

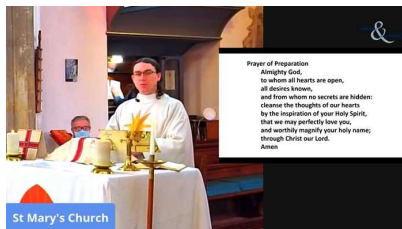
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Growing in God

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

Diocesan Growing in God Growth Fund Boosts online Church in Haverhill



St Mary's Church has used funding to purchase hardware and software to deliver livestreaming services and events to a professional standard during Covid-19 when many were not comfortable with going to Church. The church has reached more people than ever. The church will be using their software to share study material and connect with people over Lent and it is fully anticipated that the ability to engage on-line will continue to be an asset after COVID restrictions are lifted. For the full story and information from other recipients of the Growing in God Growth Fund please visit our website [here](#).

St Edmundsbury Cathedral re-opening for Worship and Prayer

We are delighted to announce that the Cathedral will re-open for public worship at certain services from Sunday 7 March. Please remember that, as with previous re-openings, you must book your place for Sunday services in advance by emailing cathedralinvitations@stedscathedral.org with your name, the service you wish to attend and how many from your household/bubble will be attending by noon on the preceding Friday.

Tuesday - 12.30pm Holy Eucharist - Healing (booking not required)
Wednesday- 1.00pm BCP Eucharist (booking not required)
Thursday - 12.30pm Silent Meditation with Eucharist (booking not required)
Sundays
8.00am Holy Communion ([booking required](#))
11.00am Sung Eucharist ([booking required](#))
3.30pm Evensong ([booking required](#))

All of the above services will continue to be livestreamed until further notice [here](#). The Cathedral is also open for personal prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral.

If you are planning to attend a service, please remember that face coverings must be worn over nose and mouth at all times.

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) Launches Online (Digital) Giving



We are delighted to announce that donors can now join the PGS online. Donors can do this by visiting the website parishgiving.org.uk and searching for the parish they wish to give to or by following a dedicated link to the parish webpage. For example; parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bury-st-edmunds-st-peter-bury-saint-edmunds/

For parishes already in the PGS there are three ways to give:

- New donors can set up a regular donation online
- By phone: 0333 002 1271
- By post (using the printable pdf of the Gift Form which can be downloaded [here](#)). Just to remind you that the paper Gift Form dated 2017 is now out of date and should not be used.

Each method is simple and secure. What's more, every pound gifted goes to support your church's mission and ministry, with no donor fees or charges to parishes.

If you need help to promote PGS in your parish - your statement receiver can access the pack of resources from the PGS website and/or contact Julie Podd.

If you would like to find out more about your parish joining the PGS to the enjoy the benefits of regular donations, please contact Julie Podd: pgs@cofesuffolk.org or on 01473 298500.

InHarmony Lent and Easter videos update

St Edmundsbury Cathedral's InHarmony project continues to provide a unique resource for churches to use in online services. There are now over 20 music videos available for the Lent and Easter period. The selection includes hymns, worship songs and anthems, recorded in Suffolk by local musicians during lockdown, all free for church use.

A more unusual item is a Ghanaian Kyrie, sung by Cantus Firmus Choir with marimba accompaniment, which is available in three versions. In the first, the sung sections are interspersed with confession prayers especially suitable for Lent. In the second, the musical interludes are left blank for church video creators to insert prayers recorded by their own congregation. The third is a stand-alone version of the complete song.

A set of short sung responses from the Iona Community will be available soon, suitable for use between intercession prayers. Also coming soon is a new song by Felixstowe musician Andy Rayner, performed by local international opera singer Christina Johnston.

All the material can be found at <https://stedscathedral.org/music/inharmony/len-easter/>

The crisis in Yemen by Richard Stainer, World Development Adviser



I am sure that many of you have been moved, as I have been, by Orla Guerin's reports from Yemen on the BBC news. They show the terrible situation of children struggling to continue with schooling in desperate conditions. The UN is struggling to raise funds for its humanitarian programmes. The UK has a proud record of supporting Yemen and will still be a major donor, but is cutting funding by 50% meaning many more children will die. As Christians I don't think we can stand idly by. Could I ask you to write a short letter to your MP asking them to raise the matter with the

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab and requesting that they do not support the bill cutting international aid when it is brought before Parliament. If you would like a pro forma letter then do please email me at richard.stainer14@gmail.com.

Photograph: by Achilleas Zavallis, The Guardian News and Media: Sadia Ibrahim Mahmud, then 11, in a bed at the malnutrition ward of the al-Sabeen hospital in Sana'a in September 2019. She has since died.

Events

Radical Faith: Inspirational Christians' Lives for Challenging Times

Wednesday 10 March 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Julian of Norwich – Patron Saint of Self Isolation? by Fr Richard Stanton.
Learn about Julian of Norwich, anchoress, theologian and visionary, who lived through one of the most turbulent times in English history, including plague, political unrest and religious tension. Fr Richard Stanton is the parish priest of St John the Baptist, Timberhill and Priest Director of the Julian Shrine, the campus surrounding St Julian's Church, Norwich, where Julian lived and prayed.

To book each session please email michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org. For a full biography please download this [pdf](#). To download the poster please click [here](#).

Leading into the Future (3): Five Things to Embrace

Tuesday 16 March 10.00am-11.00am or 2.00pm-3.00pm

Thursday 25 March 2.00pm-3.00pm

Clergy and licensed ministers are invited to this free webinar led by James Lawrence, CPAS Leadership Principal, exploring five things to guide us in our leadership at this transition phase of the pandemic, as we progress towards the hoped for release from lockdown. Book your place at www.cpas.org.uk/webinars.

Churches Together in Suffolk AGM

By Zoom, Friday 19 March 12.30pm

Churches Together in Suffolk unites in pilgrimage those churches in Suffolk which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Attend their AGM and discover how the churches in Suffolk are sharing and working together. Please contact The Revd John Thackray by email for further details and Zoom link: thereverendfather@hotmail.com.

Domestic Abuse Awareness training

At Lighthouse we are aiming to break the cycle of domestic abuse across communities in Suffolk by creating awareness and understanding, and offering education about domestic abuse in particular to those who come into contact with domestic abuse through their work. This free one-day course, which is CPD (Continuing Professional Development) accredited, will be led by Katherine Ahluwalia, Training Coordinator at Lighthouse Women's Aid. If you would like more information please contact the Revd Carol Mansell at revcarolallhallows24@gmail.com. An additional date has been added please visit:

11 March 2021, 9.30am - 3.30pm book here: <https://dv-awareness-march-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

29 April 2021, 9.30am - 3.30pm book here: <https://dv-awareness-april29-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Spring Harvest Home Unrivalled

Easter Sunday 4 to 8 April 2021



This online event hosted by Essential Christian is perfect for the whole family, with a packed live programme and on demand workshops! Join them for live music, great teaching, thought provoking workshops and expect all the best bits of the usual Spring Harvest programme: Big Start, Bible studies, celebrations, evening entertainment and much, much more all in the comfort of your own home.

For more details, visit springharvest.org to see the full line-up, a step-by-step video showing how to navigate

the ticket buying process and a free church toolkit to help spread the word with their friends, family and churches.

Notices

Vacancies

[Pioneer Evangelist for Ipswich Centre of Mission](#) | Closing date 12 March 2021



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