



Diocesan Synod and Cathedral Chapter approved a motion to act to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. A presentation by the Revd Richard Stainer, representing the Net Zero Carbon Group, emphasises the crisis for God's Creation and the fundamental injustice that results.

The Diocesan Environment Group have been reaching out to each deanery to appoint an environment champion in each one. If your deanery has a champion already that is great, if you would like one or be one - please do get in touch with The Revd Canon [Mark Haworth](#) for all the details.



A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. It launched the Eco Church scheme to respond to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and demonstrate the Christian hope for God's world.

Over 148 parishes have already signed up for the A Rocha Eco Church scheme and we think it could be more! Has your church signed up?

Getting your church involved in eco projects can be a great way to invite new people into your church community and this could be a great focus for your church's Growing in Number strategy. Ideas such as setting up a wildlife area in your churchyard and asking a local school to help plant it, having a youth eco group, or organising a village litter pick could enable you to build relationships with different groups of people in your

communities.

The Eco Church schemes allows your church to work towards awards Bronze, Silver and Gold to show your committ to the environment. To start your journey to winning the prestigious awards, complete their Eco Survey to gauge where your church currently is in relation to the three different levels; you may find you already qualify for an Eco Church Award! You can register [here](#).

A Rocha also has two nature reserves, Foxearth Meadows and Wolf Fields, which are also demonstration sites to inspire and enable others to manage land for the benefit of people and nature. Foxearth Meadows is near Sudbury, just over the border in North Essex and supports events and activities such as the **Connecting climate and nature webinar on Thursday 22 July, 11.30am - 1.00pm** You can sign up [here](#).

Don't forget the Church of England evnvironment webinars also available [here](#).

Ordinations 2021

To be ordained Priest by Bishop Martin at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday 4 July at 2.00pm

The Revd Maureen Bonsall | Whitton with Thurleston and Akenham

The Revd Matthew Key | The Benefice of Ipswich St Augustine of Hippo and River Church, Ipswich

The Revd Robert Molton |The Benefice of Newmarket All Saints and Rural Resourcing Church and Lightwave Community, Beck Row

The Revd Lauren Moore | South Hartismere

The Revd Julia Perkins | Glem Valley United Benefice

The Revd Laura Pope | Benefice of Bury St Edmunds St Mary with St Peter

The Revd Richard Stainer | Benefice of Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George with Little Whelnetham, Cockfield, Felsham and Gedding

The Revd Nicola Tindall | Higham, Holton St Mary, Raydon and Stratford St Mary

To be ordained Priest by Bishop Mike at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday 4 July at 4.30pm

The Revd Mark Bee | Beccles St Michael and St Luke

The Revd Tracey James | Debenham and Helmingham

The Revd Oliver Kemsley | Alde River Benefice

The Revd Sally Letman | Benefice of Capel St Mary with Little Wenham and Great Wenham

The Revd Kiran Lotay | Benefice of Ipswich All Hallows

The Revd Graham Naylor | Benefice of Lavenham with Preston

The Revd Christine Smart | Four Rivers Benefice

The Revd William Sokolis | Alde River Benefice

The Revd Andrew Todd | The Benefice of Woodbridge St. Mary with Great Bealings.

To be ordained Deacon by Bishop Martin at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on

Saturday 3 July at 11.00pm

Mr Rowland Bareham | Great Cornard

Mrs Diane Ekins-Powell | Sancroft

Mrs Helen Grover | Benefice of Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George with Little Whelnetham, Cockfield, Felsham and Gedding

Mrs Elizabeth Livey | Felixstowe Christ Church

Mr Peter Livey | Felixstowe Christ Church

Mr Duncan Myatt | The Two Rivers Benefice

Mrs Francis Wendy Norris | Haverhill with Withersfield

To be ordained Deacon by Bishop Mike at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 3 July at 2.00pm

Mrs Jennifer Catchpole | Wickham Market with Pettistree

Miss Emma Haggard | Felixstowe St Peter and St Paul with St Andrew and St Nicholas

Mr Mark Hinde | Saint Edmund Way

Mrs Linda Pepper | Ipswich St Matthew with Triangle and All Saints

Mr Dimitri Theulings | Ipswich St Matthew with Triangle and All Saints

Mr Adrian Waller | Elmsett with Aldham, Hintlesham, Chattisham and Kersey

All services will be live streamed on St Edmundsbury Cathedral's Facebook page [here](#).

Events

Bishops' Summer School 2021: The Gospel of John

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

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

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.

Click [here](#) to sign up and if you would like more information, please contact Claire Cachelin at clairecachelin@stedscathedral.org

Take the chance to discuss parish financial issues with 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



Every year we offer Churchwardens' training. Each session is led by an Archdeacon with contributions from the Diocesan Registrar, and covers tasks and legal responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and Question and Answers. Booking details below:

Ipswich Archdeaconry | Monday 5 July 2021, 7.30pm at The St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ | [Book here.](#)

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

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

Launchpad

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September

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

Join the Lightwave Community for a weekend away to encounter God afresh. 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.

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 drivers of vintage and classic cars who will take part in the annual fundraising event. In 2020

£190,000 was raised in a day. The money they raise help 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'/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

Notices

Please visit the Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information and guidance for churches during the

Safeguarding Staffing Update

Claire Coles, our training coordinator, will be leaving the team on 26 July, to take up a post with the Prince's Trust. We wish her well in her new venture. Her post will be advertised but until we appoint a replacement it is with regret that all Leadership training courses will have to be suspended from the end of July.

Sally Fitch is currently on a period of sick leave. Please continue to email her as usual as arrangements are in place for her emails to be monitored during her absence.

Return of Parish Finance and Annual Accounts Thank you to everyone who has completed their return (currently 55%). The deadline has been extended to 31 July 2021 so please ensure that your parishes submit their returns as soon as figures are ready via <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org>. Copies of annual accounts and reports should also be emailed to statistics@cofesuffolk.org at the earliest opportunity please.

Vacancies

[Cambridge Team Lead | Hope into Action UK](#) | Interview date: 9 July 2021

[DAC Secretary \(Church Buildings Adviser\)](#) | Closing date: 13 July 2021

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