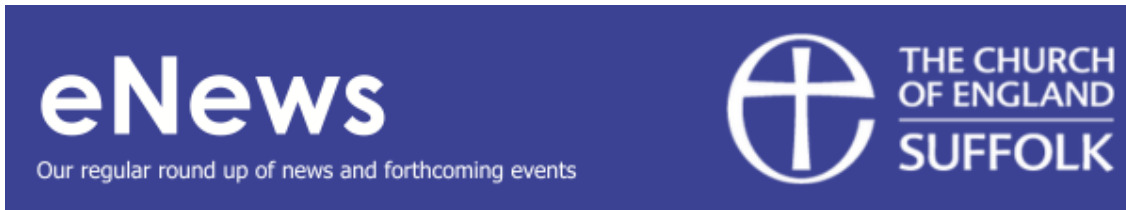


**Thursday 8 June 2023****Suffolk Community Awards**

The Suffolk Community Awards 2023 recognises and celebrates all those who have improved the quality of life for a community in Suffolk. It is a partnership approach, delivered by Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

In total, 16 awards are up for grabs, with categories ranging from Most Active Town to Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering, and The Anne Dunford OBE Award for Youth Participation. New this year is a special accolade acknowledging the work of the faith sector which is sponsored by Bishop Martin.

Entries for any of the categories must be made by the awards website – [Home – Suffolk Community Awards](#) – and should be submitted no later than Sunday 16 July.

**Parish Resources news**

Emma Denton has joined the Parish Resources team as Giving Advisor in a new role that is partially funded by the national church. Emma was a Civil Servant before spending over 20 years working for charities in the field of training those most vulnerable in society.

Emma spent 12 years working in prisons, giving prisoners training and supporting them with their resettlement to reduce reoffending. For the last 10 years she has been engaged in the community, as well as giving young people a second chance at education and providing vocational training skills, to give them the best chance to gain employment.

Emma said *"I am excited about my role as Giving Advisor within the Parish Resources Team and will be working primarily with grants and funding and gifts in wills. I am looking forward to getting out to meet parishes and supporting them in their plans"*. Emma worships at Bridge Community Church in Bury St Edmunds, where she is also a Trustee. Emma is also a regular speaker at churches throughout the county.

If you would like a chat or would like to arrange a visit to discuss funding ideas for your projects please do email [Emma](#).

**Building a Generous Church Conference:** Emma will be at the Building a Generous Church Conference on Saturday 10 June. This is our first diocesan conference on how to improve your church's finances. Keynote speakers include: 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. If you wish to come along on Saturday at 9.30am to 3.30pm, St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH and you haven't booked, please email [yalda.davis@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:yalda.davis@cofesuffolk.org)

**Energy Basket:** Congratulations to all those who have already signed their Letters of Authority (LOA) for the Energy Basket! You are now officially part of the basket for the next two years, benefiting from 100% green electricity and our competitive hedging strategy. For those who have not yet signed up, you still can - don't delay - sign your LOA today and become a valued member of the Energy Basket! [Find out more here.](#)

### **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. To book please email [Yalda.davis@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:Yalda.davis@cofesuffolk.org), stating your name, parish role and parish.

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### **Don't forget to mark Refugee Week!**

19–25 June

The situation facing refugees, asylum seekers and migrants is a matter of huge global concern and the issues are many and complex. Because refugees are usually extremely vulnerable, they are at risk of being targeted by criminal gangs and drawn into modern slavery and exploitation.

[Refugee Week](#) is a UK-wide umbrella festival, and anyone can get involved by holding an event or activity. It aims to celebrate the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. This year's theme is "compassion" and what compassion looks like in action. As the church is present in every community and at the heart of many, it can lead the way in exemplifying what a compassionate community looks like. It also has a key role in raising awareness of the risk of exploitation and how criminal gangs operate. For more information about how churches can get involved, please visit the Clewer Institute website [here](#).

If any households could consider taking in a Ukrainian guest please contact [Archdeacon Rhiannon](#) or find information on Suffolk County Council's website [here](#). If you are interested in volunteering at the 'Together for Ipswich' Sanctuary Day Centre for asylum seekers in Ipswich please contact: [sanctuary@stmaryletower.org](mailto:sanctuary@stmaryletower.org).

## Events

### 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](#).

### Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Self Supporting Ministry

Sunday 11 June at 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Do come to the celebration Choral Evensong with Bishop Martin marking 60 years of Self Supporting Ordained Ministry in the Church of England. Everyone, especially licensed clergy and those with PTO, is invited to attend - summer tea and cake will be served afterwards for everyone to enjoy each other's company. The Revd Tony Redman, Bishop's Advisor for Self Supporting Ministry, says: *"This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate both the diversity of ministry which our SSMs deliver, and their huge contribution to service and mission across the communities which make up the county of Suffolk"*.

### Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford exhibition

Preview on Monday 12 June, opening to the public on Monday 19 June

Holy Trinity Church will be covered in scaffolding ready for commencement of repairs to the 38 clerestory windows and east window over the coming months. During this time, the scaffolding will be utilised as a backdrop for mounting a series of displays and exhibits designed to:

- educate visitors about the Bible and Christian faith
- encourage people to take a personal step towards finding or rediscovering their faith
- raise much needed funds for various projects, as the cost of repairs to the clerestory windows alone will be in the region of £150,000!

In addition, two special weekends will be held, the first being 23-25 June and the second 15-17 September, both of which will offer dynamic events for visitors to take part in such as Lego modelling and a treasure hunt. There will also be enactments from the church's long history; bell ringing; organ music; brass rubbing; tower tours (with the possible opportunity to abseil down if you have a head for heights!) plus guided tours of the works to the clerestory windows with live pictures and commentary courtesy of a

drone. Find out more [here](#).

### **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 choose 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](#)

### **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

Join this meeting from the diocesan group of the Society of Catholic Priests and meet the Revd Dr Charlie Bell, well known to some of us from his time working at the West Suffolk Hospital. 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](mailto: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.

### **Diocesan Education Cathedral Service**

Monday 19 June, 1.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

This service is open to all church schools in the diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and this year will follow a theme of 'seeking wisdom, knowledge and truth'. The Education Service is an annual event, and this year will be held on a weekday. Bishop Mike will preside and Dean Joe Hawes will be in attendance.

A combined choir from the Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust schools - some 120 children - will sing 'Baba Yetu', the Lord's Prayer in Swahili. St Gregory CEVCP School in Sudbury will perform John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. Pupils from King Edward VI school in Bury St Edmunds and Debenham High School will also take part in the service.

### **Supporting families through school and life transitions**

Thursday 22 June, 7.00 - 8.00pm on Zoom.

Are you working with Children and Families, or are you a Youth Worker part of a team who ministers 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'. To book your place click [here](#).

### **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](#).

### **Crematorium Familiarisation Visits**

11.30am on Thursday 22 June, Thursday 20 July, Thursday 24 August, Thursday

21 September, Thursday 19 October or Thursday 23 November

West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds IP28 6RR

West Suffolk Crematorium, situated close to Risby on Junction 42 of the A14, has kindly offered familiarisation visits on a selection of dates to see 'behind the scenes'. This is an opportunity to help those of us wishing to understand more of what happens when a cremation takes place.

The visits all start at 11.30am at the main office and are available on the dates above; all visits will be followed by light refreshments. Please note there is a maximum of six people per visit. To make a booking, and for further information, please contact West Suffolk Crematorium direct on 01284 755118.

### **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](#).

### **Photographic portrait exhibition**

4 - 26 July 2023

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is thrilled to host the next stage of the ambitious exhibition tour of the late well known photographer, Peter Marlow, in his series 'The English Cathedral'. This is an

exceptional photographic project documenting all 42 of England's Anglican cathedrals undertaken by Peter Marlow (1952 - 2016) who travelled across England documenting the interiors of these iconic architectural landmarks. More information [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.

### **PCC Workshop - The DAC: A User's Guide**

Tuesday 11 July, 7.30pm, Zoom

'You will need a faculty for that' is a phrase that strikes dread into the heart of many churchwardens and members of the clergy. But it need not be. As an insider talking to users, Edmund Harris explains how the faculty system works. Please book [here](#).

### **Charlie Haylock talk - The History of Spoken English**

Saturday 15 July, 7.00pm

Risby Village Hall IP28 6RT

Charlie Haylock is one of Suffolk's leading entertainers and a master of Suffolk dialect. Join Charlie as he show us how the seeds of spoken English were first set and how each invading force affected the English language, and the different sounds they brought; from the Angles and Saxons to the Vikings and Normans. How Shakespeare was really spoken; the effect of the Renaissance; the religious input; and how England, by being a trading nation creating an Empire, adopted words from across the globe into the English language. Tickets are £10.00 per person to include a glass of wine and nibbles. To book your tickets please contact: Annie Throssell on 01284 810314 or 07796 215478.

### **PCC Workshop - Crime in our churches and churchyards and how to reduce it**

Tuesday 18 July, 7.30pm, Zoom

Sergeant Brian Calver, one of Suffolk Constabulary's top police officers from the Rural Crime Neighbourhood Partnership Team, will cover the current areas targeted by thieves in churches and churchyards across the region, and what parishes and local communities can do to reduce the chances of falling victim to these heinous acts. Please book [here](#).

### **PCC Workshop - Building Friends' Groups**

Tuesday 25 July, 7.30pm, Zoom

Lots of churches have Friends' Groups and they can be very useful for mobilising the wider community to look after the fabric of your church. This webinar will tell you what you need

to know to get your Friends' Group off on the right foot and functioning effectively and harmoniously. Please book [here](#).

## Notices

**Return of Parish Finance:** Over 50% of parishes have already submitted their forms - thank you. Completing your Return of Parish Finance provides your benefice and our Diocese valuable information and data. The results of your efforts are collated by the National Church and used to report key trends and key features of parish financial activity.

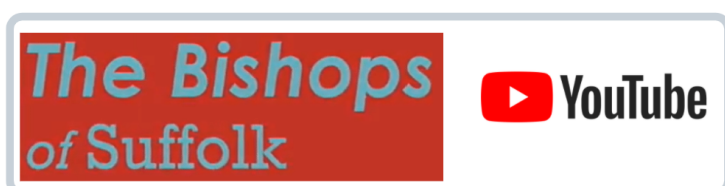
Returns are to be submitted on the Online Parish Returns System, if you require login details or any other assistance regarding the online portal, please contact [statistics@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:statistics@cofesuffolk.org) by email. The deadline is 28 June 2023. Further information is available on our website [here](#).

## Vacancies

[Insight Technical Support \(Full or Part-time\)](#) | Closing Date: Friday 9 June  
[Rector](#) | Kesgrave with Little Bealings and Playford | Closing date: 19 June  
[Priest](#) | East Bergholt and Brantham, & Curate in charge of Bentley & Tattingstone | Closing date: 26 June  
[Priest in Charge 0.8 FTE](#) | Alde River Benefice | Closing date: 27 June  
[Independent Volunteer Health & Safety Advisor, Governance Committee](#) | Closing date: 30 June  
[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | The Wrentham Benefice | Closing date: 7 July  
[Rector](#) | Orwell and Deben | Closing date: 10 July  
 Perspectives Ipswich's Centre Co-ordinator | for further information please email [perspectivesipswich.plss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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