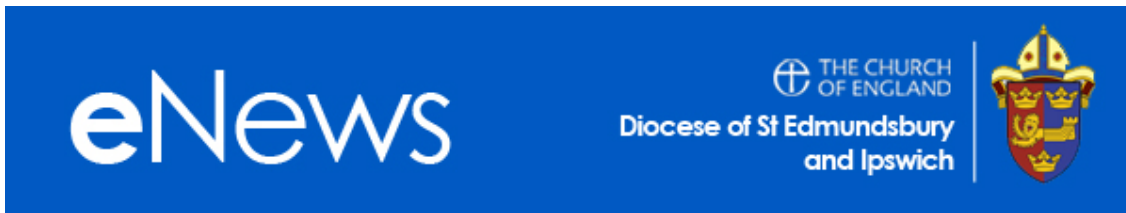


Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese

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Thursday 28 July 2022

Eco Pledge - Write a pledge, save the planet:



EcoPledge22 is an invitation to everyone in the Cathedral, diocesan community (and beyond) to live out their faith by stepping up our care for the earth and the life it sustains.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is encouraging visitors to write a pledge to help save the planet. There are wooden hearts available for all to write an eco pledge. These pledges will be collected and on Climate Sunday (4 September) will be displayed in an impactful way.

If you can't make it into the Cathedral, you can submit your pledge via the St Edmundsbury Cathedral website at <https://stedscathedral.org/sustainability>. Your online pledge will then be written onto hearts so it can join with others in the Cathedral.

Late in 2021, St Edmundsbury Cathedral were awarded a Silver Eco Award from A Rocha; who, in partnership with Christian Aid, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, Tear Fund and the United Reformed Church, have created Eco Church project which encourages churches to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

You can register with A Rocha's Eco church scheme to complete a short survey about how you are already caring for God's earth in the church. They then offer resources and pathways to help you achieve the bronze, silver and gold awards as they help you on your environment journey. Find out more [here](#).

Are you an Elder, Reader, LLM or member of clergy?

Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD) grants are available for all who hold the Bishop's licence in the Diocese. A new CMD Handbook is available [here](#) with more information.

The purpose of Continuing Ministerial Development is to equip and develop the church's ministers in order that they may stimulate and enable the whole Church to participate more fully in the mission of God in the world.

It encourages ministers to:

- discern and learn how to participate in God's mission in the world
- build worshipping and ministering communities to live God's life
- support and equip God's people for ministry and mission wherever they are
- deepen their theological reflection and openness to God.

If you are a minister, you may use your CMD grant to attend courses, training or conferences. The current grant amounts are shown in the Handbook, the current grant triennium is 2022 – 24. If you want to use your grant, please download a CMD grant application form from the diocesan website [here](#) and send it to the CMD Administrator with supporting documentation. For more information please email the CMD Administrator at lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org or phone 07485 348889.

Lambeth Conference 2022

26 July - 8 August 2022

You are invited to pray for the Lambeth Conference which is a once-a-decade gathering that plays a vital role in the life of the Anglican Communion, providing time and space for bishops to meet, share and pray.

Events

What is Envoy? taster sessions

Wednesday 3 August – 10.00am, 12.30pm or 7.30pm

Zoom

Envoy is a free evangelism coaching community provided by Church Army for anybody aged 18+ who wants to make evangelism their way of life. Envoy is designed to fit into your life – whatever it looks like – and will equip you to live missionally wherever you are. If you'd like to meet a member of the Envoy team, hear stories from previous participants or have an opportunity to ask questions, you can attend a one hour taster session. To book a place, please visit: www.envoy.website/what-is-envoy. To sign up for the the next Envoy communities beginning in October, please visit www.envoy.website. Applications close on 16 September 2022. For more information, please email the Envoy Team: envoy@churcharmy.org.

Ride and Stride / Pedal and Drive 2022 - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 10 September 2022



Organised by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride and Pedal & Drive sees several thousand cyclists and walkers of all ages (and drivers of vintage and classic cars) taking part in the

annual fundraising event for the repair and upkeep of Suffolk churches. The money they raise help save this wonderful part of our history, with half going to the Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the cyclist's/walker's chosen church. More details are available from www.shct.org.uk

How Parish Buying can support parishes with Net Zero Carbon

Thursday 15 September, 12noon - 1.00pm

At this webinar, you will hear about the range of support available for parishes from the central procurement activities of Parish Buying and 2Buy2. Covering energy audits, solar panels, low-carbon heating, and more. Led by Nick Jenni from Parish Buying and David Thomas and Julie Davies from 2Buy2. [Book here](#)

Growing Rural

Starts October 2022



The Growing Rural programme has been developed specifically to help multi-parish churches to see and grasp the opportunities for mission in their context. Your incumbent, plus up to five other key leaders in the benefice will journey together as they explore, develop and implement a shared vision for mission and growth in

your context. The Revd Phil Dykes, Diocesan Mission Enabler, is holding a taster session on 27 July at 7.30pm. To sign up and to find out more please do give Phil a call on 07917 385843 or visit our website [here](#).

The County Harvest Festival

Sunday 2 October 2022, 12.00pm for 2.30pm service

Trinity Park, Ipswich IP3 8UH



Join Bishop Mike, Dean Joe and Archdeacon Sally as they lead the County Harvest Festival service. Gates will open at 12 noon for food, drinks, children's activities, craft stalls and to meet the Suffolk Trinity livestock (Suffolk Punch, Red Poll cattle and Suffolk Sheep). Harvest Worship will include local farmers and people from different churches and chapels around our county. Bring your chairs (but if it is very wet we will turn this into a drive-in event!). Bring along tins and fresh produce to place on our straw bale altar, from where they will be distributed to local charities. For details and to book please visit: [A County Harvest Festival \(02-Oct-2022\)](#).

Mothers' Union Pop up Shop

I-Chameleon, 9 Thoroughfare, Halesworth IP19 8AH

Thursday 13 October to Wednesday 19 October (except Sunday), 10.00am to 4.00pm

I-Chameleon in Halesworth offers a different pop up shop every week and on 13 October 2022 it will be the sixth year the Mother's Union (MU) has set up their pop up shop there. Over the last five years the MU have raised £6,700 at the pop up shop, supporting and empowering families in the UK and overseas.

The pop up shop is made possible through the generous donations of goods to sell and the MU is asking for donations now for sale in October. They are currently collecting good quality china and glass, kitchenware, toys, books, toiletries, gifts and more to sell (no clothes please). If you have items to donate please contact Anna Vessey 01379 588389 (annavessey4@gmail.com) or they can be given to North Suffolk Branch MU Leaders. Any item not sold will be kept for further fundraising events or given to other charities.

Safeguarding Sunday

20 November 2022

Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message of justice and hope. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for your church to show your community that you take this responsibility seriously. It's your chance, as a church, to use your regular Sunday service to explore together what safer places look like, and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all. Please visit:

thirtyoneeight.org/SafeguardingSunday

Notices

Responding to the crisis in Ukraine, please visit our website [here](#).

Prayer Book Society in Suffolk: To revive the life of the Prayer Book Society (PBS) in Suffolk it would be helpful if parishes that currently use Prayer Book services would be kind enough to report which Sunday(s) of the month they happen and at what time, so that the very out-of-date lists can be refreshed. Please email the Revd Canon [Mark Haworth](#), the current PBS Coordinator.

Vacancies

[Youth and Children's Work Charity](#) | Just42, Woodbridge | Closing date: 11 August

[Children & Families' Worker](#) | Bridge Church | Closing date: 12 August

[Mission-focussed Priest in Charge](#) | Four Rivers Benefice | Closing date: 1 September

[Priest in Charge](#) | Waterfront Parishes, Ipswich

[Youth Project Support Worker](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral

[Part-Time Verger](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral

[Choir Director](#) | Woodbridge

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