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## Celebrating Lay Licensed Ministry

At St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday 16 January 2022 at 3.30pm, the Bishop will license those Readers, Evangelists and Pioneers who couldn't be licensed in 2021 because of the effects of the pandemic restrictions. Please come along to support the new ministers.

If you would like to process into the service, you will be most welcome. If you are a Reader and your custom is to robe then please do so, but if not, please do process and you are invited to wear your symbol of office. If you are processing, please make your way to the Edmund Room by 3.10pm at the latest for briefing and robing. In order that enough seating can be reserved for those processing, please email Naomi Sturges at [liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org](mailto:liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org) to let her know that you are robing and/or processing. There is no obligation to process, and if you would rather not, please just make your way into the nave from 3.00pm.

We do hope that you are able to attend this important occasion in the life of the diocese, our celebration of Lay Ministry. If you are unable to attend in person, the cathedral will livestream the service on Facebook here: [www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/](https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/). This will also be available to view at a later date.

Those being licensed are:

**Readers** - Caitlin Brinkley, St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Maria Price, Sancroft Benefice.

**Reader with PTO** - Sylvia Gaspar, Bures with Assington and Little Cornard.

**Licensed Evangelists** - Steve Hurton, The Forest Heath Ministry Team and Helen Prior-Townsend, Ipswich St Margaret.

**Lay Pioneers** - Alison Earl, The Lightwave Community and Gail Southgate, The Lightwave Community, working in the Suffolk Centre of Mission.

We are also welcoming Martin Crane, Orebeck Benefice, who is taking up **Reader PTO (in a second diocese)**.

*"So much of what we are able to do through local churches is dependant on Lay Ministry and we are grateful for the time, energy and creativity offered in this way. Have you got an itch to join in this sort of ministry? There is a Vocations Fair on Sunday 8 May giving you the chance to explore where God is calling you to be and to serve. Or you can look up more information on the diocesan website [here](#). In the meantime please pray that God will continue to prepare our new ministers for their future work"* The Revd Phil Dykes, Diocesan Mission Enabler.

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### **The Diocesan team has grown younger!**



As part of this month's theme on Growing Younger, Lauren Bridgwater, the youngest member of the Diocesan team, is pleased to share her story. Lauren, now aged 23, joined the Diocese Communications Team in September 2019 as an apprentice. Now a fully fledged member of the team, in the role of

Communications Assistant, Lauren says learning on the job has really kickstarted her career and boosted her confidence, leaving her feeling she knows her new job inside out before even starting. *"On my apprenticeship I was learning new things every day about all aspects of the diocese – it really gets you up to speed,"* she said. *"It was not just the digital advertising side but learning about the Church of England as a whole, the role it plays in the community and meeting fascinating people. The job experience has been invaluable."*

Lauren said the church has a lot to offer young people and the wider community. She said, *"You get the spiritual and religious side of things, but then also the incredible community projects – the youth clubs, environmental campaigns and the work the church does with schools. The part of my job I love the most is speaking to people who have found comfort in the church and have been inspired to help other people too. It's lovely to hear those stories."*

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### **6th National Big Church Read - *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life.***

Releasing 24 January 2022

Doing a Big Church Read is a great way to bring people together again. Especially if the whole church joins in, then the positive effects of such a shared experience are a great antidote to the apartness created by the Covid pandemic. This is an accessible way for churches, small groups or individuals to come to understand the overarching storyline of the Bible and what it means for our daily lives. It can also be used as a stepping stone to doing The Bible Course. Watch author Andrew Ollerton invite you to join in the Big Church Read - [click here](#).

### ***A day in the death of Charlie Vaughan* by the Revd Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford**

Book launch 23 January 2022

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP31 1LS

Jonathan Alderton-Ford has served the Church of England since 1985, is a Non-Residential Canon at the Cathedral and parish priest at Christ Church Moreton Hall in Bury St Edmunds. He has written a book *A day in the death of Charlie Vaughan* <https://jotham1957.co.uk/> which has an endorsement from Bishop Mike. The Cathedral will host the launch of the book on 23 January immediately after their 10.30am service, at which Jonathan will be the preacher.

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### **BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship Comes to St Mary le Tower**

This Sunday 16 January, Ipswich's town and civic church, St Mary le Tower, has been chosen to host Sunday Worship, BBC Radio 4's famous live Sunday morning church service. This Sunday, a service of Choral Matins will come live from Ipswich, led by the Vicar, the Revd Tom Mumford, along with the church's choir, directed by Christopher Borrett.

Expressing his excitement Tom said: *"To be asked to host Sunday Worship is an enormous privilege. It was quite unexpected, but it is a testament to the mission and ministry we are pursuing here, not least through our choral tradition which, quite rare for a town, includes both adults and children. My hope and prayer is that people, wherever they tune in from, will experience the peace and presence of God, and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the story of God's love, afresh for them."*

Full story available [here](#).

## **Events**

### **Growing Younger Sunday**

Sunday 30 January 2022



On this Sunday in January we would love each and every church in our Diocese to involve children and young people in their services, whether it is to pray for them and their leaders or to encourage them to plan and lead a service. We hope all churches to do *something* on this Sunday to recognise that young people are co-pilgrims

on our journey of faith, and can teach and share and reflect in a relevant, reverent and innately spiritual way.

For further information please contact Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell [hilary.wordsworth-sewell@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:hilary.wordsworth-sewell@cofesuffolk.org) (Children's and Families) or Matt Levett [matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org) (Youth and Young Adults).

### **Youth Work Essentials**

Starting Wednesday 2 February 7.30pm to 9.30pm by Zoom.

Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth and Young Adults Officer, says *"If you are you looking to start a youth group but just need some ideas and guidance then this course is for you. In*

*ten weeks you will have the confidence to give it a go!"* This course, designed by 'YouthScape,' is aimed at helping equip churches and train people starting out in youth ministry. It does not pre-suppose a great level of knowledge or existing practise. Please email [matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org) to learn more and book your place.

### **The Messy Church International Conference**

Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire  
20-22 May 2022

This a fantastic opportunity for teams - including young leaders - to be inspired and re-energised and to meet Aike Kennett-Brown, the new Messy Church ministry lead who says, *'We've got a fantastic intergenerational programme planned, bursting with transformative hands-on ideas and experiences as well as the inspiring Paula Gooder to lead the talks and stretch our brains. There will be space for creative retreat with God alongside other people, Messtivities around fires in the evening and more. It will be a hugely enriching time and your Messy Church will never be the same again!'* For more information click [here](#).

### **Discipleship in a Time of Reconstruction Saturday**

Saturday 29 January, 10.00am – 12.30pm via Zoom



You are invited to join this Mission Shaped Ministry - Flexi session to explore the underlying reasons for the statistic 20% of the population engaged with some form of online service or Christian spiritual input during the pandemic. What does this say about the longing in the hearts of many and the need for guidance beyond

ourselves? It is £10 to attend or free for those participants already signed up on the MSM-Flexi course. To book a place please go to Eventbrite [here](#). For further enquiries contact [Nina.Seaman@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:Nina.Seaman@cofesuffolk.org).

### **Free Virtual Dementia Tour Training for 2022**

Various dates

West Suffolk, Ipswich & East and North East Essex Clinical Commissioning (ICS) are offering free virtual dementia tour training dates in 2022. The virtual dementia training is available to anyone who comes into contact with those living with dementia and their carers, including professionals, administration, carers and the voluntary sector. To find a full list of dates and to sign up please follow this link [here](#). For further questions please do contact [maxine@training2care.co.uk](mailto:maxine@training2care.co.uk).

### **An Evening with Graham Kendrick and his band**

The Apex, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD  
Tuesday 15 February 2022, 7.30pm

The Southgate Church Local Ecumenical Partnership in Bury St Edmunds (Anglican, Baptist and URC) is promoting an evening of praise and worship with Britain's premier Christian singer/songwriter - with over a thousand songs to his name. Tickets are £18 plus a booking fee and available on 01284 758000 or [www.theapex.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.theapex.co.uk/whats-on). This is a

fundraiser for the Bury Drop-In for homeless people, and Faith in Action – working with the poorest people in the world in Malawi and Mozambique.

### **Faith Tour to North India**

**24 February to 10 March 2023**

India is a country of colour, of spice, of exploration, and of diversity – this is reflected in terms of its languages and cultures, but most of all its faiths. The Revd Mark Woodrow invites you to travel this land and experience much of what North India has to share. For more information please contact the Revd Mark (01787 277515 or [revdmarkwoodrow@gmail.com](mailto:revdmarkwoodrow@gmail.com)) or visit [www.soulofindia.com/join-a-group-tour/faith-tour-of-north-india/](http://www.soulofindia.com/join-a-group-tour/faith-tour-of-north-india/)

## **Notices**

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

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### **Message from Gary Peverley, Finance Director, on Parish Share end of year payments:**

Thank you to all of our parishes for your giving towards parish share so far for this year. We would like to remind you that we continue to accept payments towards the 2021 parish share **up to and including Monday 31 January 2022. Payments received after that date, unless we know about them in advance, will be treated as 2022 parish share.** This is to enable us to move more quickly to close our own accounts and prepare for our statutory audit. We understand that, for some parishes, it can take time to work through final parish share payments for the year just ending, but would appreciate it if we could all work to the timetable above and understand the cut-off dates. Our preference is to receive funds via online banking (but please ensure you make clear which year the payment is for in the text field).

Any cheques must be received at the office by 31 January 2022 to be included in your 2021 Parish Share figures. Cheques received after this date will only be accounted for in your 2021 figures if you have told us by 31 January to expect the cheque so that we can accrue for it, allowing us to finalise our own accounts.

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### **Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage – Emergency Resource Support**

On 5 July 2020, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport announced a £1.57billion package to protect the UK's culture and heritage sectors from the economic impacts of Covid-19. The Heritage Fund, in partnership with Historic England, is distributing this funding. This scheme will now be open for Expressions of Interest until **12.00pm (noon) on 18 January 2022.** Those invited to apply will have until 12.00pm on 3 February to submit a full application. This funding will support your organisation to build up or sustain your operations and begin a programme of heritage activity to help it re-establish itself, with a view to ensuring that by the end of March 2022, your

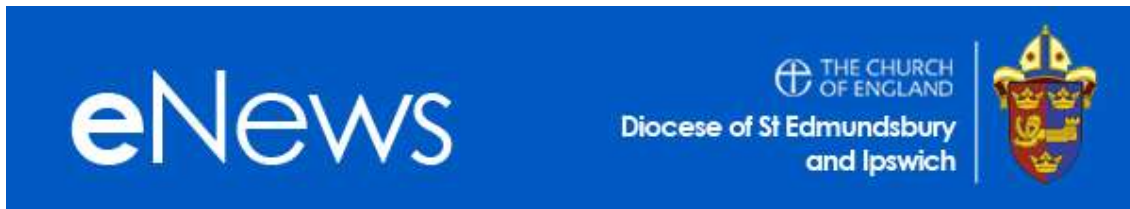
organisation will be operating on a viable and sustainable basis. For full details please click [here](#).

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## Vacancies

[Human Resources Manager, Norwich/Ipswich](#) | Closing date: 24 January  
[Chief Finance Officer](#) | Diocesan Multi-Academy-Trust | Closing date: 24 January  
[Priest-in-Charge](#) | Waterfront Parishes, Ipswich | 0.5 | Closing date: 26 January  
[Schools and Youth Worker \(part-time\)](#) | Newmarket & District Youth For Christ | Closing date: 31 January  
[Trust Chaplain](#) | East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust | Closing date: 31 January  
[Cafe Manager](#) | St Michael's Martlesham Heath | Closing date: 4 February  
[Rector](#) | Suffolk Heights Benefice | Closing date: 7 February  
[Vicar](#) All Saints' Newmarket | Closing date: 9 February  
[Interim Priest-in-Charge](#) (3 years full-time) | Mid Loes benefice | Closing date: 20 February  
[Vicar](#) | Bures with Assington and Little Cornard | Closing date: 25 February  
Priest in Charge | Alde Sandlings (Aldeburgh) Benefice | Closing date: 16 March  
[Rector 0.5](#) | St Mary Stoke, Ipswich  
[Trusts and Foundations Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral  
[Worship Pastor, Coffee Shop Manager, Fundraising Assistant](#) | River Church, Ipswich

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