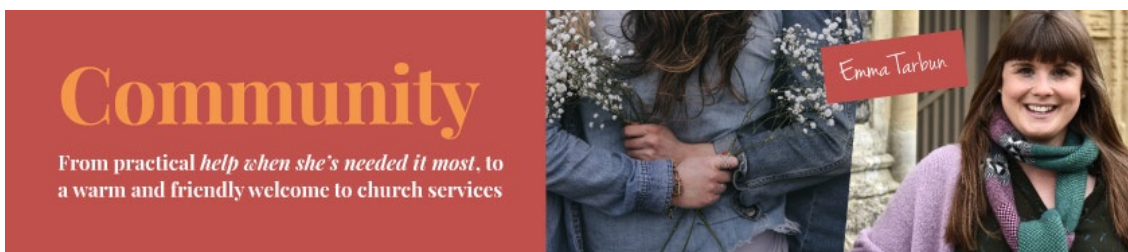


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"As God's Church we are also called to communicate to our world, not least God's love and truth in Jesus. And good communication is essential for our calling to be effective" Bishop Mike.

To help you join our campaign 'What do you find through church?', we have produced a series of materials to download and use at a time that suits you. Posters, pew cards, leaflets and social media posts are all available on our website [here](#).



When Emma Tarbun became a mum for the first time, she started to take her daughter to family services at St Edmund's Church in Southwold, and formed a friendship group that they were soon to rely on more than they could ever have expected.

[Find out more](#)

Christian Aid Giving Thanks for our Vaccines Appeal



Many of us here in Suffolk are both joyful and relieved that we have received at least one if not two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. However, as we hear in the news every day, there are many communities around the world who are suffering because they don't have access to vaccines. Please give to help protect those

who don't have access to vaccines or protection from this deadly disease. You can read what Bishop Mike has to say about the appeal and donate [here](#).

Beer Festival to be held in St Edmundsbury Cathedral

The West Suffolk Branch of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale), have announced the launch of their beer festival held from 25 – 30 August 2021. First release tickets go on sale on Tuesday 25 May; these 'early bird' tickets offer discounts of up to 20% and guarantee Fast Track admission. The Festival will be capacity-constrained by residual Coronavirus restrictions. Tickets can be obtained at www.burybeerfestival.com. Visit the Cathedral to enjoy beer, music and more, all proceeds will support local charities and good causes.

The Revd Philip Banks, Precentor at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, commented on behalf of the Dean, *"Working with CAMRA we're creating an event that will showcase our wonderful Cathedral in a sympathetic manner so that everyone can enjoy its majestic splendour and surroundings. It is a fabulous and iconic building, at the heart of the local community, which we know will be appreciated by all who attend. We look forward to welcoming this new 'congregation' through our doors"*.

Buy a Bishop



Bishop Martin has responded to the Buy a Bishop auction in the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera and presented Sue Todd, Deputy Diocesan Director of Education, with her prize. *"I'm so pleased with the beautiful bowl. I love the colour, curve and smoothness of the wood and of course it was made by Bishop Martin!"* commented Sue.

Many thanks to all who bid to Buy a Bishop, and to everyone who has contributed to the Lent appeal in any way. We'd love to hear what you did for Kagera in Lent – email your pictures and stories to kagera@cofesuffolk.org.

Growing in God Growth Fund grants available for your church mission



The Diocesan Growing in God Growth Fund is now open offering grants to help you and your church reach out creatively to encourage sharing of the Christian faith and so grow our church family in number. Grants of up to £500 are available, for

more information and the application form, see: <https://cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/growing-your-parish/growth-funding-opportunities/>.

Events

Catching the Fire

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Sunday 23 May at 4.00pm



Concluding the Thy Kingdom Come's ten days of prayer, 'Catching the Fire' is a special service offered this Pentecost. You are warmly invited to join in our Diocesan celebration of Mission. You can book a physical place at the Cathedral by emailing: cathedralinvitations@stedscathedral.org. As places are limited by Covid-19 restrictions, the service will also be streamed on the St Edmundsbury [Cathedral](#)

and [Lightwave](#) Facebook pages.

A step-by-step guide to online and onsite services (and why it is worth persevering with both)

Thursday 27 May, 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Join Bob Jackson (church growth consultant and author of 'Everybody Welcome Online'), Chloe Axford (Director of Communications, Exeter Diocese), Liz Morgan (CofE Digital Team) and Stephen Hance (National Lead for Evangelism and Witness) as they launch a resource to support churches who plan to continue offering worship online and onsite. Sign up to attend [here](#).

Church of England vision for the 2020s

25 May, 12.00pm: To be a church of missionary disciple

15 June, 11.00am: A church that is younger and more diverse

30 June, 2.00pm: Being a church that is simpler, humbler and bolder.

Join these webinars offering an opportunity to find out more about the emerging vision and strategic priorities for the Church for the next decade and take the opportunity to ask your questions. To book and to find out more please click [here](#).

Community Action Suffolk - Ready Set Restart

Tuesday 1 June, 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Hosted by Community Action Suffolk, this session is designed for religious groups, offering help get back running safely. At this workshop participants can meet health and safety experts to learn about simple steps you can take to ensure that your group or organisation is delivering face-to-face services in Covid-19 safe ways. Share ideas and learn from other similar groups and organisations about how challenges are being met. [Click here to book](#). Other sessions are available and this [poster](#) can be shared with other voluntary groups who may benefit.

The Children's Society - We Cannot Walk Alone – A Refugee Week Webinar

Wednesday 16 June, 11.00am – 12.00pm

An opportunity to hear more about The Children's Society's work with young refugees and migrants and to get an update on 'Distress Signals', a young activists' campaign for independent guardians. Led by the Rt Revd Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford, with a group of young people with lived experience of the asylum process, who are calling on the Government to provide legal guardians to all unaccompanied and separated children arriving in England and Wales. Free registration [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.

Diocesan Synod: with the elections to about to take place, it is vital that the Diocesan office is made aware of any changes to deanery synod members. Please do let the office know as soon as possible of any elections held at APCMs this year. All information, further resources and a timeline can be found on our website [here](#), or contact lorna.todd@cofesuffolk.org.

Vacancies

[Bridge Church Administrator](#) | Closing Date: 30 May 2021

[Part-time Finance Assistant](#) | St Matthew, All Saints and Triangle, Ipswich | Closing Date: 17 June 2021.

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