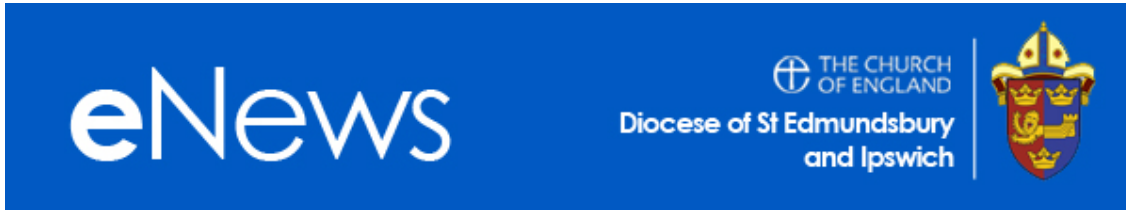


Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese [View this email in your browser](#)

Thursday 9 March 2023



Celebrating the Coronation weekend



A Book of Daily Prayers is available now. The booklet is available individually (£1.50), 10-Packs (£1.25 per copy) and 50-Packs (£1 per copy) and you can order your copies [here](#). Digital versions will also be available via the Church of England's website and social media channels. Alternatively sign up to the free daily Coronation reflection emails, straight to your inbox from Easter Day (9 April) to Coronation Day (6 May). Sign

up [here](#).

To access the resources please visit the website [here](#). This page, along with our own Coronation website page with local details available [here](#), will be updated regularly.

Cathedral Lent Series: 'Fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God: Challenging perceptions to empower change'

Wednesday evenings in Lent (Wednesday 15 March to 29 March) 7.00pm - 8.00pm
On Zoom, everyone welcome

The next meeting on Wednesday 15 March features: Social Class: The Revd Sophie Cowan. For more information and for the Zoom link please email the Revd Canon Michael Robinson michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org. You can find out more about these sessions, plus all the Cathedral Lent services, [here](#).

Living your life with God: Through Lent, Bishop Mike (and an occasional guest!) is offering Zoom sessions looking at how his insights can be applied in everyday life, with plenty of room for discussion on the way. Recordings of the sessions are available on our [YouTube channel here](#).

St Mark's Gospel Evening

Wednesday 15 March, 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, The Vicarage Church Square, Bures CO8 5AA

Gerald Osborne and Colin Heber-Percy present a dramatised version of St Mark's Gospel all over the country, having performed in Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey and the Edinburgh

Festival and are now bringing this spectacle to Bures. There will be a half-way interval with tea or coffee, wine and nibbles. All welcome. Please email office@parishchurch.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera

Have you started the Lent Challenge? All the daily challenges are posted on our [Facebook page here](#) and you can add your comments and let us know how you are getting on.

Today's Lent challenge is: *"David found it difficult to grow enough to live on as a subsistence farmer. After training with CCMP he was able to improve his coffee and banana crops to provide him with an income. He's also planted trees to produce wood for building and furniture-making. Give 5p for each banana you eat or coffee you drink this week".*

For information, including how to donate, please [visit our website here](#).

Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday 2 April. A full series of services and events are on offer at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. A full list is available to download [here](#).

Easter means new beginnings...like the fresh shoots of snowdrops in spring, pushing through dew-drenched grass. It means lives are renewed through the Holy Cross; washed clean of sin, of guilt, of blame...the weight of the world carried by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. A refreshing image...steeped in Hope and Love. A series of resources on the theme 'A New Beginning' is available - please click [here](#).

Vocations Spotlights: The Revd Richard Stainer

Richard weaves a wonderful journey of faith from Sunday School, "O" Level RE, bell ringing, becoming a Godfather, marriage, confirmation, Diocesan World Mission Adviser and then to Lay Elder - that is, until now.... "I am an assistant curate coming to the end of my third year of training and hoping to become a full SSM in the coming months. I am thoroughly enjoying what I do. It is a real privilege to preside at communion and to take funerals, weddings and baptisms. I enjoy putting a service together and writing sermons.

I also visit people who are ill or housebound in the benefice and at present am completing a placement at the hospital. It is a pleasure to talk and pray with people in their homes or at their bedsides.

I am still World Development Adviser for the diocese and regularly give talks on Fairtrade or environmental matters, so I get to see a great deal of Suffolk and meet some very interesting people.

I hope that all in all I am making a difference to people's lives and helping to grow the church. I know that we all take very different paths to faith and to our roles within our churches. It seems to me that every time I have said yes to God he has gently pushed me a little further down my path. I hope I can encourage others along theirs. I never imagined in my youth being where and what I am today. God is full of surprises and full of answers to life's difficulties and mysteries, but, of course, I'm still asking lots of questions as there is always so much more to learn.

To read the full story please visit our website [here](#).

‘Little Bake-Off’ inspires love of cooking in Suffolk youngsters



A group of Suffolk churches have created their own ‘little Bake-off’ - inspiring children from the area to pick up a mixing bowl and get cooking.

Alix Taylor, trainee priest at Sancroft Benefice, launched the weekly cooking club, Cook@Church, in 2019, with the

aim of engaging more young people in the area. Children from Year 6 to Year 9 from Metfield, are invited to cook together at the village hall, with older people volunteering their time to pass on their favourite recipes.

After the Covid-19 pandemic, the group started to meet monthly and since then has grown and grown.

To read more on this story, please visit [our website here](#).

Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) Provincial Council

The SCP is a society of Anglican Deacons, Priests and Bishops who believe in a generous, fully inclusive, and catholic church which delights in the great diversity of God’s creation. This is reflected in our vision and values which can be found on our website: www.societyofcatholicpriests.com/our-vision We are also developing a lay movement (Chi Rho).

SCP chapters welcome new members, please see our website for more information [here](#). Or email Mother Ali, Chapter Rector teamvicarlvnb@btinternet.com.

Events

Ishmael’s Praise Party Concert

Saturday 11 March, 2.00pm

Christ Church Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EW

Come along and celebrate God with this high energy concert, packed with praise, singing and participation, especially tailored for young people and young families. While it is free to all who attend, there will be an offering to support Ishmael's ministry. No booking required. If you would like more information please email the [Revd Jonathan Ford](#).

Open the Book - Core Training Workshop

Tuesday 14 March 9.30am - 12.30pm,

Mickfield Evangelical Church, Stonham Road, Mickfield, Stowmarket IP14 5LS

Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Come along for a training workshop with Heather Land, Regional Training & Development Officer, to become a volunteer storyteller. To book your place please email training@openthebook.net.

Safeguarding Volunteer Training

Wednesday 15 March 3.30-4.30pm, Zoom

We are looking to grow our Core Group of Volunteer Trainers to work alongside our two Diocesan Safeguarding Trainers, Lisa Hicks and Mark Bee. As a volunteer trainer we would be asking you to deliver training locally on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Volunteer Trainer, Lisa and Mark are hosting two separate information sessions. To book your place, [please click here](#).

Praxis East - Treasures Old and New

Thursday 16 March, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, Zoom

Come and explore the tensions between traditional and contemporary expressions of worship. This is another opportunity for liturgy and worship practitioners across the eastern dioceses to come together. Using a peer-led discussion on Zoom, clergy and lay ministers can share experience, ideas and expertise. To book your place please email Helen: helenbent99@gmail.com.

Church heating - To replace or not replace?

21 March, 4.00pm - 5.00pm [Book here](#)

2 May, 4.00pm - 5.00pm [Book here](#)

This webinar will tell you what you should think about when deciding whether to replace your heating. What are the implications for your carbon footprint and the historic context of the church? This will take in equipment, running costs, efficiency considerations, embodied carbon and maintenance.

A Spectrum of Song

Saturday 25 March 10.00am–4.00pm

St Peter & St Paul Church, Lavenham CO10 9SA

From Tallis to Townend – join Richard Hubbard as he leads you on a musical journey through Christian worship music. Explore a wealth of eclectic styles, from the music of the early church to the vibrant sounds of today's worship. You don't have to be an experienced singer to benefit from this workshop. The aim is to explore a wide variety of music suitable for churches of varying sizes, including those with limited musical resources. Whether you are a choral singer, a leader or planner of worship, or an enthusiastic member of the congregation, there will be something for everyone.

Tickets cost £10 and be purchased at stedscathedral.org/inharmony/

Good Friday Walk of Witness & Children's Trail

Friday 7 April, 10.00am

Holy Innocents' Church, Great Barton IP31 2QS

Join Holy Innocents' Church and Freedom Church, Great Barton for a 'Walk of Witness'. The walk will be from Holy Innocents' to Freedom Church, or you can join at any area of the walk. During the walk there will be eight Stations of the Cross, depicting Christ's journey. At each station there will be activities for children and reflections for older folk. If you would like lunch please [click here to book](#).

Finding my way - an Essex ministry

Wednesday 12 April, 6.00pm-7.30pm
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building IP4 1QJ

Ivor Moody, the Vice-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral will be speaking about responding creatively to the challenges of our contemporary world and changing British society, drawing on his past experiences and his present role as Vice Dean and Canon Pastor of Chelmsford Cathedral since 2010. Ivor is Chaplain to Essex County Council, Chair of the Mid-Essex Inter Faith Forum and also Chair of Essex Mind and Spirit, a community voluntary organisation which seeks to promote positive relationships between faith and spirituality and mental health issues. [To book, please click here.](#)

Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Churchyard Management

Wednesday 19 April, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

The grassland in churchyards has mostly gone untouched for decades, if not centuries, with no fertilising nor reseeding. It is therefore often rich in wildflowers, which are now so scarce elsewhere. Careful management of all or part of the churchyard to favour these wildflowers offers a unique opportunity to safeguard this valuable habitat in a place where it can be enjoyed by parishioners and visitors alike. Suffolk Wildlife Trust's conservation advisers Cathy Smith and Graham Hart will reveal some of the many hidden gems you might find in churchyards and how to optimise the habitat for wildlife, whilst supporting its value for the wider community. [Sign up here.](#)

Church solar panels

19 April, 4.00pm - 5.00pm [Book here](#)
20 June, 4.00pm - 5.00 [Book here](#)

This webinar will give you an introduction to solar PV panel technology, its applications, usage and on-going benefits that accrue to system owners. This webinar is a full update of the same webinar last run two years ago. The key speaker is Guy Hewitt from Treadlighter, who has 13 years' experience of designing and installing solar PV systems across all property types, including many projects for churches and listed buildings.

Vocations Fair 2023

Saturday 29 April, 10.00am - 1.00pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Come and visit the many stalls representing our ministries for an informal chat to find the right ministry for you: Chaplaincy, Children's and Families, Church Army, Elders, Pioneers, Evangelists, Lightwave Leaders, Mothers' Union, Ordained ministers, PCC Officers, Readers, Recognised Local Leaders, School Foundation Governors, Spiritual Directors and Youth Ministers. For more information please contact the [Revd Stuart Batten](#). [Download](#)



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SHAPE

Wednesdays starting 10 May 2023, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

By Zoom



This online six-session course will look at our God-given gifts and skills, talents and experience and discover how God may be calling you into different forms of ministry.

Your SHAPE for God's Service aims to

enable church members to understand the unique SHAPE God has made them, the gifts he has given them and how he might want to use them. Hopefully this will enable participants to live and serve with more joy, satisfaction and fruitfulness. The core topics look at your: Spiritual Gifts, Heart's Desire, Abilities, Personality and Experience. For more information and to book please visit: 2023_SHAPE.eventbrite.co.uk. [Download this poster to advertise in your church.](#)

Financial Planning During Ministry for Retirement and Beyond

Wednesday 10 May, 9.30am, Zoom

The aim of this seminar is to help clergy (and their partners) demystify financial matters, and to help you plan for your financial future no matter how far you may be from retirement. Key speakers include those from the Church of England Pensions Board, clergy pension and housing teams; plus independent financial advisers from Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services. To book your place, please email Lesley-Anne.Marriott@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Save the Dates:

Farewell and Thanksgiving Service: For Archdeacon Jeanette as she retires from the Archdeaconry of Suffolk. Sunday 23 April at Framlingham Parish Church, Church Street, Framlingham IP13 9BH. Starting at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Big Suffolk Prayer Walk 2023

19-21 May All are welcome and we'll be sharing more information about ways you can get involved very soon.

Improving your Parish Finances conference - building a generous church

10 June. Please [download this poster here](#) to share in your parish.

Notices

Statistics for Mission: Over 50% of parishes have already submitted their forms - thank you.

Completing your Statistics for Mission will provide your benefice and our diocese valuable information and data. The results of your efforts are collated by the national Church and

used to produce your parish dashboard. These are available on our website [here](#). These dashboards can be really useful to help you produce your Parish Profile or your Benefice [Plan for Growth](#). Obviously, the more accurate the information you can provide now, the better data analysis available later on! So, we have arranged three webinars to help you. If you would like to discuss your Statistics for Mission, find out more or ask for help, then please attend one of these especially arranged webinars, each led by your Archdeacon:

Sudbury Archdeaconry - 14 March at 7.00pm

Suffolk Archdeaconry - 16 March at 7.00pm

Ipswich Archdeaconry - 23 March at 7.00pm

To book onto one of these webinars email alison.barker@cofesuffolk.org and she will email you the Zoom link.

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 Alison Barker by [email](#). The deadline is 31 March 2023. Further information is available on our website [here](#).

Vacancies

[Vicars Choral | St Edmundsbury Cathedral](#) | Closing date: 10 March

[Rector | Benefice of Haughley, Wetherden and Stowupland](#) | Closing date: 17 March

[Priest in Charge \(0.5\) | Capel St Mary with Great Wenham and Little Wenham](#) | Closing date: 17 March

[Priest in Charge | Benefice of Elmsett with Aldham, Hintlesham, Chattisham and Kersey](#) | Closing date: 24 March

[Safeguarding Administrator - Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich](#) | Closing date: 27 March

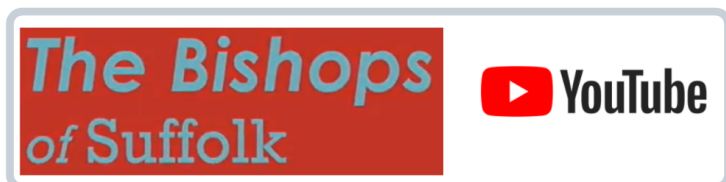
[House for Duty Priest in Charge | The Wrentham Benefice](#) | Closing date: 17 April

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