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There is still plenty of time to join our campaign 'What do *you* find through church?' which has already connected with 34,000 people on Facebook and Instagram. We want to encourage people to find out more about the work of the church in their local communities and you can join in at any time over the summer, get started and find out more here.

Following the Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus restrictions, the Church of England will be updating its guidance pages. Churches are encouraged to continue to take all steps necessary to limit the transmission of the virus.

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.

Please find below a website page offered as a resource for those whose role it is to reflect, plan and pray as we move forward as we come out of Covid-19. It is necessarily an evolving document and if you have something important to add that may help others, please get in touch with helen.smith@cofesuffolk.org.

Resources for local churches | Weblink

Thank you Day 4 July 2021

Thank you day is supported by hundreds of organisations including the Church of England, with the aim of bringing people together and bridging divides, to help build a kinder, closer, and more connected society. "I want to thank everyone in the country who has risen to the huge challenge we have faced and is seeking to build new communities and bring us together" Archbishop Justin Welby, Chair of the Steering Group.



There are many ways to get involved and you decide! Please be mindful of Covid-19 restrictions in your planning. To find out more please click here. Every school is also invited to get involved by holding a Thank You Day assembly and creating a piece of a Charlie Mackesy's giant national thank you card! All the resources are available to download here.

Spanish services help Hispanic members worship in own language



All Saints' Church in Chevallier
Street, Ipswich is conducting monthly services
in Spanish so Hispanic members of the
congregation can worship in their native
language. The first service was in May which
was attended by more than 20 adults and
children. The Revd Danny Morrison, who is
Chilean himself, said the event was a huge
success and is looking forward to the next
monthly service. He said: "It was lovely,

everyone was overjoyed to be there. With so many people with such a diverse range of church backgrounds, there was a really good buzz about the place."

To find out more visit our website 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 <u>here</u> to sign up and if you would like more information, please contact Claire Cachelin at <u>clairecachelin@stedscathedral.org</u>

Celebrity Organ Recitals are back

From Sunday 20 June, 5.00pm St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

A new series of Celebrity Organ recitals is starting and where each recital will be given by a leading organist. The opening recital in this year's series is given by Ashley Grote. One of

the country's foremost organists, Ashley is Master of the Music at our fellow East Anglian Cathedral at Norwich.

The recitals are free of charge and there will be a retiring collection. Full details of the recital series can be found on the Cathedral website

https://stedscathedral.org/events/celebrity-organ-recitals.

Throughout the pandemic, musical recitals and reflections have continued online, being livestreamed via the Cathedral's Facebook page https://facebook.com/stedscathedral and YouTube channel https://youtube.com/user/stedscathedral

A Rocha UK's Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve 10 July 2021

If you are already an Eco-church and looking for ideas to move towards a silver or gold award, or are thinking of joining the scheme, the team at Foxearth Meadows would like to invite you to an afternoon to help you explore a range of ideas in relation to managing churchyards or local land for the benefit of nature. The event will include a briefing from A Rocha UK as well as a guided tour demonstrating a range of conservation activities that are feasible for small areas of land. The invitation is for up to two representatives per church and there is a limit of 24 guests in total on the day. If you are interested then please contact mark.prina@arocha.org no later than Monday 21 June to book your place.

Notices

Government Consultation on Protect Duty: Have your say and respond to the Government's current consultation on a proposed 'Protect Duty'. The proposal under consultation is to place a duty on those who own or manage publicly accessible places to take actions to reduce the threat of terrorism. This is an important issue; however, the proposed legislation has a number of unintended consequences that would place a disproportionate burden on all churches in order to comply with the proposals. The consultation and details of how to respond can be found online here.

Vacancies

<u>Cambridge Team Lead | Hope into Action UK | Interview date: 9 July.</u>
<u>Family and Children's Worker | St James, Nayland</u>
<u>Marketing and Communications Manager | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 6 July 2021</u>

Three posts: Operations Manager, Worship and Creative Pastor and Student Pastor | River Church | for all details please click here. Closing date 27 June 2021

Police Chaplains: a great opportunity to serve the wider community. We currently have more than 10 police chaplains from different Christian denominations and we would love more. If you are interested in becoming a police chaplain (lay or ordained) and being linked to a police station, please contact archdeacon.jeanette@cofesuffolk.org.





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