

REMEMBER  
CELEBRATE  
ANTICIPATE



## A Resource for Families, Schools and Churches



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
SUFFOLK

## Time to remember, celebrate and anticipate the future.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

This resource has been produced as part of the community prayer spaces initiative for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The diocese is encouraging prayer spaces to be created in community spaces such as churches, workplaces, pubs and at Jubilee celebrations across the county. It is hoped that it will be used by individuals, families, schools, communities and churches. It can be used as part of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but could also be used to enable people to reflect on the past and to approach the future in these changing times.

For each of the three words, "Remember", "Celebrate" and "Anticipate" there are resources to help you set up prayer spaces. These will give people opportunity to think, reflect, pray and take action. There are pictures with questions to encourage conversation and aid reflection. These focus on the Queen and the monarchy, faith and the church, and our personal lives. There are also simple activities for people to participate in.

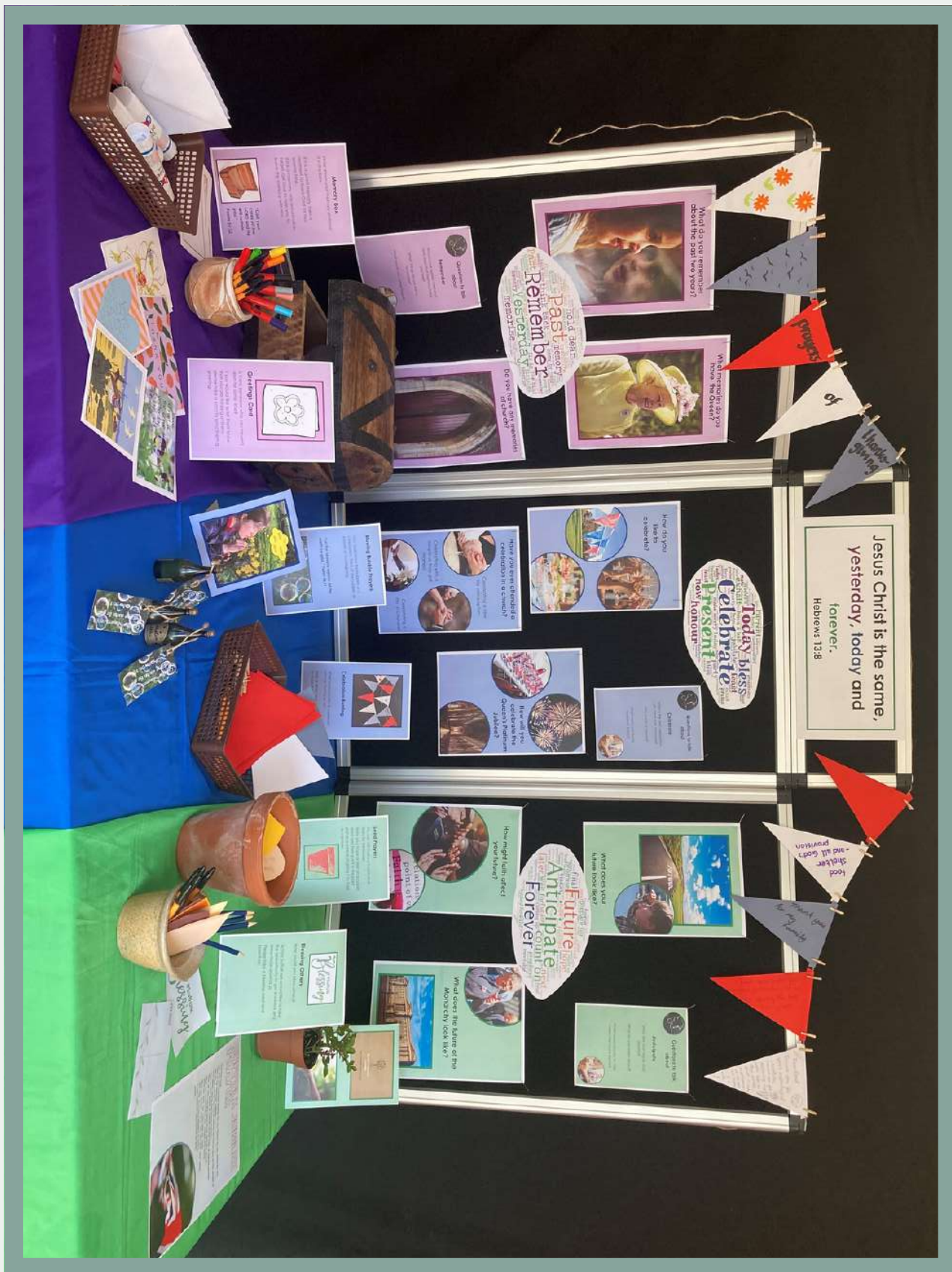
In addition to this there are "Questions to think about" which can be used as discussion starters or table talk questions.

This resource is deliberately multi-layered and appropriate to be used by any and all ages. It would be particularly effective if used in an intergenerational setting, encouraging people of all ages to share their experiences, memories, hopes and concerns together.

Please feel free to adapt this resource for the space and setting you have. You can create three separate prayer spaces or combine them as one.

There are additional resources available, to support this initiative, including templates for the activities and a "What the Bible says" leaflet. This resource is also available in Word format to enable you to easily adapt it to for your own use.

# Suggested Layout for a Combined Prayer Space



# Remember-What will you need?

## Remember

This space encourages people to reflect on their memories whether good or bad. It allows people to give thanks, but also to grieve. It also gives opportunity to share memories with others and to reach out to those we have not been able to see for some time.

You will need:

- Display board
- Purple fabric backdrop (optional)
- Header page- "Remember"
- Reflection pages
  - The Queen
  - The Church
  - Personal Memories
- Memory prayers
  - A chest or box
  - Memory prayer cards (see templates)
  - Pens/pencils
- Greetings cards
  - A pack of cards or
  - Blank cards for people to decorate themselves.
  - Pens, papers, scissors, glue sticks etc. for card decorating
- "Questions to talk about" (optional)
  - These could be used as table talk questions.

Additional ideas:

- Royal memorabilia from the Coronation or previous Jubilees
- Photos from events in your local church
- Communion set
- Hymn books
- Masks
- Hand sanitiser
- A rainbow



# Celebrate-What will you need?

## Celebrate

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee gives us all a wonderful opportunity to come together in celebration. As individuals, families, schools, churches and communities we have much to be thankful for.

You will need:

- Display board
- Blue fabric backdrop (optional)
- Header page- "Celebrate"
- Reflection pages
  - The Queen and the Jubilee,
  - Church Celebrations
  - Personal and Family Celebrations
- Celebration Bunting
  - Paper triangles (red, white and blue would be appropriate)
  - Pens, pencils, felt-tip pens
  - String or ribbon
  - Staples or pegs to attach the triangles to the string
- Bubbles
  - These are available as miniature champagne bottles which would be fun
  - Labels for the bottles (see templates- optional)
- "Questions to talk about" (optional)
  - These could be used as table talk questions.

Additional ideas:

- This prayer space could form part of a street party or similar celebration
- A celebration cake or cupcakes to share
- Champagne or Prosecco and glasses as a prop (or you could have something to share at a celebration event)
- Alternative non-alcoholic drink for non-drinkers and children
- Photos of a street party or similar
- A Christening gown
- Wedding photos
- Lilies and an order of service for a funeral (names/photos removed)

# Suggested Layout for "Celebrate"



# Anticipate-What will you need?

## Anticipate

The future offers a mixture of hopes and dreams, fears and concerns. Anticipate gives opportunity for people to contemplate the future in a personal way. There is also opportunity to join in with blessing others through the Suffolk Blessing initiative.

You will need:

- Display board
- Green fabric backdrop (optional)
- Header page- "Anticipate"
- Reflection pages
  - The Monarchy
  - Faith
  - Personal Future
- Seed prayers
  - A plant pot
  - Paper seeds (see templates)
  - Pens/pencils
- Blessing prayers- option 1
  - Sunflower seeds (or similar)
- Blessing prayers- option 2
  - Suffolk Blessing cards
  - There are a series of graphics available to download from our website #suffolk blessing
  - If you are interested in having some printed #suffolkblessing prayer cards, please email: [communications@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:communications@cofesuffolk.org)
- "Questions to talk about" (optional)
  - These could be used as table talk questions.

Additional ideas:

- Bibles
- Prayer resources
- Symbols such as crosses, praying hands and candles
- Ideas for Eco Church
- Information about the Queen's Green Canopy
  - This prayer space could be set up as part of a tree planting in your community
- You could also change the activities, such as giving out real seeds, such as sunflower seeds, or something that could be grown in time for a Harvest Festival service later in the year. You can be as imaginative as you like!



# Suggested Layout for "Anticipate"



## Additional Resources

Please see the "Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Suffolk" resource which gives many other ideas to help you to plan for the Jubilee.

(Available at:

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/exploring-faith/in-our-communities/the-queens-jubilee/the-queens-jubilee.php>)

Included at the end of this document are the following:

- A poster of Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever". This Bible verse underpins the prayer space resource.
- 3 Bible verse pages, one each for "Remember", "Celebrate" and "Anticipate"
- The Suffolk Jubilee Prayer which can be used in homes, schools and churches, or at a special Jubilee event.
- Further information about the Suffolk Blessing for you reference.
- Additional, optional pages.

To support this resource the following documents are available:

- This resource as a Word document which you can adapt and change for your own setting
- Word document giving you templates for the activities.
- A Word document header page of Hebrews 13:8, to be printed as A3
- Table talk Word document. If you are serving refreshments at your event these can be printed out and left on tables as discussion starters.
- "What the Bible says" leaflet. These can be available for everyone to take or can be given out as appropriate.

Please feel free to add your own resources such as information about your own church or invitations to future events.



**What memories do you have the Queen?**



**Do you have any memories  
of church?**



**What do you remember about the past two years?**





**Cast your cares  
on the LORD and  
He will sustain  
you.**

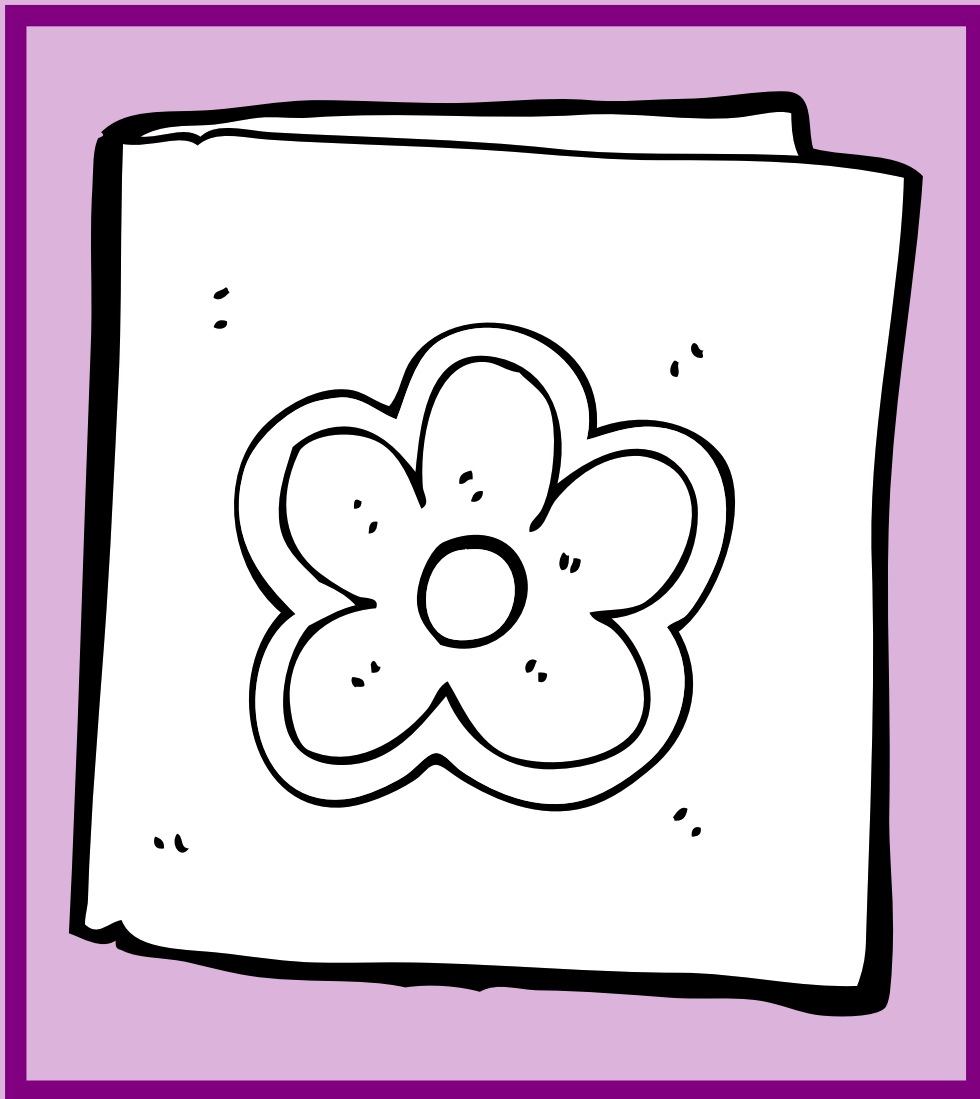
**Psalm 55:22**

## **Memory Box**

Write down your memory and post it in the box.

If it is a good memory, take a moment to thank God for that special time.

If it is a memory, you would rather forget, ask God to help you to leave the memory with Him.



## **Greetings cards**

Is there someone who you haven't seen for some time?

If you would like to let them know that you are thinking of them, please take a card to send them a greeting.





# Questions to Talk About

## Remember

What is your earliest memory?  
How does that memory make  
you feel?

What things do you like to  
remember?

What would you rather forget?







**How will you  
celebrate the  
Queen's Platinum  
Jubilee?**



# Have you ever attended a celebration in a church?



Celebrating a new life with baptism



Celebrating with a couple as they get married



Celebrating a life at a funeral

**How do you  
like to  
celebrate?**





# Celebration Bunting

What would you like to celebrate  
and say thank you for?

Write or draw on a paper triangle to  
make thanksgiving bunting.





## Blowing Bubbles Prayers

Think of the bubbles as blowing prayers of thanksgiving to God.

You could use these bubbles at a celebration.

**“Let the heavens  
rejoice, let the  
earth be glad.”  
Psalm 96:11**





# Questions to Talk About

## Celebrate

What is the best celebration  
you have ever attended?

Why was it so special?

What would you like to  
celebrate today?





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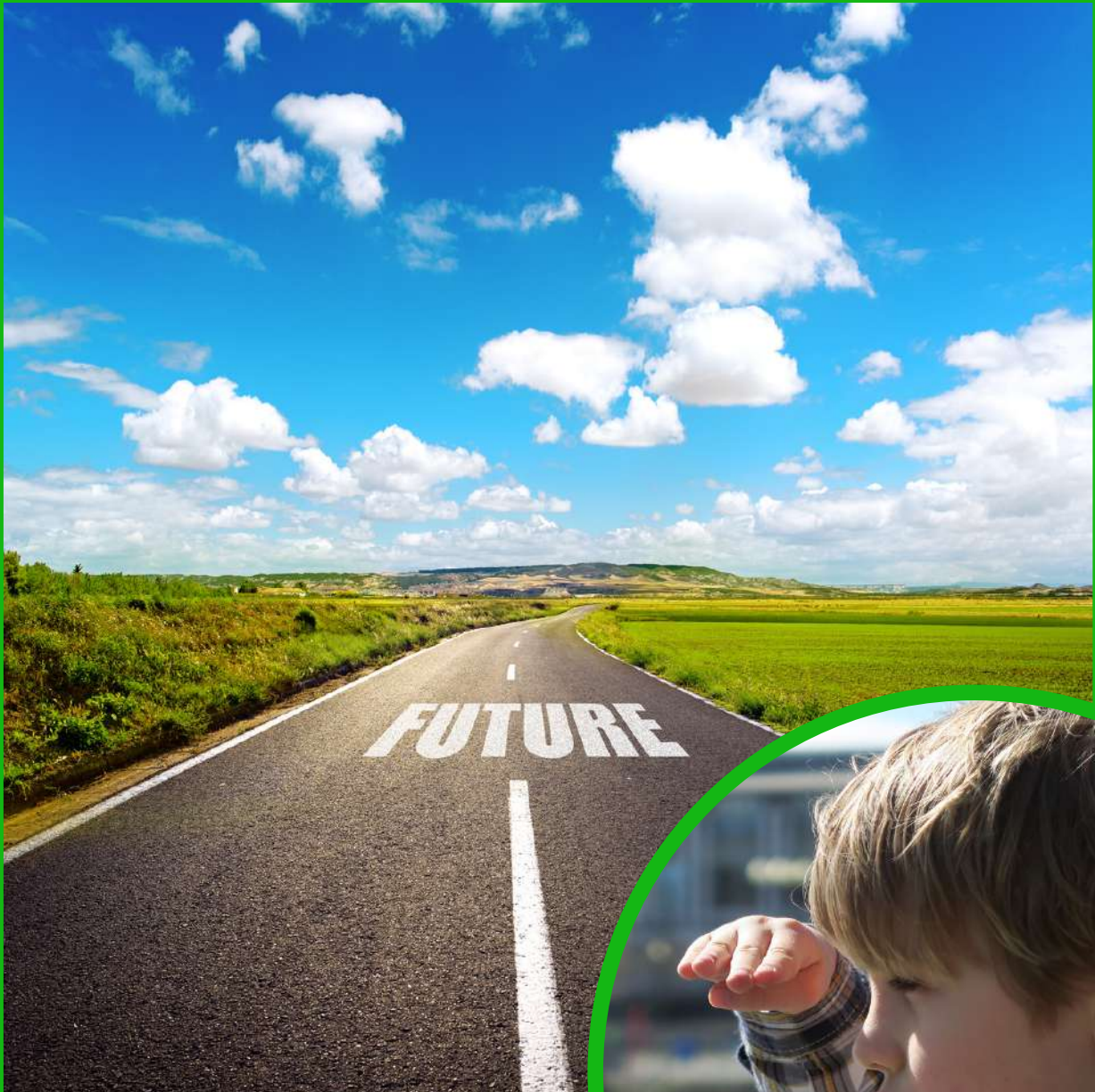


# What does the future of the Monarchy look like?



# How might faith affect your future?





**What does your  
future look like?**

# Seed Prayers

We can tell God our hopes and fears for the future!

Write your hope, or fear for the future, on a paper seed and then put it in the plant pot as a symbol of giving it to God as a prayer.

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

**Philippians 4:6**



# Blessing Prayers

Take a sunflower seed and hold it.

Think about how praying for others can be like planting a blessing into their lives.

You could plant your seed, and as it grows it can remind you of the person you are praying for.



# #Suffolk Blessing

## Blessing Prayers

In Suffolk we would like to take the opportunity to get involved and bless those around us.

Please take a blessing card and pass it on.





# Questions to Talk About

## Anticipate


What are your hopes and  
dreams?

What do you worry about?

What could you do to help  
make the future better?







Jesus Christ is  
the same  
yesterday,  
today and  
forever.

Hebrews 13:8

# Remember

I will remember the deeds of the  
LORD;

yes, I will remember your  
miracles of long ago.

I will consider all your works and  
meditate on all your mighty  
deeds.

Psalm 77:11-12



# Celebrate

Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances:  
for this is God's will for you in  
Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



# Anticipate

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



# SUFFOLK JUBILEE PRAYER

Gracious God,

We give you heartfelt thanks for our Queen as we celebrate this year of her Platinum Jubilee.

We thank you for her life of faithful service to you, to the people of this nation, and to the Commonwealth.

Help us, the people of Suffolk, to live lives of faithful service.

Bless all who live and work in our beautiful county.

Bless our communities, our villages and towns.

Bless our land, our rivers and our coast.

Bless our Queen, and all who call upon your name,

And help us to be a blessing to others.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.



# #Suffolk Blessing

In Suffolk we would like to take the opportunity to get involved and bless those around us.

This can be part of our services of thanks in our churches for those who have supported our communities.

It could be sharing the Suffolk prayer at your services, during school assemblies and while joining communities' Jubilee-themed activities.

We have produced a series of graphics to help you engage in the #suffolkblessing and these are available to download from our website.

We would like to hear from you... if you are interested in having some printed #suffolkblessing prayer cards, please email: [communications@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:communications@cofesuffolk.org)





joy

family

creation

colour

dance





**Will you plant a tree for the Queen's  
Platinum Jubilee?**



**What else could you do to help the  
environment?**