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A prayerful Christian presence
Shaping outward facing engagement in the community.

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, 70 years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. Our nation will come together over a four-day Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate, as the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and we have an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June.

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As a key part of the Jubilee celebrations, Lady Clare, Countess of Euston and H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, is leading a county-wide celebration called the 'Festival of Suffolk'. This will bring generations and diverse communities together, connecting networks and organisations for the better. The Festival will be inclusive and

welcoming to all.

"The Festival of Suffolk will bring together all people and communities in joyful celebration, and create a powerful legacy to increase the visibility of our county and improve local lives for many years to come. Together, we will shine a spotlight on Suffolk, opening up opportunities, connections and improvements for everybody." Lady Clare.

Bishop Martin said: "Our churches across Suffolk bring people together for healing and hope, and will be a key dimension of the Festival of Suffolk. The national celebrations will take place over the four-day Bank Holiday weekend which ends on Pentecost Sunday. Events of the Festival of Suffolk will take place between May and September, offering opportunities to highlight the work of our churches in our communities, as we seek to be 'Flourishing Congregations, Making a Difference'. I warmly commend the Festival of Suffolk to you and would encourage everyone to get involved in whatever ways you can."

As an introduction to the Festival please view this video by Mark Pendlington, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance.



Mark Pendlington's presentation on the Festival of Suffolk during Synod in October.

Invitation to explore the Festival of Suffolk

We are pleased to invite you to one of three webinars to explore taking part in the Festival of Suffolk. This webinar will be led by Mark Pendlington and will also include details for the first Suffolk-wide prayer walk in April 2022 and the Queen's Green Canopy (see below). The session will examine the opportunities to showcase our community engagement and tell our story. It will include an ideas exchange where we can explore the opportunities and look at the questions: What have you already planned? What would work in your setting? and What help do you need to make this successful?

Monday 8 November 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Tuesday 16 November 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 17 November 3.00pm – 4.00pm

If you wish to book into one of these sessions please click [here](#).

Each session will be the same so you only need to attend the most convenient one. We will send you the Zoom link for your chosen session. For further information please contact communications@cofesuffolk.org

The Queen's Green Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and to thank the Queen for her exceptional service by inviting people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

The aim is to create a network of trees, tree avenues, copses and woodlands to enhance our environment and landscapes to thank the Queen for her exceptional service. Quality green space is essential for the environment and for our health and wellbeing. The people

and organisations behind this initiative hope that it is one way in which we can come together, using trees and hedges to help us recover from the bleakness of Covid and to find confidence and hope in our futures.

The Church of England is proud to be a partner for the Queen's Green Canopy and is encouraging tree planting in schools and churchyards. We have a page on our website dedicated to DAC advice on applications by PCCs for churchyard tree planting please click [here](#) for details.

Suffolk in Prayer - Prayer Walk



As part of the Festival of Suffolk in 2022, the Suffolk in Prayer group is excited to be planning the first Suffolk-wide prayer walk for the weekend of 22 - 24 April 2022. Suffolk in Prayer is a movement of prayer bringing together different Christian denominations and streams. We are looking for walkers, runners, cyclists and home prayers to join us in praying for God's blessing on our Suffolk communities. The routes include the boundaries and streets of our towns and villages, walking the coastline and cycling the roads of Suffolk's perimeter.

Find out more and be part of the planning at one of the diocesan Festival of Suffolk Zoom meetings or contact Kathy Wilson theplacebythewater@gmail.com or lightwave.community@cofesuffolk.org.

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