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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.

Please download the [current guidance on the four-step roadmap](#) which reflects the information we have on the upcoming changes to restrictions. Please note that the dates given are indicative and that further information may not be available until we approach each step.

National Day of Reflection 2021

Since the first UK Covid-19 lockdown began in 2020, millions have been bereaved. The National Day of Reflection, coordinated by the charity Marie Curie and officially supported by the Church of England, will designate a special day to reflect on collective loss and grief.



On 23 March 2021 there will be a minute's silence at 12 noon to create a moment that shows support for the millions of people who've been bereaved. There are many ways your church can get involved:

- Publicise the day through your usual channels – social media, newsletters, service notices and share the social media graphics provided.
- Light a special candle in the church and say the prayer – film it with your camera and share on social media.
- If you can, make arrangements for a church bell to be tolled for one minute at noon on the day.
- Email or print off and send a prayer postcard to anyone and everyone to use at home on that day.
- Involve the local school and encourage them to use the simple prayer at noon or to colour daffodil cards and deliver them to a local care home.
- Invite people to plant a seed, a bulb, a bush as a sign of hope.
- Invite people to tie yellow ribbons to a prayer tree or railings as a sign of their prayer and support for all who are bereaved.
- Open your church for private prayer on that day, if you are able.

There are many more ideas, further information and all prayer and social media resources on the campaign website [here](#).

Latest news from Growing Younger



Following Growing Younger Sunday, the team have continued to be busy notes Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell, Diocesan Children's and Families' Enabler.

"There is so much planned for Easter: Three projects, which received money from the Growing in God Growth fund, have been able to provide books, Easter garden materials, craft and prayer activities to primary school pupils in Botesdale, to an ever-growing number of families in Cockfield and Felixstowe and the primary school and community groups in Horringer.

Easter in a bag, a Lego build and exciting opportunities for using an outdoor space for play after school is being set up at the Lindburgh Road Church plant. A remembering tree of prayer is available in Woodbridge and a new outdoor church in Bacton. Meanwhile Grundisburgh are offering a hearts trail and Easter messy fun. The pram pitstop (a donation/gifting scheme of children's clothes, equipment and toys) in Christ Church Felixstowe is overwhelmingly supported and is continuing to make new connections with young families. Finally, Mission Ipswich East are offering an Easter 'Bake off', Easter books and Messy Easter".

Hilary offers support to parishes seeking opportunities to develop and grow ministry with families and has a series of resources and information to support you. Do email [Hilary](#) to share plans, ideas and what you are already doing – she'd love to connect with you. Also do get in contact with Hilary if you have questions regarding the roadmap for lifting Covid-19 restrictions for out of school settings such as church children's groups and toddler. For further information please visit our website [here](#).

Dear England by The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell



The Archbishop writes a letter to the country on why the Christian narrative still makes sense today.

Inspired by a conversation with a barista who asked him why he became a priest, this is the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell's extended answer to that question - as well as the letter he'd like to write to a divided country that no longer sees the relevance or value of the Christian narrative.

More information is available [here](#).

Events

Radical Faith: Inspirational Christians' Lives for Challenging Times

Wednesday 18 March 7.00pm to 8.00pm

'Archbishop Janani Luwum - Politics, Power and Martyrdom' by The Revd Jonathan Lloyd. This talk will reflect on the life of Archbishop Luwum and explore whether his example and that of other modern martyrs can say anything to the church today about its mission and witness in public and political life. The Revd Jonathan Lloyd has been Precentor of St Albans Cathedral since July 2019. Alongside several family ties to the country, he has maintained a keen interest in Uganda and its people since living there in 2006.

To book each session please email michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org. For a full biography please download this [pdf](#). To download the poster please click [here](#).

Domestic Abuse Awareness training - new dates

At Lighthouse we are aiming to break the cycle of domestic abuse across communities in Suffolk by creating awareness and understanding, and offering education about domestic abuse in particular to those who come into contact with domestic abuse through their work. If you would like more information please contact the Revd Carol Mansell at revcarolallhallows24@gmail.com. Additional dates have been added please visit:

29 April 2021 <https://dv-awareness-april29-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

12 May 2021 <https://dv-awareness-may12-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

20 May 2021 <https://dv-awareness-may20-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Lightwave small group leader training

14, 21, 28 April, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

This three session course trains Lightwave group leaders and helpers by enabling them to experience and model the life of a Lightwave group. These are groups which do life together - worship, serve, learn from the Bible, pray and help new people to find faith too.

The usual course is six sessions so to condense this shorter version for online use, there is a bit of reading to fit it into a shorter time frame. Come prepared to learn, to laugh, to pray and be both supported and challenged.

The course is free of charge. To book a place click on this link

<https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/events/ffk4eshv>

Notices

Safeguarding Training: New dates for C2 Leadership courses are now available. To book please go to the diocesan website <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/promoting-a-safer-church/safeguarding-training/> and use the weblink for Diocesan Eventbrite, which can be found under details for C2 Leadership training. The course takes place over two sessions and when choosing your dates you are automatically booked onto the second session which is held a week after the first. Some course work is also required.

Vacancies

[Pioneer Evangelist for Ipswich Centre of Mission](#) | Closing date 12 March 2021



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