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Growing in God

Information and guidance for churches during the Covid-19 pandemic is being updated. Please visit the Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information.

From webinar to congregation member



St Mary's Church in Haverhill has thrived since the closure of places of worship due to Covid-19 after moving all its services online. The church made use of social media platforms to stream a range of online services and in doing so, have been able to reach a new audience.

As well as traditional church services, the highly popular Café Church session was moved online and allowed members of the community to come together at a time where many people have suffered with loneliness.

Charlotte Kalinsky, who has lived in Haverhill for her whole life, but has become a fully fledged member of the congregation after seeing the Café Church online service via social media. Charlotte said: "I am a frontline healthcare worker, and the past year has been incredibly tough but connecting with members of my community via the online church services has been a lifeline through these extraordinary times. At a time where loneliness is rife, online church has not only provided me with an incredibly strong sense of community but lots of new friends too".

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

New church plant in Ipswich



The Lindbergh Road Community Church was launched during the Covid-19 pandemic, set up by the Revd Ian Daniels and his wife Julie, as part of our initiative, Inspiring Ipswich.

Mrs Daniels said: "We wanted to create a church which is rooted in our local community and responding to the needs of everyone in the area – making a difference where we are." The church meets in the couple's garden and the

Revd Ian Daniels has spoken of its goal of "making a difference".

For the full story please visit the East Anglian Daily Times [here](#). Photo credit: Philip JC King.

To learn more about Inspiring Ipswich please visit their [website](#).

Congratulations to those receiving a Lord Lieutenant's Award

This award is made jointly by the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston and the High Sheriff, Bridget McIntyre. It is for anyone who provided exceptional service and support to those in their community during the pandemic. The recent recipients include:

The Revd Sharron Coburn, St Peter's Brandon (food bank services)
The Revd Mark Cresswell (Grundisburgh)
Diane Grano (Red Lodge) - Diane will be on Radio Suffolk this Sunday morning sharing news about her projects and see notes below
Archdeacon Sally Gaze (Lightwave)
Colin Grimwood (Baptist Church, Grundisburgh but working in conjunction with the CofE Church) specifically for Food Bank services
The Revd Brian Jolley (Yoxford)
The Revd Nic Stuchfield (Saxmundham)

Awards can be made to collectives/organisations, not just individuals and anyone can be nominated. To nominate a person or group for the award please write to the official Lieutenancy office at lieutenancyoffice@suffolk.gov.uk

A year with Lightwave in Red Lodge

2020 was a roller coaster year for all of us - not least for the new Lightwave Rural Hub Church at Red Lodge. But Pioneer church leader Diane Grano and her growing team rose to the challenge magnificently, and their work has recently been recognised by a Lieutenant's Award.

The team quickly adapted to respond to the challenge, organising a foodbank, running a baby bank, delivering groceries and prescriptions to the particularly vulnerable, and, when possible, still running the Lightwave café and activities for children, young people and families – in person or online. The highlight of 2020 was a celebratory baptism and confirmation service led by Bishop Mike. Through the year they have really lived the Lightwave message, shining the light of Jesus in Suffolk.

To learn more about Lightwave and how you could be involved, visit: www.light-wave.org



Watch Diane Grano and her team in this short but inspiring video.

Small grants available for your church's Lent activities



The Diocesan Growing in God Growth Fund has a small amount of money to help your church reach out creatively during Lent and Easter.

Grants of up to £300 are available and any applications will be assessed on a weekly rolling basis. More details such as eligibility requirements and

the application form are available at: <https://cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/growing-your-parish/growth-funding-opportunities/>

The Growing in God Growth Fund encourages churches to share the Christian faith so they can grow our church family. The funds offered are to support projects that would not or are unlikely to happen without the support of this grant.

Over 2020, the fund granted £11,218, with £2,100 granted for specific Christmas projects. These grants helped churches offer Christmas boxes and goodies bags to communities, online Messy Church and New Year displays. To read case studies about these projects please visit our website [here](#).

Additional funds for longer term projects will be available from the end of March, watch this space for more information.

Events

Living in love and faith

Saturday 20 February 10.00am – 12.30pm

Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike host the next of their popular training mornings, all from the comfort of your own house, by Zoom. They will be discussing the recent Church of England resource "Living in love and faith". Exploring the resources provided and considering Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. To book please visit <https://living-in-love-and-faith-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>. Enquiries to Lesley Steed on 01473 298510 or email lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org.

Lent events

If you are looking for Lent resources to support your church please visit: [Lent resources and training materials](#). For details of Lent events including #Livelent and 40 days of Kindness and more please visit our website [Lent events and explainers](#).

Radical Faith: Inspirational Christians Lives for Challenging Times: St

Edmundsbury Cathedral will be hosting a series of speakers during Lent looking at five inspirational Christian lives for today's challenging times and circumstances. Speakers include The Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie author of 'A Field Guide to English Clergy' and Liz Dodd, journalist, and home news editor of the Tablet. Full details of the topics and speakers can be found on the cathedral [website](#). For more information and the Zoom link, please email michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org.

InHarmony Ash Wednesday Service: St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Cantus Firmus Trust are producing a 30-minute pre-recorded video service for Ash Wednesday. The service, which is introduced by the Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, uses a range of music recorded by Suffolk singers and musicians during lockdown. Words include material from the Iona Community.

Churches are invited to include this service in their schedule. It will be hosted on YouTube, and available at stedscathedral.org/inharmony from the weekend. Advance copies of the script, for clergy and service planners, are available from Richard Hubbard at music.development@stedscathedral.org.

Webinars on getting to net zero carbon: Designed to support and equip you to reach the Church's ambitious "net zero carbon" emissions target. Dates and booking details are available [here](#).

Free webinars to help your church encourage giving and grow generosity: On ways to encourage giving. For all dates and booking details please visit: www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/webinars-and-training

Developing Online Church Services: Looking at different ways your church can use digital communications to keep connected with those who attend your services and events. All bookings and download links are available here: www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/digital-labs-webinars

Notices

Contact audits: As part of ensuring that the details we hold about you on our database (known as CMS) are correct (and also to ensure we remain GDPR compliant), we have been undertaking an audit of all the contacts on our database. We hold details of people who hold the following roles:

- Those who hold a Bishop's Licence or Commission.
- Parochial Church Council Members (PCCs).
- Members of the General, Diocesan and/or Deanery Synods.
- Others with recognised roles for a parish or deanery that may not already be part of any of the above groups (e.g. Deanery Organisers).

We are conducting the audit in stages and if you are in one of these groups, you will or will have already received an email asking you to check the data held for your role and we thank you for your participation.

In addition, those in the groups above can register to the CMS via this link cofeportal.org, and once accepted, you can view and update the data held about you.

Parish treasurers: If you are looking for the latest guidance and advice for Gift Aid, Charity Registration, Encouraging Giving, Funding and Legacies and Good News, then sign-up to the Parish Resources mailing list: click [here](#).

Safeguarding Training update: The Safeguarding Team was informed on Wednesday 10 February that the national online training portal and the Foundation course have been updated. There is no need to redo the module if you have completed it within the last three years. Going forward anyone completing the course for the first time or as a refresher module will be asked to complete the new course.

Vacancies

[Pioneer Evangelis for Ipswich Centre of Mission](#) | Closing date 21 March



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