



Thursday 16 September

Growing in God

New Centre of Mission



We are excited to be creating a new Suffolk Centre of Mission in partnership with Church Army, building on the ministry of Andrew Payne who has now left to take up a role at Church Army Headquarters in Sheffield.

The Centre of Mission will seek to develop the significant impact of our evangelism, pioneering and mission that many are engaging with. This will be through extending our offer of training and reflective practice in person and online. We are seeking to integrate and share the learning from all areas of mission through the witness of our parish churches, in both church planting and small mission groups.

The Centre is based at St Peter's Stoke Park, Ipswich and will cover the whole diocese providing training for all including Lay Evangelists, Pioneers and anyone interested in sharing their faith in Jesus Christ. We will also be seeking to develop new congregations and assisting with the mission of existing congregations in both town and rural settings. There will be specific projects in St Peter's Stoke Park and St Francis Chantry, both in Ipswich as well as developing the 'Pilgrim Together' Community based in Aldringham.

We are currently advertising three new posts, each supported by Church Army, the Allchurches Trust and the diocese including Inspiring Ipswich and Lightwave. We are looking for the right candidates to fulfil the positions of Lead Evangelist, Lightwave Pioneer Evangelist and Pioneer Evangelist and all the details can be found [here](#).

Past Case Review (PCR2)

All 42 dioceses in the Church of England are working on Past Case Review 2 (PCR2) with a key focus on listening to survivors of abuse. . The Church was criticised for not including their voices in the original PCR 2007/8 as shown in an independent scrutiny report, published in 2018.

PCR2 will commence in our diocese from Monday 20 September. If you want to know more please visit our website [here](#) or contact our Diocesan Safeguarding Manager, [Karen Galloway](#) on tel: 01473 298500 or 07785 621319.

We appreciate that contacting the diocese may not feel safe for those with a lived experience of abuse from within the Church. Therefore a dedicated independent telephone helpline has been set up and is being run by the NSPCC Helpline for Children and Adults. The number is 0800 80 20 20.

Lightwave discernment



Lightwave was launched in 2019 as part of a six-year project and has resulted in hundreds of people of all ages being involved, with over 200 encountering the love of Jesus for the first time. Over the coming months Lightwave leaders are engaging in a programme of prayer and fasting seeking the way ahead. We invite you to be part of the discernment to discover how the Lightwave Community should explore God's vision for the future.

- Download our discernment pack from our website – which includes small group resources, materials for young families, children and young people
- Meet in your group to discern and pray together – making use of the small group resources, and then let us know how God has been speaking to you through the 'Listening for Mission' feedback form
- Take part in our 'Catch and Chat' setting aside some time to pray as a family or group and share what you have been learning with Lightwave using our Lightwave response form.

Saturday 6 November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm (free lunch will be served at 1.00pm).
Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket



group.

Join Lightwave for an opportunity to be part of the discernment to discover how the Lightwave Community should explore God's vision for the future. The session will include: Worship, Bible and testimony, Where have we seen God at work? What scriptures have spoken to you in relation to Lightwave? End-visioning and Prayer, worship, collecting cards and sharing in large

You can access all these and find out more – including ways to let us know what you believe God is saying to us as a community at www.light-wave.org/discernfuture or contact nina.seaman@cofesuffolk.org for more information.

Reflection Tool

Are you thinking about how to respond to this post-pandemic world? Are you looking for help to frame a discussion at your PCC or Ministry Team meeting? Give this tool a try - it has been adapted especially for you from some online resources and could help you to think about what you need to take forward and what you need to let go - and why. If you would like to discuss this resource more please contact the Revd Phil Dykes, Mission Enabler: phil.dykes@cofesuffolk.org. Download the reflection tool [here](#).

Events

Remembering Together

Saturday 18 September, 3.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

A special service for all who have experienced the death of a child, whatever their age and whatever the cause. This is an annual service of readings, music and prayer. All are welcome. For further information about the service, please email canon.pastor@stedscathedral.org

MSM Flexi Facilitators training evening by Zoom

23 September 7.30pm – 9.00pm

An evening to equip you to facilitate a Mission Shaped Ministry Flexi course. Opportunity to find out more about the MSM flexi course and learn how to deliver the 15 modules in your setting. You will be given the knowledge so you and your group can start the one-year journey to grow and sustain growth through Lightwave groups and other mission initiatives. For an informal chat about whether you could be a facilitator contact Archdeacon Sally Gaze (archdeacon.sally@cofesuffolk.org). To book please click [here](#).

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



A chance to celebrate our calling to Lay Ministry as we come together to support one another in fellowship and worship. Offering 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. Do bring a packed lunch and a mug to support our eco-awareness! Please book on [Eventbrite](#).

Communications support on audio-visual techniques

Webinar 5 October 11.30am - The Church of England Digital team have joined up with Parish Buying for this new webinar, for those feeling overwhelmed by equipment options or budget constraints, or those wanting to learn more about how to optimise your online presence. Come along to this free training, please book [here](#).

If you want to know how to embed live and pre-recorded video to your A Church Near You pages - making it easy for your community to find your live and pre-recorded services - please click [here](#).

For a step-by-step guide to online and onsite services including question prompts to work through with your church leadership team, and practical ideas for every kind of hybrid church set-up, please click [here](#).

Faith Empowered

Starts October 2021

Faith Empowered is a ten-session course from Church Army to equip you to lead your local church in mission and evangelism. The content covers building relationships, listening to your context, enabling others and so much more. The training will run mainly on Zoom with a few of the sessions being in person, at a church in Bury St Edmunds. This can lead to licensed ministry or you can do the training to develop your skills and learn more. If you want to know more visit our website [here](#) or please contact the [Revd Phil Dykes](#), Diocesan Mission Enabler, telephone 07917 385843.

Youth Work Essentials

Diocesan Office, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

From Thursday 7 October - 9 December 7.30pm - 9.30pm (timings to be confirmed)

We are offering a ten week course designed by 'YouthScape' 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 practice. Each week of the course focuses on: knowledge growth, practical skills and insight and key character skills. Please contact matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org, Diocesan Youth and Young adults Officer to learn more and book your place.

Fun run: 10k or 5k in aid of St Edmund's church in Hargrave

9 October 2021 at 2.30pm

Hargrave village hall near Bury St Edmunds, IP29 5HP

An opportunity to run the gently undulating Suffolk countryside on bridle and footpaths far from the madding crowd. Finish with a delicious village tea, (free to participants).

Hargrave Church was rescued from partial collapse in 2019-20 by fund raising and grants

totalling £57,000 organised by the church PCC and supported by the village. Further work is required and they will be hosting the village Heritage Exhibition supported by the Heritage Lottery, attracting more visitors to the church. For more details and race entry please visit [here](#).

Bishops' Teaching Morning - Introducing the Gospel of Luke

Saturday 6 November 9.00am to 12.30pm

The Salvation Army Hall, 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

The gospel readings for 2021-22 follow Luke's Gospel so, in preparation, the bishops will be looking at it and considering its main themes. Free of charge, but please register on Eventbrite [here](#).

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 Covid-19 pandemic.

Vacancies

We are looking for the right candidates to fill positions in the new Suffolk Centre of Mission, a hub for evangelism in our diocese. Please click [here](#) for job specifications and application form:

Lead Evangelist | Closing date: 5 October

Lightwave Pioneer Evangelist | Closing date: 12 October

Pioneer Evangelist | Closing date: 19 October

Inspire Counselling | Development Manager | Closing date 4 October | To find out more contact: contact@inspirecounselling.org.uk or phone on 01473 217694.

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