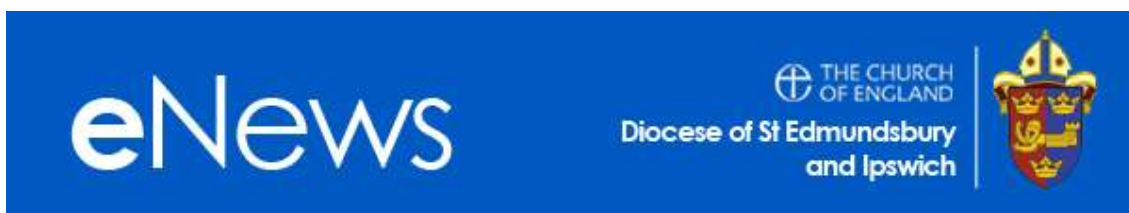
[Priest in Charge](#) | Alde Sandlings (Aldeburgh) Benefice | Closing date: 16 March

[Rector 0.5](#) | St Mary Stoke, Ipswich

[Worship Pastor, Coffee Shop Manager, Fundraising Assistant](#) | River Church, Ipswich

[Children and Families' Worker](#) | Bridge Church, Ipswich

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