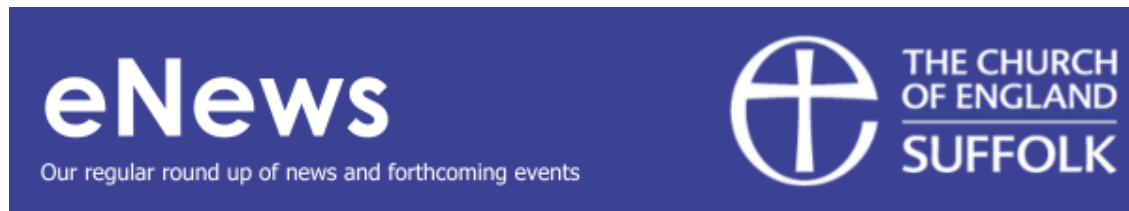


**Thursday 25 July 2024**



## **War heroes who lost their lives in Suffolk remembered in a moving ceremony**



The 80th anniversary of an American bomber crash in Suffolk has been marked with new evidence about the death of the crew.

The American WWII B-17 bomber named Little Boy Blue crashed just outside Thurston after a midair collision, leaving eight dead with two survivors.

The tragedy occurred on 19 July 1944 and now a poignant memorial service has been held to commemorate the crash on land owned by Steve Honeywood. Guests were told that a painstaking search undertaken by volunteers led by Cotswold Archaeology had uncovered new evidence about the remains of three young airmen who were still aboard the bomber when it crashed. The young Americans were unaccounted for, denying their families closure and the opportunity for formal funerals.

To read the full story on our website please [click here](#).

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### **Bishop Mike's Final Service**

Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Everyone is warmly invited to St Edmundsbury Cathedral as we say farewell to Bishop Mike as he leaves to become the Bishop of Exeter. The service will be followed by Devon cream teas and fizz. For catering purposes, please use this link to RSVP so we have an indication of numbers: <https://forms.gle/7Byys8vNYtMTqQF99>

Bishop Mike will be enthroned in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 2 November at 3.00pm. Tickets for the service will be available via Exeter Cathedral's website in due course. We will send out the link when they become available.

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## Suffolk comes top at Ride and Stride's annual fundraising event

A Ride and Stride church fundraising day was held in 22 counties in England in September 2023, and we are delighted to announce that Suffolk raised the most money with a total of £200,312.70. The total raised nationally to help preserve and repair churches buildings was £1,208,115 with Suffolk contributing 16.5%. The national Ride and Stride event started in Suffolk as a sponsored bike ride and then spread across the country. Thank you to all our volunteers, riders, strider, drivers and supporters... every pound raised helps to keep our wonderful church buildings going.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) Ride and Stride and Pedal & Drive car rally takes place each year and sees several thousand cyclists and walkers of all ages (and drivers of vintage and classic cars) taking part in the fundraising event. The next one will take place on Saturday 14 September 2024.

**SHCT grant awards:** The money awarded in grants to churches in June was £43,000 to be shared between eight churches: Alderton, Bradfield St George, Framlingham, Freston, Horham, Ketteburgh, Sylham and Cowlinge. The work for which the grants were awarded included masonry repairs to an unstable buttress, buttress and porch repairs, replacing of a vestry floor, plasterwork repairs to chancel, nave and porch ceilings and walls, repairs to roof tiles, eaves, gutters and gables.

There are two more Grants Meetings scheduled this year and any church, chapel or meeting house of any denomination can apply. To apply and for more details, please [click here](#).

## Events

### Flower & Beer Festival

Friday 2 August - Sunday 4 August, starting from 2.00pm  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kedington CB9 7NN



Come along to a fantastic Flower and Beer Festival in St Peter & St Paul's church. Taking inspiration from the cathedral, the church will have a lovely selection of flowers and beers to peruse. The church will be welcoming the floristry students from West Suffolk College as they are using the church to display their end of term arrangements - for which they are very grateful!

### Awake Sleeping Hearts

Tuesday 6 August, 7.30pm  
Hitcham Church, Ipswich IP7 7NR

Hitcham's Lewis Hammond and his professional singing friends are giving an evening of a cappella music ranging from Renaissance madrigals and French chansons to English

folksongs. A summer programme to soothe the soul. Tickets cost £10 or £5 for students and can be [booked here](#). For more information call 07988 948227.

### **Lark Rise Retreats: Exploring the Story of Ruth**

Thursday 5 September, 10.00am - 4.00pm

St Nicholas Church, Felixstowe Ferry IP11 9RZ

Exploring the story of Ruth and its relevance today, led by the Revd Penny Brinkley. The day includes refreshments, cake and a fish and chips lunch. To book, please [click here](#) or call 01394 284213.

### **Suffolk in Prayer weekend for schools**

6 - 8 September

Suffolk in Prayer is a movement of Christians committed to praying for God's blessing on this beautiful county and its people. They would like to invite you to participate in a prayer weekend for teachers and children as they return to school after their summer break.

Please share your prayers for schools, education and teaching by emailing [suffolkinprayer@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkinprayer@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **On Voice: Speech, Song, Silence: Human and Divine**

Thursday 12 September 2024 beginning with Mass at 11.00am

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

A joint meeting of the Society of Catholic Priests and Affirming Catholicism, beginning in the Cathedral with Mass. Mass will be followed by a talk in the Edmund Room by Victoria Johnson on her recent book *On Voice*, published by Darton, Longman and Todd. Copies will be available for sale. Lunch will be served in the Edmund Room at 12.30pm, followed by departure. Price: £10 for two courses, wine and coffee. If you would like to attend, please email [cormack246@gmail.com](mailto:cormack246@gmail.com) or call Michael Wilde on 01284 767415.

### **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, and listen to his daring stories of faith, risk and sacrifice that have inspired people all over the world. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Harvest-themed Choral Concert**

Saturday 14 September, 5.00pm

St Mary's Church, Barking with Darmsden IP6 8HJ

Come along to a fantastic harvest-themed Choral Concert by the Suffolk Churches Singers. Preceded by refreshments from 4.30pm, in aid of the Church Fabric Fund. Tickets cost £10 from 01473 658583 or are available at the door.

### **Great Glemham Quilt Exhibition**

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, 10.00am - 4.00pm

All Saints' Church, Great Glemham IP17 2DA

Come along and see a bright array of quilts. There will be a sales table as well as delicious refreshments. Entry costs £3. All funds raised will go to All Saints' Church. A good place to stop by and take a break if you are on the SHCT Ride and Stride.

### **Building a Generous Church Conference**

Saturday 28 September

Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3EW



This is a fantastic opportunity to hear keynote speakers, attend workshops and meet staff to give you help and support to increase generosity and giving in your parish. This is a chance to network with others throughout the Diocese and access the information and resources on offer. Please download and share this poster [here](#).

For more information and to book your free place, which includes lunch, please visit

Insight: [insight.cofesuffolk.org/building-a-generous-church-conference](https://insight.cofesuffolk.org/building-a-generous-church-conference)

### **County Harvest Festival**

Sunday 6 October, 11.30am, service starts 2.00pm

Trinity Park, Ipswich IP3 8UH

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Lightwave and the Suffolk Agricultural Association are delighted to invite you to the County Harvest Festival for 2024. This hugely popular biannual event is held at Trinity Park and includes food, bar, live music, craft and produce stalls, as well as an opportunity to meet the animals. It's a special year as Bishop Martin, President of the Suffolk Agricultural Association, will be leading the 2.00pm worship.

### **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](#).

### **Lark Rise Retreats: Speak Lord your servant is listening - An Advent Quiet Day**

Thursday 28 November or Saturday 30 November 10.00am-4.00pm

230 Ferry Road, Felixstowe IP11 9RU

We invite you to a quiet day led by Sarah Wallington-Smith: before the pre-Christmas rush, spend time resting in peace and reflecting as Advent approaches. The day includes

refreshments, cake and a fish and chips lunch. To book, please [click here](#) or call 01394 284213.

### **Save the date:**

**Chaplains' Gathering:** Advance notice of a day conference for all involved in chaplaincy from all sectors across Suffolk. Tuesday 26 November 10.00am-3.00pm. Details of venue, programme and booking will be shared in September.

### **Notices**

**Spam telephone calls:** We are aware of a church community being targeted with some convincing scam phones calls requesting financial help. If you receive any suspicious phone calls please record the telephone number (if available), hang up and call the police on 101.

**Love Latitude:** On the weekend of 25-28 July 2024, the fields of Henham Park near Blythburgh become the site of the annual Latitude Festival. The Town Pastor family will assemble once again and the team will once again joyfully gather to serve, care, listen, patrol and pray for the 40,000 attendees and staff throughout the weekend. At the heart of Town Pastors and Festival Pastors is prayer. If you would like some more information or would like to be added to the list of people praying for the ministry of the Festival Pastor team, please contact Clare, Festival Pastors Coordinator, at [felixstowetownpastorscoordinator@outlook.com](mailto:felixstowetownpastorscoordinator@outlook.com).

**Growing in God Growth Fund:** This fund can provide money to help your church engage creatively in sharing faith in word and deed, and as a result grow the church in number and younger. You can apply for up to £1,500 to support an outward-facing initiative to develop your church's mission to the wider community. Applying is easy and the application form can be completed in moments. All the information, eligibility and the application form are on our website [here](#). Apply now as our next meeting to review applications is in September.

**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](mailto: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](#).

**Give to Go Green:** Last chance to apply for match funding from the national church. Deadline 28 July 2024. All application details available [here](#).

**Energy Footprint Tool:** the deadline is 31 July 2024 - make sure you complete yours. Find out more information on our website [here](#).

## Vacancies

[Associate Minister for Mission with Children, Families and Young People](#) | St Margaret's Church, Ipswich | Closing date: 9 August

[BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN \(Interim, fixed term 18 months\)](#) | Closing date: 14 August

[Associate Priest](#) | St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich | Closing date: 19 August

[House for Duty Priest](#) | Lakenheath with Santon Downham and Elveden | Closing date: 24 September

[River Church Opportunities](#) | Kids Pastor (full-time), Debt Centre Manager (part-time) and internships | Ipswich

[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | The Wrentham Benefice

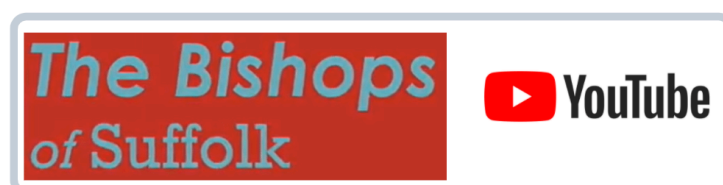
[Gap Year opportunities](#) | St Mary's, Haverhill

[Associate Priest with responsibility for Chaplaincy](#) | Debenham High School

St Peter's Church, Westleton is looking for a new Treasurer, Please contact, [David Blencowe](#) or [Jeremy Branch](#) if you are interested.

All Saints' Church, Wetheringsett are looking for a new volunteer Treasurer, please contact [Tim Rowe](#) for more information.

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