

Thursday 4 May 2023



Bishop Martin's Coronation Message



The Coronation of King Charles III is a celebration of hope for the future.

The ceremony, rituals and pageant are declarations of intent for the future, and so expressions, very clear expressions, of hope. And with the Prince of Wales and Prince George, the Coronation takes place with two generations of heirs – so with a perspective even farther into the future. I think it is important for us to recognise just how profound and significant this expression of hope is, and how important it is for us as a nation. For

me it is profound and significant because of the way in which the monarchy shapes us and provides a thread of continuity and trust in our lives. I know not everyone agrees, but it is hard to dispute that our identity as a people is tied up with being a monarchy, indeed, a constitutional monarchy.

As I looked through the various artefacts that are used at the Coronation, I was struck by three values that are held in them and which seem to me to be particularly apposite for today.

The first was that of mercy. There are four swords used in the service, the Sword of State, dating from the Coronation of Charles II; the Sword of Temporal Justice; the Sword of Spiritual Justice and the Sword of Mercy, all dating from the Coronation of Charles I. The Sword of Mercy has a blunted tip, symbolising the sovereign's mercy. The same value is embodied in the Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove, known as the Rod of Equity and Mercy, and symbolises the monarch's spiritual role. In our world today, mercy, compassion and kindness seem particularly valuable qualities for our King, not just to embody himself, but to encourage us all to demonstrate.

Secondly, the sacred ceremony of anointing holds amongst other profound values the commitment to service. King Charles and the Queen Consort will both be anointed with oil of chrism, oil pressed from olives from the Mount of Olives, and blessed by the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem.

Oil of chrism is also used in anointing those baptised, and those ordained to be priests. It is an ancient mark of designating a person for a whole-hearted life of service. Once again, this is a quality we both see in the King, and know we all need in our world today.

Thirdly, the orb depicts the world, and a sense of the embrace of the whole world in its diversity and complexity. That recognition of a wide embrace, an inclusive view of the world, is reflected in the ecumenical consecration of the oil of chrism. It is also clear in the unprecedented gift of Pope Francis to the King of fragments of the true cross, now incorporated into the Cross of Wales that will precede the King's procession at the Coronation service. This wide embrace and inclusive perspective is further seen in the involvement of people from other faiths in the service.

These three values evident during the royal Coronation will sustain us into the future, and upon which we can build our own hopes for the future: mercy, service, and the wide embrace of all people in our shared world.

To read Bishop Martin's full Coronation message please visit our website [here](#).



St Edmundsbury Cathedral will host the County Service to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

The service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, open to everyone to attend, will begin at 10.00am on Sunday 7 May and will include prayers and music reflecting the Coronation Service the day before at Westminster Abbey. The Leiston Royal British Legion Band will play a Fanfare to mark the start of the service, which will include a procession including civic leaders, judges, the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, and Suffolk's High Sheriff, Mark Pendlington. Read more on this story on our [website](#)

[here](#).

If you are looking for resources for the Coronation please visit the website [here](#).

Events

Elevate Worship Night

13 May 2023, 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Church Institute, 50 London Road, Brandon IP27 0HY

Join this youth worship night including a live band, refreshments and tuck shop. This event is for 13 - 18 year olds. Face painting by Face it and Art Space will also be available. A great night encouraging any young person to come and meet new people, praise God, create art, and of course, eat good food! Tickets are £5 - please email enquiry@stpetersbrandon.co.uk. Poster download [here](#).

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. Enjoy the grounds and art displays. You can also participate in the prayer walk facilitated by Lightwave and discover craft activities for all the family. 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](#).

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. We believe that just praying for five minutes as you walk or cycle around your local area will have incredible impact. Those less mobile are encouraged to join in at home, praying over maps or photographs of their local area. More information can be found at www.suffolkinprayer.uk where you can let us know what you'll be up to, or you can email suffolkinprayer@gmail.com

Suffolk Saints Pilgrimages

8-10 May 2023, 3-7 July 2023

Two Suffolk Saints Pilgrimage opportunities are planned for this summer! The team at the Cathedral have been working on two routes across our beautiful county to link three of 'our' saints: Felix, Botolph and Edmund. A three-day pilgrimage from 8-10 May, and a five-day pilgrimage from 3-7 July, ending at the Cathedral with Choral Evensong. Full programme [here](#). For more information, visit: www.stedscathedral.org/pilgrimage.

The Lightwave Community CIO Thank You Gathering and AGM

16 May from 6.30pm-9.00pm

Ringshall Village Hall, Stowmarket IP14 2JB

You're warmly invited to join this fantastic opportunity to hear about what has been happening in and through the Lightwave Community in the last year, to praise God and to show our gratitude to all those who have been part of making it happen, especially our trustees. The meeting will also include the essential business of the Annual General Meeting for the Lightwave Community - and cake! Please let us know you're coming by clicking [here](#).



The Season of the Spirit - POSTPONED

Was Saturday 27 May, now Saturday 28 October
Please note we have decided to postpone this event until Autumn to allow more people the chance of attending. It is aimed at all LLMs, Elders and lay ministers in training. More details and registration can be found [here](#).

Conference: Building a generous church

Saturday 10 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm

St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH

We are delighted to invite Treasurers, Churchwardens, PCC members and Clergy to our first conference on how to improve your church's finances. Our 'Building a generous church' conference is led by Archdeacon Rhiannon King and the Diocesan Parish Resources staff. You are invited to join us in Ipswich to celebrate all that our churches do and learn from 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
- 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. Registration is free and available on a first come, first served basis. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment by visiting Eventbrite [here](#). To download the poster please click [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. Save the date for this event - topics to be announced soon. 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. The series of Bishops' teaching mornings will continue in 2023, the next provisional date is 25 November.

CAS Safeguarding Conference 2023: Faces. Spaces. Places: Don't be in the dark about abuse

Wednesday 28 June, 9.30am to 12.30pm via Zoom

Don't be in the dark about the risks and abuse children, young people and adults face in the community, spaces and places. If you want to help keep people safe, recognise the signs and respond effectively to safeguarding issues, attending this event will be useful! Book your place [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 sessions are also open to anyone who might have reason to think that he or she could be a Churchwarden before long! The session covers Churchwardens' tasks and legal

responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and many other related issues. There is always an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

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. Julie Podd, Parish Resources Manager, and Yalda Davis, Giving Advisor, will talk about how you can get set up for easy giving in your parish ([QR codes](#), [online](#), [contactless](#) donation devices and [Parish Giving Scheme](#)). Further details will be available on reducing your church costs, access [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.

Notices



Christian Aid Week 14 – 20 May: This year Christian Aid is holding the 'Big Pea challenge' and there are lots of fun fundraising activities on their website [here](#). Richard Stainer, Diocesan World Mission Officer, says *"I have seen the difference Christian Aid is making to lives in Southern Ethiopia as they combat the effects of the climate crisis. In some villages they have helped to install water pumps, in others they have helped finance the building of barns or the making of irrigation systems. Your support of Christian Aid enables these things to happen"*. As an individual, as a family or as a church why not have some fun raising money for Christian Aid and changes lives for the better across the world?

Message from the World Mission Group: On Wednesday 10 May (this coming Wednesday) the Government will bring forward the second reading of the Illegal Migration Bill to the House of Commons. It is not too late to let your local MP know how you feel about this bill. We would like to bring to your attention, a letter from Suffolk Refugee Support. available to read [here](#) - perhaps you could use it as a template for a letter to your local MP.

Energy Basket: Those currently signed up to the Energy Basket have been contacted about the current basket which expires on 30 September 2023. The April deadline has now been extended to the end of May for replies. Further information is available [here](#) with FAQs [here](#). For help on energy enquiries: energy@parishbuying.org.uk or call 0800 368 0887.

Vacancies

[Rector](#) | Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke | Closing date: 15 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

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

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

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

[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

[Rector](#) | Benefice of Haughley, Wetherden and Stowupland | Closing date: 13 June

[Rector](#) | Benefice of Rattlesden, Brettenham, Hitcham and Thorpe Morieux

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

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

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