



Thursday 19 August 2021

Growing in God



Bishop Martin writes: "I am delighted that the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is going ahead with its annual 'Ride and Stride' fundraiser event on 11 September. In Suffolk, we are blessed with so many magnificent church buildings and the Suffolk

Historic Churches Trust plays a vital role in helping maintain our rich heritage for generations to come. The Ride and Stride's sister event, the 'Pedal and Drive' for vintage and classic cars, will also be held on the same day.

The money raised by each cyclist, driver or walker is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant. I warmly encourage you to publicise these events widely so as many people as possible can take part. I would also like to encourage you to open your churches for this event and be ready to welcome all those taking part."

For more information, please visit the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> or contact one of the many local bike ride organisers.

The Revd Andy Todd RIP

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the death of the Revd Andy Todd. Andy had been serving his curacy at St Mary's, Woodbridge and had just been ordained priest this July. I ask you to join me in praying for Andy's wife, Sue, and their children, and the people of St Mary's, Woodbridge, at this difficult time. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary's on Thursday 2 September at 11.00am. For further details please contact the parish office at: parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org or telephone 01394 388820.

May Andy rest in peace and rise in glory.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andy' with a cross symbol above the first letter.

Bishop's Council Elections

On behalf of Bishop's Council, I am delighted to announce that the following have been elected to become members of Bishop's Council and trustees of the St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance. David Lamming is elected as a lay member and the Revd Chris Childs and the Revd Paul Clarke are both elected as clergy members.

There are a number of vacancies to be filled and further elections will be run in the autumn, timing to be confirmed.

Anna Hughes, Diocesan Secretary.

Events

The Children's Society – The Good Childhood Report 2021

Wednesday 1 September 2021, 11.00am – 12.00pm online only

An opportunity to join the webinar on the 10th Good Childhood Report which, as well as reviewing the state of young people's well-being, will consider the impact of the Covid-19 global pandemic on our children and young people. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and receive the slides/materials after the webinar. Sign up even if you can't attend on the day to receive a recording with the presentations as well as all the links and resources. Tickets are free but registration is essential via this Zoom link [here](#).

100 Day Health Equity Challenge Workshop

Thursday 9 September 2021, 10.00am – 12.30pm online only.

This workshop explores the reasons why addressing inequalities in health and care requires consideration of health equity and justice. The workshop has been developed with support from the Health Equality Partnership Programme (HEPP), built on the 'Introduction to Outcome Based Approaches' training and is co-produced with lived-experience facilitators from a diverse range of backgrounds. The workshop includes interactive exercises, conversations with people with lived experience and is delivered using a variety of online platforms. Places are free of charge and further information is available on the website [here](#).

Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve – Open Air Service

Sunday 19 September, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Foxearth Meadows, Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve CO10 7HZ

Celebrate the 'Season of Creation' and join us for worship together at our beautiful reserve in north Essex. Come with a chair for comfort and prepared for the weather!

For further information, contact contact Reserve Manager, Mark Prina, on 07548 209652 or email him at mark.prina@arocha.org.

MSM Flexi Facilitators' training sessions

Wednesday 15 September and repeated Thursday 23 September, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

An evening to equip you to facilitate a MSM flexi course. Mission Shaped Ministry is a one-year learning journey equipping people to begin, sustain and grow Lightwave groups and other mission initiatives. It consists of 15 modules which include areas such as listening for mission, gospel and culture, starting something new, building a strong team, coping with disappointments, sustaining a fresh expression of Church and worship and sacraments. The flexible version of the course is specifically designed for whole teams who are already serving in mission together and who want to work together to develop their Lightwave group or mission initiative further.

You only need to book onto one of these dates to complete the facilitator training. There is a maximum of eight spaces per session. To book please visit:

click [here to book 15 September 2021](#)

click [here to book 23 September 2021](#)

Measurably more

16 October 2021, 9.30am to 3.30pm

Online event

A practical workshop on sharing your faith, having an angelic Christmas, Jesus Shaped People and more. Key speakers are Canon Gordon Dey (Jesus Shaped People) and Lucy Moore, (Messy Church). Ipswich Deanery only - please save the date - more details to follow.

World Mission Conference: Modern Day Slavery

Saturday 30 October, 9.30am to 3.30pm

The Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Slavery still thrives in the UK and around the world. About 13,000 people are enslaved in the UK today and 40 million worldwide. This conference will be opened by Bishop Mike followed by three speakers:

- Emily Kenway, writer and activist, whose recent book 'The Truth about Modern Slavery' is thought-provoking and shines a light on the politics of MDS. She was an advisor to the UK's first Anti-Slavery Commissioner.
- A speaker from Antislavery International who work to bring about an end to slavery around the world
- Dan Pratt who is a member of Southend on Sea Against Modern Slavery Partnership and is involved in anti-slavery groups across East Anglia.

There will be stalls for people to look at during the lunch break and plenty of opportunity for discussion. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. To book please visit Evenbrite [here](#). Tickets cost £5 to help with costs.

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. They will be considering its presentation

of Jesus, his teaching and some of the recent scholarly insights into the particular themes which this gospel underlines.

Book early to avoid disappointment! Free of charge, but please register on Eventbrite [here](#).

Enquiries to Lesley Steed on 07485 348889 or lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org.

Please save the dates - further Bishops' Teaching mornings will be: 5 March 2022, 11 June 2022 and 5 November 2022.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

28 March to 6 April 2022.

An opportunity to spend six nights in Jerusalem and three nights in Tiberias beside the Sea of Galilee. Full details are available here: [0328 Everett.pdf \(eecssoftware.com\)](#), or contact the Revd David Everett (Team Vicar in the Forest Heath Team Ministry) david.j.everett24@gmail.com | 01638 718801.

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.

General Synod Elections: Becoming a General Synod representative is an opportunity to represent your community and your diocese at a national level. If you are interested in standing for General Synod, please discuss this with your priest, deanery synod lay chair, Tony Allwood (Chair of the House of Laity, Diocesan Synod) or email [Lorna Todd](#). The closing date for nominations is 1 September 2021. Further information is also available on our website [here](#).

Ready Steady Restart: Suffolk Community Restart Project, is offering grants, training and support across Suffolk aimed at supporting any local groups that are anxious about reopening. The offer includes webinars, workshops, practical advice as well as grants of between £250 and £2500 for marketing and cleaning regimes. Full information on a pdf suitable for your notice board is available [here](#).

Ecclesiastical competition: Has something been done in your church community that made life that little bit better, or easier for others? If yes consider entering your story and you could win £1,500 for your church plus £6,000 if you win the national prize. Full competition details [here](#), closing date 17 September 2021.

Festival Pastors: During the recent Latitude event in July the Festival Pastors assisted more than 700 people on their arrival to site with more than 100 other interventions where people needed assistance for a range of other issues. A letter of thanksgiving is available in full [here](#).

Vacancies

[DAC Secretary \(Church Buildings Adviser\)](#) | Closing date: 25 August 2021

[Marketing Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 31 August 2021

[Development Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 31 August 2021

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