



Thursday 3 February 2022

Growing in God

#LiveLent Embracing Justice

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This year's #LiveLent theme, Embracing Justice, was launched on 27 January with a special online premiere, recorded from the chapel of Lambeth Palace. You can [see a recording](#) of the powerful and thought-provoking discussion about justice featuring:

- Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
- Isabelle Hamley, author of the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2022 Lent Book, Embracing Justice
- Chine Macdonald, Director at Theos Think Tank
- Darren Howie, Minister and Director of Social Enterprise Sacred Bean Coffee
- Alianore Smith, Church and Theology Executive of IJM UK.

Visit our website [here](#) for further information.

Radical Living: St Edmundsbury Lent Series

Starting Wednesday 16 March, 7.00pm - 8.00pm throughout Lent
Zoom

Following the success of the Cathedral's Lent series 'Radical Faith, extraordinary lives for challenging times' the Cathedral will be holding another series of Lent Talks 'Radical Living, Christians and the Environmental Crisis.' The talks will be held on Zoom and each week a new speaker will look at the environmental challenges of today from a different perspective. Details are currently being finalised. If you would like more information or to be added to the mailing list, please email Canon Michael Robinson on michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org.

A Lenten Journey in Art

Tuesday 1 March 2022 10.30am – 12.30pm
Learning Hub, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Led by Sarah Gull and Louise Martin, you are welcome to join this six-week art workshop to develop your own spiritual expression in art, exploring:

- your own blocks to artistic practice
- opportunities for art as spiritual and Christian practice
- produce an individual project on the idea of 'journey'

This course is free, please book early as places are limited. Book by emailing kim.judge@stedscathedral.org.

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 7 February sees the start of Children's Mental Health Week. There are resources for schools, youth groups and families and Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell, our Diocesan

Children's and Families' Enabler has put together a Padlet of all the resources available - do have a look [here](#).

Diocesan staff announcements



Edmund Harris has joined the Diocese as its new DAC Secretary, having served in the Diocese of Canterbury for four years in the same role. His arrival brings the Care of Churches team back up to strength, it having been in the care of Charlotte Hodgson for some months.

Edmund and Charlotte are focussing on the backlog of applications and on implementing a range of measures to enable the department to function more efficiently.

Although the faculty jurisdiction applies to every diocese and much of the theoretical knowledge is transferable from one diocese to another, there is no substitute for getting to know buildings, places and people first-hand.

For that reason, Edmund is keen to get out and about.

He has known and loved Suffolk all his life and was delighted at the chance to live in and work for a place where until last year he had only been an occasional visitor. Edmund blogs about 19th century architecture at www.lesseminentvictorians.com.

James Hawksworth has been appointed as the Pioneer Evangelist for the Suffolk Centre of Mission. He will be working in south west Ipswich to develop a new worshipping community of young people based in and around the parish of St Francis. James has lots of experience of pioneering with young people from his previous posts in Church Army Centres of Mission in Bradford and Kings Lynn. Please pray for James and his family as they prepare to move to Ipswich. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Dunwich on 14 March at 7.30pm in St Francis Church, Ipswich.



We are pleased to announce that **Julie Podd** has been seconded as Parish Resources Manager with effect from Tuesday 8 February 2022. She will be carrying out the role four days a week with the support of the Parish Resources Team: Beccy Hills, Funding & Grants Advisor, and a temporary replacement for Julie's Advisor role. The Team looks forward to continuing to support parishes with income development and cost management and ensuring that parishes' experience of diocesan services is accessible and integrated. Find out more on our website pages [here](#) and for Fundraising and Grants [here](#).

Events

Discipleship in the Parish

Tuesday 22 February at 11.00am
Webinar

This is part of a series of national webinars that explore what it means to be a church that is simpler, humbler, bolder. Explore how we encourage being a church of missionary disciples, hearing from priests and leaders who have been taking practical steps to enable people to find and follow God in their everyday life. It will also share fresh ideas and resources to support churches in this area. To register for this national webinar please click [here](#).

Big Weekend

Friday 18 March 6.00pm – Sunday 20 March 4.00pm
Sizewell Hall Christian Conference Centre, Leiston IP16 4TX

The Big Weekend is organised by the Church of England here in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and run by experienced youth workers from around Suffolk. It's a weekend of craziness, worship, games and friendship all focused around learning more about living as a Christian in the C21st.

It is for young people between 7-13 years old and this weekend away costs £55. To book please visit Eventbrite [here](#). Youth leaders are more than welcome to attend with their young people – in fact we encourage it! It's much better for ongoing discipleship. We are offering a subsidised rate for youth leaders who can book in by contacting Matt Levett matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org.

Vocations Fair

Sunday 8 May 2022 2.00pm - 4.00pm
The Cloisters, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS



Come and visit the many stalls representing our ministries for an informal chat to find the right ministry for you for example: Licensed Youth Ministers, Anna Chaplaincy, Children's and Families Ministers, Church Army, Elders, Pioneers, Evangelists, Lightwave Leaders, Ordained Ministers, Parish Nurses, PCC Officers, Readers, School Foundation Governors and Spiritual Directors. Any enquiries please email the Revd Stuart Batten: stuart.batten@cofesuffolk.org

God Calling?

Saturday 18 June 2022 10.00am – 12.00pm
Assington Hall, 75 Further Street, Assington CO10 5LE

Sometimes life can seem so full on and fast paced that we don't feel that there is any time to stop and listen to God. God Calling? is an opportunity to press the pause button in our busy lives for a couple of hours and tune into God's still small voice. Join us at the beautiful surroundings of Assington Hall for a morning of quiet reflection on theme of God's call on our lives. To book please visit Eventbrite here: <https://2022-god-calling.eventbrite.co.uk>

Churchwardens' training 2022

SAVE THE DATES

Ipswich Archdeaconry | Tuesday 5 July 2022 | 7.00pm | River Church, St Mary at the Quay, Foundation Street, Ipswich IP4 1BZ
Suffolk Archdeaconry | Wednesday 13 July 2022 | 7.00pm | St Luke's Church, 61 Rigbourne Hill, Beccles NR34 9JQ
Sudbury Archdeaconry | Wednesday 27 July 2022 | 7.00pm | All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3QW

This 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! Further resources and a training video are available on our website [here](#).

Notices

Covid-19: Please visit the recently updated Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information and guidance for churches.

Thank you to all parishes who have already submitted their Statistics for Mission forms for this year. Please be aware, the national church has extended the deadline to **Sunday 20 March**. Please ensure you submit the forms via the online portal or send them to the diocesan office by this date. We have been told this deadline will not be extended further.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

Please note that the Government has approved continuation of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPOW) for this spending review period, until 31 March 2025. The

current period of the scheme was due to end in March this year. The LPOW scheme awards grants equivalent to VAT costs on eligible capital works to listed churches and cathedrals, worth up to £42 million a year. It is administered through a dedicated website [here](#).

Vacancies

[Cafe Manager](#) | St Michael's, Martlesham Heath | Closing date: 4 February
[Rector](#) | Suffolk Heights Benefice | Closing date: 7 February
[Vicar](#) | All Saints' Newmarket | Closing date: 9 February
[Interim Priest-in-Charge](#) (3 years full-time) | Mid Loes benefice | Closing date: 20 February
[Diocesan Mission Administrator \(Mission and Ministry\)](#) | Closing date 21 February
[Vicar](#) | Bures with Assington and Little Cornard | Closing date: 25 February
[Priest in Charge](#) | Alde Sandlings (Aldeburgh) Benefice | Closing date: 16 March
[Rector 0.5](#) | St Mary Stoke, Ipswich
[Worship Pastor, Coffee Shop Manager, Fundraising Assistant](#) | River Church, Ipswich
[Children and Families' Worker](#) | Bridge Church, Ipswich

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