



Thursday 5 August

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Growing in God

Church hosts services for people with complex needs



Safe Harbour Church in Ipswich has launched a new worshipping community for people who have been 'battered and bruised by the storm of life'.

The Safe Harbour Gathering at St Helen's Church looks to provide a safe worshipping community for people with multiple and complex needs – needs including mental health issues, addiction or homelessness.

Bob Hamilton from the Inspiring Ipswich team, who leads Safe Harbour Church, said understanding the Bible can be challenging for many people so at the gathering they dramatise the stories.

"The gathering is an accessible service suitable for anyone," he said. "We look at the Bible through the lens of someone who has been battered and bruised by the storms of life. A lot of people are suffering from loneliness at the moment and we have found many people are longing to connect with a community like Safe Harbour. We have a cup of tea, a chat, pray and learn about Jesus. We would like Safe Harbour Church to grow and for it to be around for the long term. We hope to help people turn their lives around – and serving others in the community gives people a real sense of pride and belonging."

The church also holds a pop-up shop every Thursday, where people can purchase a bag of food for £2. The gathering launched in June while the pop-up shop has been running since May – and both are proving very popular.

Archdeacon Rhiannon King, comments, "It's great to see another new worshipping community starting up in Ipswich, one of 25 the Church of England is currently working towards through its 'Inspiring Ipswich' initiative. It's particularly exciting to see Safe Harbour Church take off as it is precisely the sort of gathering I imagine Jesus would want to be at."

For the full story please visit [here](#).

DAC news

Further to my previous message in enews on 24 June, we continue to experience significant levels of demand for DAC services and this, coupled with a staffing shortage, has resulted in a backlog of work.

Charlotte Hodgson continues to act as the DAC Secretary (she is currently on holiday for a fortnight), assisted by Frances Blakeway. We have now advertised twice for a DAC Secretary in the national and local press (Charlotte having decided not to apply for the role) but sadly failed to appoint at the last round of interviews. We are now advertising again – please see the vacancy notice [here](#) and if you know of anyone suitably experienced, please share the link.

Charlotte will continue to hold the fort until we appoint and we are very grateful to her for that.

Anna Hughes, Diocesan Secretary

Events

East Anglian Art on display at the Cathedral

Friday 13 to Friday 20 August 10.00am to 4.00pm (except Sunday when it will open after the morning services)

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

This year 37 artists, all local, will display their art in an exhibition within the Cathedral. As well as paintings in a range of media, there will be cards and unframed prints to view and purchase. Sue Cockram, Chair of the Friends of the Cathedral who organise the exhibition, comments, "The artists are delighted that they can exhibit again in the wonderful surroundings of the Cathedral. We are fortunate to have such a wealth of artistic talent in East Anglia, and we hope that visitors will be inspired to make a purchase and support the Cathedral." Over the years, the funds raised through the East Anglia Artists' exhibition have contributed in excess of £40,000, which has enabled the Friends to support projects such as the West End furnishings, Bishops' and Deans' stone and new altar frontal and dossal for the Lady Chapel.

Society of Catholic Priests

Wednesday 1 September, 11.00am

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

After a lengthy hiatus, the Society of Catholic Priests is looking to reform in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese, beginning with a service of Eucharist led by The Very Revd Joe Hawes followed by a time of fellowship and lunch in Pilgrims' Kitchen (purchases required or please bring a packed lunch). For further details, please contact The Revd

Benjamin Edwards by email benedwards@stedscathedral.org.

The Society of Catholic Priests is a growing society of women and men serving as priests, deacons and consecrated religious throughout the Anglican Communion, and meets to celebrate the Eucharist together, provide mutual, inclusive support for each other in ministry and to discuss the application of a catholic, inclusive understanding of the Christian faith in wider society in all its diversity.

Launchpad

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September

Vauxhall Christian Trust, CO7 6QQ (between Ipswich and Colchester)



Join the Lightwave Community for a weekend away to encounter God afresh. This weekend is for those wishing to enjoy a weekend away and find out more about Jesus, to find out more about Lightwave and what it does and to learn how Lightwave works so well for discipleship. The weekend will include the commissioning (or recommissioning) of our Lightwave leaders by Bishop Mike on Saturday evening. Please visit: www.light-wave.org/launchpad to book and/or email queries to lightwave.community@cofesuffolk.org.

Want to know more - why not watch and share these videos:

<https://youtu.be/TFcWG1ubjo4> starring Katie and Jess who are excited about going along

<https://youtu.be/EP6g2PmuNK4> with Bishop Mike

<https://youtu.be/gZDgVf9g9cc> and <https://youtu.be/tDgDDoP8Ww0> both featuring Archdeacon Sally Gaze.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride / Pedal and Drive 2021

Saturday 11 September



Full details are now available for the several thousand cyclists and walkers of all ages and drivers of vintage and classic cars who will take part in the annual fundraising event. In 2020 £190,000 was raised in a day. The money raised helps to save our wonderful churches, with half going to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the cyclists'/walkers' chosen church. Also, on the same day, a vintage and classic car rally is held with cars travelling a provided route around a selection of churches. Sponsor forms and full details for Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive are now available in Suffolk churches and from the Trust website. Donations and sponsorship can also be collected via Just Giving. Please visit: www.shct.org.uk

Take the chance to discuss parish financial issues with the Diocesan Team

PCC office holders are invited to join Anna Hughes, Diocesan Secretary, and Gary Peverley, Finance Director, at a Zoom meeting to discuss parish financial matters. This is your chance to raise any issues and let us know how it is going in your parish. To join the

Zoom meeting please email lorna.todd@cofesuffolk.org with your name and parish and include any questions you would like to raise.

- Tuesday 17 August | 10.00am
- Wednesday 29 September | 2.00pm
- Thursday 21 October | 3.30pm
- Thursday 18 November | 3.30pm
- Tuesday 7 December | 10.30am

Come and Sing Zimbe!

Saturday 18 September, 10.00am - 1.00pm
Stowmarket URC Church IP14 1AD



Now that group singing is once again possible, Cantus Firmus Trust is organising a half-day workshop, led by Richard Hubbard (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Music Development Director). This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with choral singing. The workshop will explore Alexander L'Estrange's cantata Zimbe! based on songs from across Africa,

arranged in jazz style.

Cantus Firmus runs an inter-church choir with groups in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Colchester, and its mission is to encourage creative use of music in worship. This taster event will be the first step towards a planned full performance of Zimbe! in St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 26 February 2022 as part of their planned World Praise Weekend.

To attend, participants must have received both Covid jabs. The building will be well-ventilated, and seating will be appropriately distanced. Singers won't need to wear masks while singing, but it is requested that they are worn when moving around the building. You can find full details, and a booking form [here](#).

Youth Work Essentials

Diocesan Office, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

From Thursday 7 October - 9 December 7.30pm - 9.30pm (timings to be confirmed)



Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth and Young Adults Officer, is launching a new course for those interested in volunteering and working with young people. Youth Work Essentials aims to increase your skills and confidence in working alongside young people.

We are offering a ten week course designed by 'YouthScape' aimed at helping equip churches and train people starting out in youth ministry. It does not pre-suppose a great level of knowledge or existing practise. Each week of the course focuses on: Knowledge growth, Practical skills and insight and Key character skills. Please find more details here: www.youthscape.co.uk/yse.

The cost of the course is to be confirmed but is likely to be £35 per person to cover

materials. Please contact Matt on matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org to learn more and book your place. If you have a small team of people interested do let us know as we could come to you! Please note the course will be offered again in the spring term.

Bishops' Teaching Morning - Introducing the Gospel of Luke

Saturday 6 November 9.00am to 12.30pm

Salvation Army Hall, 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

The gospel readings for 2021-22 follow Luke's Gospel so, in preparation, the bishops will be looking at it and considering its main themes. They will be considering its presentation of Jesus, his teaching and some of the recent scholarly insights into the particular themes which this gospel underlines.

Book early to avoid disappointment! Free of charge, but please register on Eventbrite [here](#).

Enquiries to Lesley Steed on 07485 348889 or lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org.

Please save the dates - further Bishops' Teaching mornings will be: 5 March 2022, 11 June 2022 and 5 November 2022.

Tear Fund and the environment

Tear Fund is preparing a pre-recorded service that can be used in churches on Sunday 7 November to coincide with the COP26 conference (26th UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021). This is an international climate-themed service – a way for your church to join in with prayer and worship for climate justice at a crucial moment. More details [here](#).

Tear Fund is also running a four-part series of free online events starting on 9 September in conjunction with The Justice Conference. Well-respected theologians will discuss the climate crisis and its impact on poverty, racism and gender inequality. More details and booking details can be found [here](#).

If you are looking for resources around Climate Change try the Tear Fund 'Re-boot' campaign [here](#).

Eastern Region Clergy Pre-retirement Conference 2021

Tuesday 16 November 2021 10.00am – Thursday 18 November 2021 2.00pm

Pleshey House of Retreat, Chelmsford CM3 1HA

For clergy within three years of retirement, this is a chance to look at the more personal and spiritual issues around the question: 'What do I hope for in retirement?' This event allows us to explore together the spiritual, practical and psychological steps into a new phase of life and ministry in an atmosphere of quiet reflection. To book click [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.

General Synod Elections: Becoming a General Synod representative is an opportunity to represent your community and your diocese at a national level. If you are interested in standing for General Synod, please discuss this with your priest, deanery synod lay chair, Tony Allwood (Chair of the House of Laity, Diocesan Synod) or email [Lorna Todd](#). The closing date for nominations is 1 September 2021. Further information is also available on our website [here](#).

Safeguarding update: Our diocese now partners with 'thirtyone:eight' an out of hours helpline for reporting safeguarding concerns when the diocesan office is closed or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) is on leave.

When the DSO is unavailable 'thirtyone:eight' will offer safeguarding cover via their Helpline (0303 003 1111). If you contact the Helpline, please state clearly that you are calling from St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese so that they can ensure information is appropriately shared with our Safeguarding team for necessary follow up on their return - an Information Sharing Agreement is in place which allows the DSO to receive a copy of any advice 'thirtyone:eight' may offer the parish church/caller.

'Thirtyone:eight' will operate Monday - Friday between 7.00 - 9.00am and 5.00pm - midnight, Saturday and Sunday 7.00am - midnight. This service is in place for week commencing 9 August when Karen Galloway is on annual leave 7.00am - midnight.

Suffolk Good neighbour network - Community support grants available

Community Action Suffolk is offering grants of up to £1,500 for Good Neighbour Schemes including Church groups for organisations helping vulnerable people who are at risk of/or are self-isolating. The intention of the fund is to enable groups to be set up, or keep running, to support those who are/or may have to self-isolate. The first round of funding encourages small groups to identify themselves as community support groups and become or continue to be part of the Suffolk Good Neighbour Network. Community Action Suffolk is happy to help with the relevant paperwork. For further information please contact: jane.arkley-crouch@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk.

Vacancies

[DAC Secretary \(Church Buildings Adviser\)](#) | Closing date: 25 August 2021

[Marketing Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 31 August 2021

[Development Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 31 August 2021

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