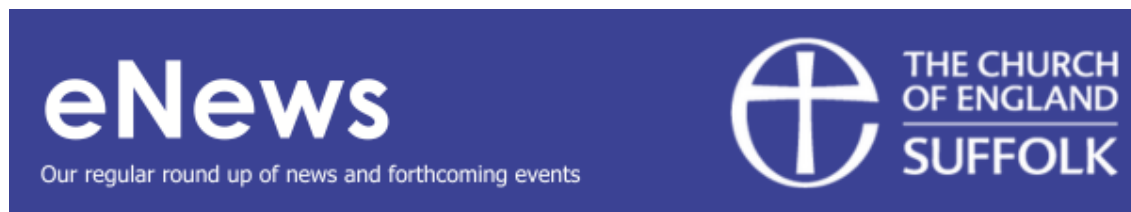


Thursday 20 June 2024



Ordinations

On Saturday 29 June Bishop Martin will ordain 11 deacons and 10 priests on Saturday, please join in praying for these candidates, their families and the people they will serve.

To be ordained Deacon by Bishop Martin at 11.00am

Robert Allinson | Martlesham with Brightwell

Phillip Allison | The Benefice of Ipswich St Helen, Holy Trinity and St Clement with St Luke

Raul Diaz de Arkaia | The Forest Heath Team Ministry

Gregory Gooch | The Benefice of the Wilford Peninsula

Carole Jones | Bacton with Wyverstone, Cotton and Old Newton, and Wickham Skeith

Helen Prior-Townsend | Ipswich St Margaret

Gregor Purdie | Ipswich St Mary-le-Tower

Simone Ramacci | Westerfield and Tuddenham St Martin with Witnesham

Alison Roberts | Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

Georgina South | Felixstowe St Peter and St Paul with St Andrew and St Nicholas

Amanda Tucker | Saxmundham with Kelsale cum Carlton

To be ordained Priest by Bishop Martin at 2.30pm

Mary Brown | Alde Sandlings

Joanna Gunn | Ipswich St Mary-le-Tower

Sarah Hall | Ipswich St Augustine

Sarah Lock | Rougham, Beyton with Hessett & Rushbrooke

Doreen Page | The Benefice of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby

Edith Peck | Framlingham with Saxtead

Lorna Penaluna | Ipswich St Matthew, Triangle and All Saints

Karen Smith | Stour Valley

Alexandra Taylor | Beccles

Katherine Wilson | The Benefice of the Wilford Peninsula (also Lightwave Pioneer at The Place by the Water)

Vacancy in See

With Bishop Martin's retirement planned for the end of February 2025, a discernment process is underway to find the next Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The process is being overseen by the Vacancy in See Committee, a statutory committee which has a

permanent existence but only meets when there is a vacancy in the diocesan bishopric. See is from the Latin term for 'seat' and historically refers to the bishop's throne, i.e. centre of authority and jurisdiction.

The Vacancy in See Committee is in the process of producing a Statement of Needs, which outlines the strengths of the Diocese, the challenges facing it and the qualities the committee believes the new bishop will need. As part of this process they will be holding a public meeting to hear your views.

Vacancy in See - Public Meeting

Wednesday 17 July, 7.00pm to 9.00pm via Zoom.

The public meeting will be chaired by Bishop Mike. The Appointment Secretaries of both the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury will be present to provide a short introduction, outline the process and give details of the appointment timetable. This will be followed by a period of listening, during which attendees are invited to comment on the needs of the Diocese and the characteristics and qualities needed in the next Bishop.

This is a great opportunity to be part of the discernment process. The meeting is open to all, please share this link with others in the diocese and encourage them to get involved. To register [HERE](#).

Events

Annual Jigsaw Festival

Friday 21 June, 10.00am - 4.00pm | Saturday 22 June, 10.00am - 8.00pm | Sunday 23 June, 12.00pm - 4.00pm

St Mary's Church, Newmarket CB8 0HP

Come along to the 13th annual festival which will see the church filled with an ever-changing display of completed jigsaws all of which are for sale. You can also compete with other jigsaw enthusiasts for the British Jigsaw Championship title - sponsored by Gibson's Games - on Sunday 23 June at the Rowley Mile racecourse by kind permission of the Jockey Club. Entry £2 which covers multiple visits throughout the festival - and children go free!

Diocesan Climate Evensong

Sunday 23 June, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

We are delighted to invite you to this service focused on the Climate crisis. Led by Bishop Martin alongside Bishop Darlington from our link diocese in Kagera. The service will include:

- The Revd Richard Stainer interviewing Thomas Shavu, Kagera's Diocesan Secretary, about the mitigation they are planning for the effects of climate change.

- The Revd Anita Rooney (Cathedral Net Zero and Eco Chair) interviewing the Revd Lynda Sebbage about their recent A Rocha Gold Award.
- Music from the Cathedral Youth Choir, who will be joined by the Exeter University Chapel Choir.
- Readings and prayers from James Rolls, Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officer and the Revd Alison Alder, Diocesan Environment Officer.

Give To Go Green webinar: How it works and how to prepare for your application
Wednesday 26 June, 7.30-8.30pm

In this webinar our Net Zero Carbon Officer, James Rolls, and the National Fundraising Advisor, Helen Simpkins, are talking all about Give To Go Green, a match-funding opportunity for Net Zero Carbon projects in church buildings. James and Helen will explain how the scheme works, run through some of the eligibility criteria for the scheme, and explain what kind of support will be on offer to your church if your application is successful. There will also be time at the end of the session to ask any questions you may have, so please join us to hear more about this great opportunity. To book your free place, please [click here](#).

North Suffolk Area Mothers' Union Quiet Day

Wednesday 26 June, 10.00am - 3.00pm
St Peter's Church, Wenham IP19 9EG

Led by the Revd Canon Andrew Vessey: finding Prayer through a Window, a Tapestry and a Poem. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. Contact Margaret Goldstone to book your place: 01502 478378.

Faith Forum

Thursday 27 June, 7.00pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

With only days to go to the General Election, how does our faith inform and influence our social engagement and political thinking? Join us for an evening about faith and engagement with local, national and world political thinking. A balanced debate which will help people to connect their faith to their engagement and participation in our national life and what the Christian Community might have to offer to a divided and fractious political landscape in learning to disagree respectfully and creatively. Limited to 60 spaces. [Book here](#).

Safeguarding Drop-in & Mingle

Tuesday 2 July, between 2.00pm and 3.45pm
St Luke's Church, Beccles NR34 9QJ

Come along to our event for Safeguarding Officers/administrators or clergy working with a Safeguarding role. Come and have a chat, ask questions, and get to know people in a similar role. Car parking is available, please [book here](#).

Churchwarden training 2024

This event has been enormously successful in the past. The training session is aimed primarily at new or nearly new Churchwardens, but experienced ones invariably find that there is always something new to learn. The sessions are also open to anyone who might

have reason to think that he or she could be a Churchwarden before long! The session covers Churchwardens' tasks and legal responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and many other related issues. There is always an opportunity for Questions and Answers. Events will be led by the Archdeacon with contributions from the Diocesan Registrar. Book here for:

[Ipswich Archdeaconry](#) | 2 July at 7.00pm at St Helen's, Ipswich IP4 2LS

[Sudbury Archdeaconry](#) | 9 July at 7.00pm at Cockfield Village Hall, Church Lane IP30 0LA

[Suffolk Archdeaconry](#) | 16 July at 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, Rigbourne Hill, Beccles NR34 9JQ

Women's Voices event - Preaching the Women of the Bible

Saturday 6 July, 10.30am – 4.00pm

St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SP



Led by The Revd Canon Dr Liz Shercliff and The Revd Dr Kate Bruce, this event is open to all, but those who preach - lay and ordained - will find this invaluable. Liz and Kate are entertaining and enthusiastic speakers. They will deliver a number of sessions throughout the day and will finish with the first book launch of Out of the Shadows

Vol 2 which will be available to purchase. Tea and Coffee etc provided throughout. Bring your own lunch. This event is free, please email the Revd Ali Miller for further information: teamvicarlvnb@btinternet.com. Please book your place [here](#).

Doggy Day

Saturday 6 July, 11.00am-2.00pm

St Mary's Church Parish Room, Blakenham IP6 0LP

You are invited to a "Doggy Day" celebration with lots of stalls and activities for dogs. All proceeds of the event to go to St Mary's Church.

Pet Celebration Service

Sunday 7 July, 11.00am

St Mary's Church, Blakenham IP6 0LP

Come along to a very special pet service celebrating the importance of our pets, for all furry, feathered or scaly friends of all sizes! Refreshments available for all. For more details please contact Wendy Hooper on: 01473 846642 or wendydhoooper@gmail.com.

Zero Hunger | Mary's Meals

Monday 8 July, 6.30pm tea/coffee with film start time at 7.00pm

Museum Street Methodist Church, Black Horse Lane, Ipswich IP1 2EF

All are cordially invited to a showing of this important and challenging film. Free but there will be an opportunity to donate to Mary's Meals. Please note that this film is unsuitable for children. For further information please email nicholasjardine40@gmail.com

Getting Started with Contactless

Tuesday 9 July, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Discover the contactless devices and opportunities for your church to make the most of cashless-giving in this free webinar run by the National Giving Team. It will be helpful for newcomers to contactless giving, and an opportunity for all to ask questions. Please [book here](#).

Lark Rise Retreats



Thursday 11 July, 10.00am - 4.00pm and Saturday 13 July, 10.00am - 4.00pm

St Nicholas' Church, Felixstowe IP11 9RZ

Exploring Celtic Christian Spirituality through presence, poetry and pilgrimage. The event costs £25 per person to include a fish and chips lunch. Led by the Revd Jane Pearse. To book please email on larkriseretreats@gmail.com or phone on 01394 284213.

Care into Action: How to live out our faith by protecting God's Creation

Saturday 20 July, 9.30am

Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Following an opening address from Bishop Mike, the morning will take the form of presentations and discussions about the practical things we can do to protect nature, live sustainably and work for Climate Justice. To include a talk about the Church of England's commitment to achieving ambitious net zero carbon targets and how this fits into an overall vision of our care for Creation. The morning is aimed at those across the Diocese who are keen to take an active role in promoting our environmental mission in their local areas. To book your place, please [click here](#).

Living Hope

13 - 15 September

St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH

Three days focused on sharing God's living hope with our local community. You are invited to this missional weekend including a Youth night, Men's breakfast, Women's brunch, Mission on the Streets, Saturday Night Live and Festival of Celebration Service. Join us to hear Simon Guillebaud, previously a missionary in Burundi, listen to his daring stories of faith, risk and sacrifice that have inspired people all over the world. Please click [here](#) for more information.

World Mission Conference Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Saturday 12 October, 9.00am - 1.00pm

Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE.

As Christians we are called to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13.2). How can we best do this? Our speakers will offer an insight into the refugee and asylum seeker issue on a global scale and in our own county, with practical suggestions as to how your church can become involved in welcoming and supporting those from overseas. More information and booking [here](#).

Notices

Return of Parish Finance: Many thanks to all parishes who have already submitted their form. Completing your Return of Parish Finance provides your benefice and our Diocese with valuable information and data. The results of your efforts are collated by the National Church and used to report key trends and features of parish financial activity. Returns are to be submitted on the Online Parish Returns System, if you require login details or any other assistance regarding the online portal, please contact statistics@cofesuffolk.org by email. **The online deadline has been extended to 31 July 2024.** There will be no further extension. Further information is available on our [website here](#).

Making CofE websites easier for you to use: The Church of England Communications team is running a series of exercises to help decide how best to organise online information across the Church of England. They are interested in understanding how users expect content to be organised so that they can make sure their websites are accessible and helpful. To take part please visit here: cofe.io/CardSort

Electoral Roll Figures: In accordance with Church Representation Rules (CRR) 10, the chair, vice-chair, secretary or electoral roll officer of a PCC must, no later than 1 July each year, give the secretary of the Diocesan Synod written notification of the number of names there are on the roll of the parish as at the date of the APCM. To help us collate this data, please return your electoral roll figures to statistics@cofesuffolk.org or the Diocesan Office following your APCM, as part of your parish returns.

Vacancies

[Inspiring Ipswich Pioneer](#) | Pinewood/St Peter's | Closing date: 21 June
[Associate Choral Leader](#) | Closing date: 24 June
[Diocesan HR Administrator](#) | Closing date: 1 July
[Priest in Charge](#) | Wickham Market & Pettistree | Closing date: 3 July
[Programme Accountant](#) | Closing date: 5 July
[Administration Assistant](#) | Mission and Ministry team | Closing date: 5 July
[Rector](#) | The Brett Valley Benefice | Closing date: 8 July
[Programme Management Officer](#) | Closing date: 9 July
[Rector](#) | South Hartismere Benefice | Closing date: 10 July
[Lead Chaplain](#) | Sizewell C | Closing date: 10 July
[House for Duty Priest](#) | Lakenheath with Santon Downham and Elveden | Closing date: 10 July
[Children's and Families' Worker](#) | Stanton Benefice | Closing date: 12 July
[River Church Opportunities](#) | Kids Pastor (full-time), Debt Centre Manager (part-time) and internships | Ipswich
[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | The Wrentham Benefice
[New Opportunities in Ipswich](#) | Inspiring Ipswich
[Gap Year opportunities](#) | St Mary's, Haverhill
[Associate Priest with responsibility for Chaplaincy](#) | Debenham High School

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