



Thursday 9 June 2022

Ipswich church 'top-up shop' helps businessman get back on his feet



A successful businessman who found himself requiring the services of a church 'top-up shop' is now giving back to those who helped in his hour of need.

Jonathan Bubb, who has a Master's degree in computer science from Bristol University, ran his own business in web design before personal tragedies left him struggling to buy food – admitting he had found himself “at rock bottom”.

Looking for support, Jonathan approached All Hallows Church in Ipswich, where the Revd Carol Mansell and volunteers run a 'top-up shop' grocery service. Volunteer Steve Broom first welcomed Jonathan to the shop, where he soon became a regular.

Jonathan said: *"When you hit rock bottom, there are only three things to worry about – food, heat and rent. The top-up shop provides me with sanctuary from the difficult world outside."*

Users of the top-up shop, open every Tuesday, purchase a bag for £2 which they can fill up with the supplies they need. It has become an asset to the community in the Landseer Road area and has helped strengthen bonds between the church and the community.

Click [here](#) for full story.

Safe Car Wash app



While many hand car wash businesses treat and pay their staff fairly, some are run by unscrupulous people determined to make as much money as possible, regardless of how their workers are treated or whether they are following the law.

Since June 2018, The Clewer Initiative's Safe Car Wash app has been helping statutory organisations and law enforcement agencies identify hand car washes around the country which might not be treating their staff fairly. They are pleased to announce that their app has been redeveloped and now includes: an improved user interface so it is easier to submit a report, no requirement to submit any personal information before filing a report and new location functions, meaning you can pinpoint the exact location of the car wash on a map and confirm the precise street address and postcode. It has also updated questions and content.

The Safe Car Wash app is a really useful and easy tool, enabling members of the public to act on concerns over car washes they visit. It is already making a tangible difference in identifying businesses with poor working conditions. Find out more [here](#).

Elections

There are many ways in which you can support the mission and ministry of the church across our parishes and one of them is to help us to exercise sound governance. We are encouraging a wide and diverse cross section of our members to become involved. If you feel called to work collaboratively, assisting in openness of communication and ensuring clarity of decision making, then please do come forward to offer your time and talents. Current elections include:

Bishop's Council: one Lay vacancy.

Who can stand: members of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod

Vacancy in See Committee:

One Clergy vacancy

Who can stand: Any clergy (other than an archdeacon or bishop) beneficed or licensed in the diocese by the Diocesan Bishop

Five Lay vacancies

Who can stand: Any lay person aged 16 or over who is an active communicant and either a member of the electoral roll of a parish within the diocese or declared as being part of the worshipping community of a mission initiative in the diocese by the leader of the initiative.

Board of Patronage: three Lay vacancies

Who can stand: any lay person

Please find further information, including what each committee is for and application details, on our website [here](#).

2022 contactless giving digital roll out



Following the successful contactless giving pilot launched in September 2021 we are delighted to announce that we have been selected to receive another 40 devices for delivery in early October.

Since the pilot, 30 churches have been set up with contactless and online giving (includes

QR code) and £26,500 has been taken, which averages an amazing £892 per church between September to April 2022.

This time the devices available will suit churches with no Wi-Fi or mobile SIM coverage as well as those with Wi-Fi and good mobile SIM coverage, so no church is excluded from applying. The pilot was very over-subscribed so it might be helpful to start thinking about who is best to apply from your parish and what to put in your application to make it stand out. Most contactless devices are primarily used by visitors, weddings, baptisms, special services and for events, as well as by the congregation to top up their regular giving. What you need to know:

- Applications will be online and applications open on Thursday 30 June 2022 and close on 20 July 2022
- The application link will be available through Parish Buying on our website (see [Parish Stewardship Resources](#)) and in E-News on 30 June 2022
- The devices and training will be delivered during the week of 3 October 2022 around the diocese.

Events

Corpus Christi Celebration Eucharist with Procession and Benediction

Thursday 16 June 2022 at 7.00pm

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

The Revd Dr Andrew Miller and The Revd Alison Miller invite everyone to this celebration Eucharist followed by a parish party. Affirming Catholicism is a movement of inspiration and hope in the Anglican Communion, bringing together and strengthening lay and ordained people who recognise the positive, inclusive and joyful currents in the catholic tradition of Christianity. For more information please contact Michael Wilde on 01284 767415.

God Calling?

18 June 2022 10.00am to 12.00pm

Assington Hall, 75 Further Street CO10 5LE

Sometimes life can seem so full on and fast paced that we don't feel that there is any time to stop and listen to God. God Calling? is an opportunity to press the pause button in our busy lives for a couple of hours and tune into God's still small voice. Join us at the beautiful surroundings of Assington Hall for a morning of quiet reflection on theme of God's call on our lives. To book your place please visit: <https://2022-god-calling.eventbrite.co.uk>

East of England Cathedrals Eco Churches conference

18 June 2022 10.00am until 1.00pm (online)

Six cathedrals, including St Edmundsbury Cathedral, are joining forces to host an online conference to help churches play their part in achieving the Church of England's goal of 'net carbon zero by 2030'. Keynote speakers and workshop leaders include representatives

from A Rocha Eco Church, Caring for God's Acre, Christian Aid, Climate Stewards, a conservation architect and others involved in aspects of the Church's environmental engagement. Attendance at the conference is free of charge but registration in advance is essential. Full details and registration links are available on the Sustainable Living Conference website www.sustaininggodscreation.org. Download this [poster](#) to advertise this event in your church.

Church Army Discovery Evening

Wednesday 6 July 7.00pm – 9.30pm (online)

Do you have a passion for sharing your faith or know someone who does? Are you exploring vocations, but are not sure where you fit, or know somebody like this? Then how about considering Church Army - join this online seminar to find out more. To book a place click [here](#) or for more information, please email [Andrew Payne](mailto:Andrew.Payne@churcharmy.org), in the Community & Vocations Team.

Sea Sunday

Sunday 10 July

With 65,000 Ukrainian and 200,000 Russian crew globally, teams around the world are dealing with very significant additional levels of stress, on top of all that has been faced since 2020. The heroism with which world trade is sustained cannot be overstated. This is the background for continuing ministry amongst seafarers. As one of the Church of England's ten formal Partners in World Mission, and with integral relationships with the Anglican Communion all over the world, this ministry is yours and that of your congregations. Please do join Sea Sunday to raise awareness of the day and the debt of gratitude that we all owe to seafarers. Please share your gatherings on social media channels using #seasunday.

Sea Sunday packs can be requested from: seasunday@missiontoseafarers.org or visit www.missiontoseafarers.org/sea-sunday

Sight Loss Friendly Church taster sessions

Monday 13 June 2.00pm

Wednesday 22 June 2.00pm

Monday 4 July 2.00pm

Thursday 14 July 2.00pm

Christian charity Torch Trust have announced further dates for their popular 30 minute Zoom sessions which give 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/>

Notices

Covid-19: Please visit the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information and guidance for churches.

Responding to the crisis in Ukraine: Please visit our website page [here](#).

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Energy quotes update: After months of instability, Parish Buying are pleased to be working with a UK-based energy platform to provide churches with fixed term contracts. The platform gives Parish Buying pricing from a wide range of suppliers and enables them to offer churches the best possible prices for 1, 2 or 3 year contracts. Renewable choices will be offered where available, or you can still choose to opt for the Energy Basket. Since going 'live' with this service about a month ago, most churches who have sought quotes have gone on to enter into a contract. If you would like Parish Buying to arrange a fixed term energy quote for you for 1, 2 or 3 years, then please click [here](#) to complete the form.

Jubilee bell ringing: Bells rang out joyously across the diocese last weekend to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. To mark this historic occasion and to be recorded for posterity, the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, who care for bells and bell ringing in our diocese, want to ensure that the details of all the ringing at anytime over the Jubilee weekend is recorded online. The list of towers that took part can be viewed [here](#). If your church is not on the list and did some ringing please contact Neal Dodge at pro@suffolkbells.org.uk with the names of those who carried out the ringing and on what day. A commemorative certificate will be available for each tower. It's hoped that all the ringing can be captured including the chiming of individual or pairs of bells as well as full circle ringing so please do get in touch.

Vacancies

[Trust Chaplain](#) | Ipswich Hospital | Closing date 13 June

[Priest-in-Charge](#) (5 year fixed term post) | St Peter's Stoke Park, Ipswich | Closing date: 30 June

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