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Welcome to our Summer eNews for Events

The Mission and Ministry Team have pulled together some of the key events that are coming up in the near future and a few 'save the dates' going into the Autumn. An up to date copy of the events will also appear on our [website](#) and this will be updated more regularly as we add new activities to our list. I would like to highlight a few key events supporting our Growing in God vision:

Growing in God

Leading through Complexity: Five Ways to Survive and Thrive in 2021: This is an excellent webinar and resource for ordained and lay leaders to reflect upon over the summer to both rest and plan for the autumn. James Lawrence is an excellent speaker and the website includes downloadable practical resources:

- [Five Ways to Survive or Thrive Handouts](#)
- [Five Ways to Survive or Thrive Resources](#)
- [Getting Started - Questions to ask](#)
- [Online/Onsite guide](#)

Faith Pictures: this is a short course of six sessions to help you talk about faith in a natural way and explore what God means to you. It is effective for all church traditions, helping us to recognise God in each of us. This is a must for every Christian and an excellent resource to use as part of your Growing in Number strategy. To find out more, please email [Phil Dykes](#), our new Mission Enabler.

Faith Empowered Taster Session: Ever thought of being an Evangelist? Do you want to reach beyond the church building with the love of God? Phil Dykes will be leading a taster session to help you find out if being an Evangelist is for you. This will include an introduction to the Faith Empowered course which could lead to ministry. For further information regarding the full course please visit our website [here](#). Do email [Phil Dykes](#) to get started.



YouthWork Essentials: Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth Advisor, is launching a new course in the autumn for those interested in volunteering and working with young people. This is an innovative new course for volunteer youth leaders that increases your skills and confidence about working alongside young people ... More details are available here: www.youthscape.co.uk/yse. The course is 10 weeks long and the team can run this from a central venue or we can come to you if you have a few volunteers willing to commit. Please email [Matt](#) for more information, to arrange a taster session or to register your interest for the course.

Connect: This course focuses on developing leadership and team-building skills to raise awareness and understanding of family ministry and to reach out to families in our communities. Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell, Diocesan Children's and Families' Enabler starting a new cohort of 'Connect' in the autumn. Full details are available [here](#) or please email [Hilary](#) for information.



World Mission Conference on Saturday 30 October 2021 which is focusing on Modern Day Slavery - please save the date!

Anna Chaplaincy: Phil Dykes is exploring training opportunities in our diocese for work with older people, for engaging with people beyond the church, whether they have faith or not. If you are interested please do get in contact with [Phil](#) by email

I have also included below a variety of different types of events, some hosted by those in our diocese and others from supporting organisations, some supporting Mission, Ministry and PCC administration while others are community events. We have presented this as a 'pick and mix' and we hope that the ideas inspire you to sign up!

Every blessing,

The Revd Canon Dave Gardner, Director of Mission and Ministry

Mission and Ministry events in our Diocese

Bishops' Summer School 2021: The Gospel of John

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 July daily 2.00pm - 5.00pm

What would you say to your closest friends, your nearest and dearest, the night before you died? What would you do? How would you be? Maybe more important for Christians is to know what Jesus would say, do and be when he knew he was about to die. Well, we have an account, given to us in the Gospel of John, chapters 13 to 17. It's also where

Jesus unpacks what it means to follow him and, along with the Sermon on the Mount, is Jesus' most prolonged and substantial piece of teaching in the gospels. But it takes some unpacking and understanding.

Please join Bishop Mike to unwrap the gift of John 13 to 17. There will be teaching, conversation and refreshments. Each of the sessions can stand alone so don't worry if you can't make all three. And they will also be recorded if you want to watch one or more of the sessions later. This is the first of what the Bishops anticipate will be an annual Summer school looking at some aspect of Scripture or theology.

To register, please go to: [The Bishop's Summer School 2021 Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#) and if you would like more information, please contact Claire Cachelin at clairecachelin@stedscathedral.org

Here am I: send me!

2021 Study Day for all Licensed Lay Ministers and Readers

Saturday 25 September 10.00am – 4.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

After the wilderness of the Covid months we hope to celebrate the blooming of our ministries with an exciting array of speaker-led workshops and dialogues to inspire our collective mission and ministry to widen the Kingdom of God in our respective communities. Alongside Bishop Mike and the Diocesan Mission and Ministry team members, we welcome:

- Carrie Myers, Lay Ministries Officer for the Church of England – 'Flourishing Lay Ministry'
- The Revd Canon Michael Robinson, Canon Theologian and Bishop's Chaplain – 'Kingdom calling: enabling the vocation of the whole people of God'.
- Richard Hubbard, Music Development Director and leader of InHarmony - 'Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord' - workshop to facilitate music in worship.

The day will conclude with a Eucharist to bring healing and renewal in our ministerial vocation to go and share Christ's love with all. We look forward to seeing you all then. Please book on [Eventbrite](#).

Launchpad

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September

Vauxhall Christian Trust, Great Wenham, CO7 6QQ (between Ipswich and Colchester)

Join the Lightwave Community for a weekend away to encounter God afresh. This is a great opportunity to invite new Christians and not-yet Christians to find out more about Jesus. You will learn more about Lightwave while relaxing, having fun and making friends with those of all ages from different parts of the county. The weekend will include the commissioning (or recommissioning) of our Lightwave leaders by Bishop Mike on Saturday evening. Please visit: www.light-wave.org/launchpad to book and/or email queries to lightwave.community@cofesuffolk.org.



Lightwave small group leader training



Lightwave is about small groups, shining God's light in Suffolk communities. In leader training, participants learn how to facilitate a group for discipleship and mission by being part of one. If you are interested in becoming a Lightwave Leader, more information is on our website [here](#). This training is an ideal hands-on way of experiencing a Lightwave Small Group for yourself, while exploring and developing your leadership skills. If you get 4-10 people together, it is usually possible to deliver the course locally at a time to suit you. The course covers:

- Loving God and loving people at the heart of your group
- Discerning vision and call
- Skills for facilitating a healthy group meeting
- Developing gifts within the group
- Making and growing new disciples

4, 11 and 18 October 2021 Click [here](#) to book.

MSM-Flexi



Mission Shaped Ministry is a one year learning journey, equipping people to begin, sustain and grow mission initiatives including Lightwave groups. This flexible version of the course is specifically designed for whole teams who want to work together to reach out to their community or network and help others to discover God's love. You choose the modules you want and the order you do them in. You can even choose whether to meet in person or on an online platform. You can receive training and resources to facilitate the course yourselves, or you can have expert trainers from the Lightwave team, depending on availability. There will be a number of groups starting September each year, as MSM-Flexi is used as part of the Auxiliary Ordination Pathway, but you can start whenever you like. Email [Nina Seaman](#) for more information.

Facilitator Training

Two opportunities for training and preparation (by Zoom) to equip you to facilitate an MSM-Flexi group. The two dates are repeats of the same training, to give participants a choice of dates. You only need to book onto one of these dates to complete the facilitator training. There are a maximum of 12 spaces per session.

Either 15 September 2021 7.30pm– 9.00pm. Click [here](#) to book.

Or 23 September 2021 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Click [here](#) to book.

Saturday forum dates - open to all.

13 November 2021 | Mission in a time of Reconstruction. Click [here](#) to book.

29 January 2022 | Discipleship in a time of Reconstruction. Click [here](#) to book

7 May 2022 | Community Engagement in a time of Reconstruction, booking details to be confirmed.

Eastern Region Clergy Pre-retirement Conference 2021

Tuesday 16 November 2021 10.00am – Thursday 18 November 2021 2.00pm

Pleshey House of Retreat, Chelmsford CM3 1HA

For clergy within three years of retirement age. This is a chance to look at the more personal and spiritual issues around the question: What do I hope for in retirement? This event allows us to explore together the spiritual, practical and psychological steps into a new phase of life and ministry in an atmosphere of quiet reflection, with input from The Venerable David Lowman, a retired archdeacon from the Diocese of Chelmsford, and Anne Power, a psychotherapist and Church of England congregant. To book click [here](#).

Opportunities for learning and reflection – open to all!

The following three courses currently planned to take place in person, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Earl Stonham Village Hall, IP14 5HJ, though some may run at least partially on Zoom.

Being Anglican: six Wednesday evening sessions looking at what makes us distinctive as Anglicans, with bits of church history thrown in! This course is useful for all who find themselves wondering why we do what we do, or how we come to be as we are in the Church of England. Wednesdays 8, 15, 22 and 29 September, 6 and 13 (or 20, tbc) October 2021.

Enhancing Pastoral Ministry: seven Tuesday evenings exploring the theology and practicalities of pastoral ministry and looking more closely at particular areas (such as death and dying, disability, and caring for carers). This course is particularly useful for new Lay Elders with a pastoral role (as well as for continuing development for any involved in pastoral ministry). Tuesdays 14 and 28 September, 5 and 12 October, 2, 9 and 23 November 2021.

Enhancing Worship: six Wednesday evening sessions which aim to better understand worship, explore different ways of worshipping, and develop the practical skills needed for designing and leading worship. This course is particularly useful for new Lay Elders with a liturgical role (as well as for continuing development for any involved in leading worship). Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 and 24 November, 1 and 8 December 2021.

The cost is £30 per module per person (non-transferable, non-refundable, payable from CMD allowance for those in receipt of this). To book your place, please email ruth.dennigan@cofesuffolk.org (places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis).

Events for PCC administration

Take the chance to discuss parish financial issues with the Diocesan Team

Tuesday 27 July 2021, 2.00pm by Zoom

You are invited to join Anna Hughes, Diocesan Secretary, and Gary Peverley, Finance Director, at a Zoom meeting for treasurers, clergy and other interested parties to discuss parish financial matters. This is your chance to raise any issues and let us know how it is going in your parish. To join the Zoom meeting please email lorna.todd@cofesuffolk.org with your name and parish and include any questions you would like to raise. You will be sent a Zoom invitation prior to the meeting.

Churchwardens' training 2021

Led by the Archdeacon with contributions from the Diocesan Registrar this evening covers tasks and legal responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and Question and Answers. Booking details below:

Sudbury Archdeaconry | Wednesday 28 July 2021, 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Park Road, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3QW | [Book here.](#)

Suffolk Archdeaconry | Wednesday 21 July 2021, 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, 61 Rigbourne Hill, Beccles NR34 9JQ | [Book here.](#)

Ipswich Archdeaconry was held on 5 July, to catch up please contact [Helen Smith](#) in Inspiring Ipswich.

Education Events

Basics of Religious Education - Tuesday 21 September, 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom. Suitable for Headteachers, Governors and Clergy in all primary schools. A practical introduction to the Suffolk RE Syllabus which will demonstrate clearly what needs to be taught and why. Cost £50.

Basics of Collective Worship - Tuesday 28 September, 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom. Suitable for Headteachers, Governors and Clergy. A practical introduction for those interested in Collective Worship in primary schools. Cost £50.

To book these events and find out more please email [Jacqui Studd](#) | Schools Administrator.

Events by other organisations

Connecting climate and nature webinar

Thursday 22 July, 11.30am - 1.00pm

This event hosted by A Rocha is an opportunity to explore how serious climate change is for UK nature, whether nature-based solutions actually work for climate and nature and learn more about what the risks and opportunities of the government's view on nature-based solutions are. Please register via Eventbrite [here](#) to receive a reminder and details

on how to join closer to the event date.

Sarum College events

Sarum College is a centre for Christian study and research with passion for learning that nourishes the human spirit. They are offering a series of courses over the summer and autumn including Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek in a Week; The Eucharist: Theological Perspectives, Spiritual Practices and Artistic Representations and A Sound We Christen': The Language of Worship. Please visit their website [here](#) for further details and to book.

USPG Conference 2021

Tuesday 19 July to 21 July

Online

Speakers from across the globe, including the Bishop of Norwich, will be coming together for this three-day online conference to discuss some of the pertinent topics of our age. How can USPG and its partners speak prophetically into these important issues alongside supporting churches in their community responses? Topics include:

- Solidarity and global mission in the Age of Covid
- Prayer, Presence and Provision in the Pandemic
- Racial Justice: Recovering Spiritualities, Restoring Justice
- The Cry of Creation: Creativity in the Church.

To book please visit their website [here](#).

Exploring healthcare chaplaincy

Four half-day sessions: 30 September, 21 October, 11 November 2 December

Online

Join this course if you are thinking about volunteering within a pastoral, spiritual and religious healthcare setting. Led by Jacqueline Watson (non-religious Chaplain) and the Revd Meg Burton (Christian Chaplain), you will explore the topic including understanding how we use ourselves in healthcare chaplaincy; ethical principles and practices; developing professionalism; equality, diversity and inclusion. For further information and application details please contact training@network-health.org.uk.

PCC Tonight Training

Thursday 4 November 2021, 7.00pm - 9.20pm

CPAS is running an online event, led by James Lawrence, to clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, to explore some common dysfunctions, and to introduce material you can use to shape its life. Intended for all PCC members, the event works best when you get as many of your PCC to join in as you can. Come ready to enjoy a fun and informative evening. The fee is £4 per person, please book [here](#).



Community events

Beer Festival

St Edmundsbury Cathedral
25 – 30 August 2021

The West Suffolk Branch of The Campaign for Real Ale are holding their beer festival at the Cathedral, come along and enjoy beer, music and more. All proceeds will support local charities and good causes. Tickets can be obtained at www.burybeerfestival.com.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride / Pedal and Drive 2021

Saturday 11 September



Full details are now available for the several thousand cyclists and walkers of all ages (and vintage and classic cars drivers) who will take part in this annual fundraising event. In

September 2020 £190,000 was raised in a day. The money they raise helps save this wonderful part of our history, with half going to the Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the cyclists' and walkers' chosen church.

Also, on the same day, a vintage and classic car rally is held with cars travelling a provided route, around a selection of churches. Sponsor forms and full details for Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive are now available in Suffolk churches and from the Trust website. Donations and sponsorship can also be collected via Just Giving. Please visit: www.shct.org.uk

Gaia Exhibition

St Peter Mancroft, Norwich NR2 1QZ
Friday 1 October to Sunday 31 October

Come along and see our lovely planet home as if from space. Gaia is a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram. Measuring six metres in diameter and created from 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface the artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet, floating in three dimensions. Also join a range of talks and activities focusing on the climate emergency and the environment. For more information please visit their website [here](#).

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