



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

SUFFOLK

**Welcome to
our diocese!**



**Up to date information to
get you started - whether
you are new to our
diocese or a returner**

You will want to spend some time in your new benefice getting to know folks, but we want you to know that you have a whole structure of support that has been created to help you flourish here.

Here are some handy contacts for you:

1 Head over to our website, it is full of useful information:
www.cofesuffolk.org.uk

It has a huge section specifically for clergy in our diocese:
www.cofesuffolk.org/for-ministers
and a section on clergy resources and wellbeing:
www.cofesuffolk.org/for-ministers/ministers-wellbeing-and-support

2 If you need help with your new home, contact Dawn Gillett, Head of property at
dawn.gillett@cofesuffolk.org or visit:
www.cofesuffolk.org/for-ministers/clergy-housing



3 Lesley Steed can help with continuing ministerial development (CMD) and your CMD grant; email: lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org.
(pro tip – all diocesan email addresses are formatted this way, eg name.lastname@cofesuffolk.org.uk).

There are many forms of ministry, and Lesley can advise further on what they are licensed or commissioned to do, or visit here:
www.cofesuffolk.org/deepening-faith/training-for-ministry

4 If you are unfamiliar with the way this diocese handles quarterly returns or the intricacies of the PF1 Form for occasional offices, please get in touch with your Rural Dean, who will be pleased to help.





5 For buildings and parish resources, contact Edmund Harris, DAC Secretary or Charlotte Hodgson, Assistant DAC Secretary.

www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/church-buildings-accessible-to-all

6 Our Diocesan Registrar is James Hall | 01473 406270

All diocesan staff contact details and others are available here:

www.cofesuffolk.org/contact-us/diocesan-staff-directory/

7 If you want to contact one of our Bishops, please email or call Diane Matthews (Bishops' and Archdeacons' Executive Assistant):

diane.matthews@cofesuffolk.org or call: 01473 252829.

8 Contact each other: cms.cofeportal.org/contacts

Growing in God

We are serious about God's mission here in Suffolk, so our 'Growing in God' resources have been developed extensively over the past years to support you.

You will find everything you need here:

www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/growing-in-god/

If you want to know more about Growing in God please contact: The Revd Canon Dave Gardner, Director of Mission and Ministry:

dave.gardner@cofesuffolk.org

Prayer

We regularly pray for each other in our diocese.

The bishops lead morning prayer on Facebook

8.30am Monday to Friday:

www.facebook.com/BishopsCofEsuffolk

For the diocesan prayer diary, please visit:

www.cofesuffolk.org/for-ministers/prayer-diary

If you cannot find what you need, please do not hesitate to contact your Rural Dean or Archdeacon:

www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/archdeacons-rural-deans-and-lay-chairs

Other news sources include the diocesan 'eNews', which is emailed weekly.

You should be subscribed automatically. Use this link to encourage others in your parish who might be interested:

www.cofesuffolk.org/contact-us/subscribe-to-our-newsletters

Bishop Martin also emails all clergy when he needs to communicate something important.

Finally, as you find your feet and settle in, please make chapter a priority.

Your wellbeing is vital to us and your parish, so we have created a leaflet with all the services you can access in our diocese here:

www.cofesuffolk.org/ministers-wellbeing-and-support/

This leaflet is designed to give you some initial pointers at a time when uncertainty and newness can be stressful. You are not alone. We all want to support each other.

May we once again welcome you to the diocese, and hope that you settle in quickly and comfortably. Know that you are prayed for!



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and Ipswich**