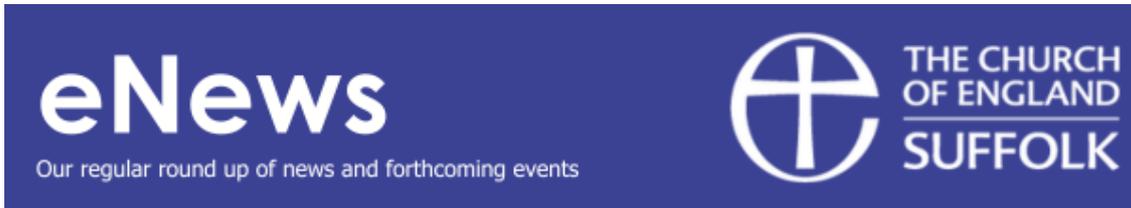


Thursday 17 August 2023



Growth Fund stories from across the Diocese

St Mary's Church, Mildenhall used their Growth Fund grant to purchase *Any time, Any place, Any prayer* books to give out to families at services over the Christmas period - these were very well received.

Continuing our Christmas generosity, the church ensured informal Fun and Faith all-age afternoons with practical crafts and activities were carried on throughout the new year, these included planting a tree as part of prayer, and making a prayer tree.

St Mary's Church, Woodbridge received a grant of £300 from the Growth Fund, which they used to build their new deanery website.

The main goal for the church and by extension deanery, was to grow in number – and a new website for the deanery was a great way to improve communication and outreach beyond the existing church congregations. The aim for the new website was to create a real feeling of community between the three groups of parishes – Carlford Benefice, Wilford Team and Woodbridge Group, and to encourage greater communication and sharing of skills, experiences, events and facilities within the deanery.

All Saints' Church, Ipswich received a £500 Growth Fund grant to help them kickstart their toddler group again after the difficulties presented by Covid. The grant enabled the church to replace tatty old toys with newer and better equipment, which has shown the attendees (especially the toddlers) that the church values them enough to invest in them. The original toddler group had closed well before Covid struck, and as the original equipment wasn't up to par, the church started from scratch.

With the help of an experienced and enthusiastic staff team who had run toddler groups in different churches, prayers and brainstorming happened, following a plan of action.

Read all of these Growth Fund stories and more on [our website here](#).

Permission to Preach

The Church of England ensures that all those who preach in public with its authorisation are appropriately discerned, trained and supported with ongoing reviews. Clergy and Readers are trained at a high level to national standards to enable this ministry, and in addition, Bishop Martin can give permission to preach for those who are under the authorisation of the Incumbent and have the support of the congregation via the PCC. If



you have a commissioned role such as Elder or licensed ministry such as Evangelist, Pioneer, Children's & Families' Minister or Youth Minister you can gain authorisation to preach (up to six times a year) for three years. For the full details about the discernment process and requirements please visit our website [here](#). The course training dates for 2023-24 are on Saturdays, 10.00am to 1.00pm, 16 September 2023 | 9 December 2023 | 2 March 2024 | 13 July 2024. We would love to hear from you if you are interested, please contact your Incumbent or email dave.gardner@cofesuffolk.org.

Fundraising for CAP for teaching about Money in Schools

In early 2023, Suffolk County Council commissioned the Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre (SCDC, part of the CAP network) to undertake financial education in the county's schools. SCDC's trained and experienced teachers delivered superb teaching materials to children, offering a can-do approach supporting financial understanding and wellbeing. SCDC is currently seeking additional funding to re-run an enlarged course in East Suffolk over the whole of the next academic year. Would you, as a church, like to sponsor a class in your local school?

For a primary school the cost is £320 per class (two teachers for two sessions, plus their expenses). For a secondary school the cost is £160 per class (two teachers for a single session).

If you sponsor a class, you will be given one or more 'gift vouchers' for your selected school. Churches can club together through Churches Together or their Deaneries. If you are interested, please contact the Revd Nic Stuchfield, Chair of SCDC (nic@skc.church), who will provide you with more information about how this scheme works. Alternatively, please visit www.skc.church/capschools

SCDC would love to work more closely with you to help people experiencing disadvantage and poverty, please sign up to their newsletter by contacting: dougletcher@capuk.org.

Called Together

Sunday 24 September, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

All are most welcome to attend **Called Together**, our annual celebration of Licensed Lay Ministry. This year Bishop Mike will be licensing those who have completed training for Reader Ministry, Children's & Families' Ministry and Licensed Youth Ministry. In addition it is an opportunity to welcome those transferring as Readers from other dioceses. Importantly, this is also our chance to renew our commitment to serve in the whole variety of Licensed Ministers, including Evangelists and Pioneers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole Diocese to celebrate the gifts God has given to us as we share in his mission through a variety of ministries. No need to book, we look forward to seeing you!

Update on Renewal of LLM Licences and LLM PTOs

PTOs are renewable every three years based on age so there will continue to be a prompt if yours is due for renewal. For those who hold Licences, please note that as this is 2023 all LLM Licences have to be renewed for the Called Together Service on 24 September.

As this is a mammoth administrative task, it has become too overwhelming to continue with this system. We shall therefore be reverting to the triennial renewals by Archdeaconry. This will be a little awkward initially, but please bear with the extra repetition of paperwork! So, all licenses will be renewed this year then:

Sudbury Archdeaconry: Licences will be valid for one year with renewal in 2024 then again in 2027

Suffolk Archdeaconry: Licences will be valid for two years with renewal in 2025 then again in 2028

Ipswich Archdeaconry: Licences will be valid for three years with renewal in 2026 then again in 2029

Connect - training for Children's and Families' Ministers



Connect is a one-year course starting in September 2023, exploring child development, spirituality and formation, new approaches to Family Ministry and personal skills to enable participants to be visionary Family Ministry leaders within the parish and across the Diocese. Following the training some will go on to licensed ministry. If you are interested in exploring this ministry please email emma.allinson@cofesuffolk.org. For more information please visit our website [here](#) or download our course

leaflet [here](#).

Faith Empowered - training for Evangelists



Faith Empowered is a one-year course (September 2023 to July 2024) exploring the ministry of Evangelists, using materials developed with the Church Army. Participants come together in person and online to discuss key subjects such as how to get to know your context, what evangelism is, how to plan a missional activity and what to say when people ask big questions. Following the training some go back to their neighbourhoods and get on with what they can do there, whilst others will go on to licensed ministry. If you are interested in exploring this ministry come along to our welcome BBQ on Saturday 30 September, 12.00pm at The Rectory, Grundisburgh IP13 6UF. For more information please visit our website [here](#) or download our course leaflet [here](#).

Events

Christening Gown Display and Floral Festival

Saturday 26 August 10.00am

St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Aldringham IP16 4QT

Themed on 'Christenings and Baptism' come along and view fascinating display of beautiful and original Christening gowns from across the years, complemented by superb floral decorations. Whilst at St Andrews you will be able to listen to live organ music, hear about the fascinating history of the church and its foundation, take part in a quiz trail, view archive records of the villages of Aldringham and Thorpeness and learn about one of the church's greatest benefactors. There will also be homemade cakes and refreshments available throughout the day.

Annual Pilgrimage Walk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich

Saturday 3 September 2023

St Peter's Church on the Quay IP4 1BF

All are warmly welcomed to this ecumenical event. Starting at 3.00pm from St Peter's Church on the Quay (IP4 1BF) and ending at St Mary Elms (IP1 1EY) at about 4.00pm - there will be tea afterwards as well as an opportunity to mingle.

King James Bible: The Book that Changed the World

Friday 8 September, 6.30pm

Hawkedon Village Hall IP29 4NP

Don't miss the opportunity to view a rare showing of this amazing film - narrated by well-known actor John Rhys-Davies. It is an excitingly dramatised tale of the turbulent times during which the famous translation was commissioned and printed. Join for drinks starting at 6.30pm for a film start time of 7.00pm, followed by time for socialising over wine, cheese and patés. Tickets cost £15 and include food and wine. To book, please contact Judith Wilson on 01284 789376 or judithwilson162@btinternet.com

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride and Pedal & Drive

Saturday 9 September 2023



Organised by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), this is an annual fundraising event which sees several thousand cyclists, walkers, and drivers of vintage and classic cars taking part in the annual fundraising event

for the repair and upkeep of Suffolk churches. Cyclists and walkers get sponsors or donations for their journey around some of Suffolk's churches, choosing their own route, long or short. 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 participant's chosen church. Hundreds of churches will be open to welcome cyclists, walkers and drivers. More information [here](#).

A Pilgrimage of Song – Coddendam to Whitton

Saturday 9 September, 9.30am

St Mary's Coddendam IP6 9PZ

For all who enjoy singing and walking. Full details can be found [here](#). Advance booking by 5 September is essential (or by 2 September to include the meal). For more information please email [Richard Hubbard](mailto:Richard.Hubbard@ascw.uk).

Duo Oriana - Wickhambrook All Saints

Wednesday 13 September, 7.30pm

Wickhambrook All Saints, CB8 8XH

Wickhambrook All Saints is delighted to host "Duo Oriana" for their only date in East Anglia during their UK tour. Learn some fascinating facts about the lute, this magical medieval musical instrument and why it is still so popular today. Coupled to the close association lute music has with Wickhambrook; it will be lovely to hear some of the 16th century lute music from the Wickhambrook lute manuscript played in Wickhambrook All Saints' church. Tickets cost £10, for more information please visit www.ascw.uk/duo-oriana

Discovery Evening - Church Army

Thursday 14 September, 7.00pm-9.15pm (by Zoom)

Church Army train and support Pioneer Evangelists. Come and find out more, hear from Evangelists and be introduced to some of their ENVOY resources To book a place please email: [Andrew Payne](mailto:Andrew.Payne@churcharmy.org.uk).

Farmers' Harvest Breakfast

Saturday 16 September, 9.00am

Barrow Village Hall IP29 5AN

If you work as a farmer, come along for a freshly cooked full English breakfast to say thank you for all your hard work on the land and to give thanks for God's wonderful creation. We will be joined by the Very Revd Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury; Graham Miles, Lightwave Rural & Agricultural Chaplain for Suffolk; and representatives from NFU and the Farmers' Community Network. To book, please contact the [Revd Lynda Sebbage](mailto:Lynda.Sebbage@nfu.org.uk) on 01284 811280 by 6 September to secure your place.

Margery Kempe's Journeys in Sound

Saturday 16 September, 5.30pm

St Mary's Church, Buxhall IP14 3DJ

Please note the change of date from 2 September due to travel difficulties caused by the rail strikes!

Margery Kempe, born around 1373, was a visionary and mystic from Kings Lynn. Her extraordinary book is the first autobiography in English, where she tells of her life, which is both strange and familiar to us today. She was an enthusiastic pilgrim and in this concert, Leah Stuttard will evoke some of her journeys and meetings with music from the places she visited as far afield as Gdansk, Santiago de Compostela, Rome and Jerusalem along with readings from her book. There are Gregorian chants from Cyprus and from Jerusalem,

pilgrim songs, music from the Old Hall manuscript, medieval English carols in honour of saints alongside sacred music from places Kempe visited in Germany, Spain and Italy. Tickets cost £10 each, including wine and nibbles after the concert, and can be [purchased here](#) or will be available on the door. Free parking is available at the church. In aid of church funds.

SHCT 50th Anniversary Service

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS
Sunday 17 September

Celebrate with the SHCT, who over 50 years has raised the equivalent of around £10 million in today's money, from the membership fees of its 'Friends' organisation, from donations, grants, legacies, and, in particular, from the annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride sponsored event and, more recently, the Pedal and Drive Vintage and Classic Car rally. Churches, chapels and Meeting Houses who wish to send representatives to the special service should contact shctcathedral@gmail.com for an invitation.

St Martin's Voices in Concert

Friday 22 September, 7.00pm
St Peter's Church, Thurston IP31 3RU

St Martin's Voices is one of the UK's most versatile professional vocal ensembles, performing concerts on the international stage as well as giving regular BBC broadcasts and special services at London's iconic St Martin-in-the-Fields and beyond. Join this specially arranged performance of their signature 'Lord of all Hopefulness' concert. Tickets: £10 (Students £8, U16s £5) Available from: [here](#).

Know and Grow Makaton Course

Saturday 23 September 9.45am-4.30pm
All Saints' Church Hall, Church Road, Sudbury CO10 2BL (parking opposite)

Equipping churches with key-word signing so they can become more welcoming and accessible to adults with learning disabilities, enabling them to come to know Jesus and grow in their faith. Tickets are £25 per person. To book please email Makaton Tutor: janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk or call 07896 675538.

The Bible, Bugs and Insect Decline

Sunday 24 September 3.00pm
Foxearth Meadows CO10 7HZ

The Revd Mike Perry is key speaker for this open air service, having worked as a research biologist before becoming an Anglican priest. For comfort, do bring along a chair or rug to sit on. We invite people to come along early to enjoy the reserve or stay afterwards for a guided walk. On-site car parking is available.

Vocation Conversations

Thursday 28 September, 7.00pm-8.00pm on Zoom

This is the first in a series of evening conversations for anyone who is thinking about the question 'how do I know what God is asking me to do?'. For the first conversation we will



be joined by Bishop Martin, who is going to share his vocation journey with us. Open to all interested in hearing Bishop Martin's story. Come and join the conversations with others about their vocational journeys. Sign up [here](#).

Environmentally Aware Worship

Thursday 28 September 2023, 7.00pm – 9.00pm on Zoom
(Postponed from 14 June)

Liturgy and worship practitioners across the eastern dioceses are invited to come together. Using a peer-led discussion on Zoom, clergy and lay ministers can share experience, ideas and expertise. Six to eight topics will be considered under a broad heading by means of short presentations (7-10 mins), each then followed by discussion as a whole group or in smaller breakout rooms. To book, please contact [Helen here](#).

Suffolk Harvest Festival

Sunday 1 October from 12.00pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS



The Dean of St Edmundsbury invites you to this year's Suffolk Harvest Festival to give thanks for what has been gathered from land and sea, showcase the excellence of Suffolk's culinary delights and collect provisions for local foodbanks. The Cathedral will play host to farm animals, Farming Live, family activities and much more. The Harvest Service will take place from 2.00pm to 3.00pm lead by Bishop Martin and joined by Mark Murphy (former BBC Radio Suffolk presenter) who will interview some very special guests around this year's theme of Living Water.

World Mission Conference - Ethical Consumerism

Saturday 7 October, 9.00am-1.00pm
Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE



Ethical consumerism is the practice of purchasing products and services produced in a way that minimises social and/or environmental damage, while avoiding products and services thought to have a negative impact on society or the environment. Many of us are concerned about the way in which some businesses

exploit their workers and cause harm to our natural environments. By thinking about what we buy and where we invest we can make a real difference to people and the planet. This is an opportunity to hear from experts in the field of Ethical Consumerism and to ask them questions. Key speakers include Mike Gidney, CEO of the Fairtrade Foundation and Ruth Lindley, Campaigns Lead, Transform Trade, with more to be announced soon. Please book [here](#).

RSCM Choral Festival

Sunday 8 October, 2.00pm - 5.00pm

St Michael's Church, Beccles NR34 9AN



The annual Choral Festival, organised by RSCM Suffolk, takes place in Beccles this year, and is open to choirs and individual singers. It will be conducted by Timothy Parsons, Director of Music at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Singers will need a copy of the book "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done", available from

rscmshop.com. Advance booking is essential. Full details are [here](#) or contact rscmsuffolk@gmail.com

Inspire Counselling, Training Celebration and Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 8 October, 10.00am

St Matthew's Church, Portman Road, Ipswich IP1 2EX

Celebrating 25 years of providing a counselling service and 30 years of providing training. The thanksgiving service will be incorporated into the main service starting at 10.00am. Bishop Martin will be in attendance and will re-commission Inspire and the team. Refreshments and cake will be provided. This is an open invitation - no need to respond, just turn up!

Festival of Church Music: Hope and Reconciliation

Saturday 14 October, 7.00pm

IN HARMONY Free Church Choirs will be holding a Festival of Church Music at St Albans Cathedral. Admission to the event is free, if you would like to join and sing please get in contact. Anthem books available from Adrian Prisk on 01908 605815 |

Email: aprisk@doctors.org.uk. For more information please visit www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk

Notices

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ENEWS ON THURSDAY 24 AUGUST.
THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE 31 AUGUST 2023.**

Vacancies

[Community Chaplain \(Part time\)](#) | Closing date: 18 August

[Rector](#) | Beccles | Closing date: 23 August

[Associate Vicar for Mission](#) | St Augustine's Church, Ipswich | Closing date: 27 August

[Parish Nurse Vacancy](#) | Walton Parish Nursing | Closing date: 31 August

[Youth Leader](#) | Lightwave Community Red Lodge | Closing date: 1 September

[Team Rector](#) | The Forest Heath Team Benefice | Closing date: 12 September

[Priest \(0.5\)](#) | Sproughton, Burstall, Copdock with Washbrook & Belstead | Closing date: 26 September

[Chaplain and Leader of Youth Orientated Congregation](#) | Debenham High School | Closing

date: 28 September

[Priest in Charge 0.8 FTE](#) | Alde River Benefice | Closing date: 4 October

[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | The Wrentham Benefice | Closing date: 9 October

[Rector Designate](#) | East Bergholt, Brantham, Bentley & Tattingstone | Closing date: 10 October

River Church, Ipswich are recruiting for Director of Operations, Kids Pastor and Spear Centre Manager/Employability Coach. All details at: riverchurchipswich.org/vacancies

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