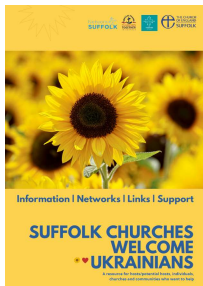


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Responding to the crisis in Ukraine: Paul Taylor, former Headteacher at Framlingham College and a member of the Middleton PCC has kindly agreed to take a lead for our Ukrainian response, working alongside Archdeacon Rhiannon. Please do keep him informed of what is going on. We are trying to support efforts across the county to welcome and host our Ukrainian guests and would value information on any local hubs/support groups (especially ones where churches are involved) that have been set up in your area. New ones are starting every month. We are keen for churches, of all denominations, to play a central role in helping to facilitate some cross-fertilisation so that advice, tips, experience and social opportunities can be widely shared. Please see the [Suffolk Churches welcome Ukrainians](#) leaflet and if you know of additional groups or would like to offer or receive some support please email [Paul Taylor](#) (or call on 07768 074107) or email [Archdeacon Rhiannon](#).

A light green banner with the text '#Suffolk Blessing' in a large, stylized font. To the right, it says 'Bishop Martin invites everyone in our parishes to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together.' and 'Click here for all resources.'

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Visitors celebrate the Jubilee at the Suffolk Show

Bishop Martin is hitting all the right notes with fun activities attracting children and young people to the Church of England marquee at the showground.

Puppet shows, every hour on both days, are one of the highlights, along with arcade games and creative activities for children organised at stand 602.

With 1,000 visitors on day one, around 2,000 visitors are expected at the marquee during the two show days. Bishop Martin said the Church is there for everyone, young and old alike, and the Suffolk Show marquee reflected that, appealing to everyone as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



"There is no doubt that the Queen's faithful and unstinting service is an inspiration to us all and a cause for immense thankfulness. Therefore, we have chosen the theme of #SuffolkBlessing for the Suffolk Show, linked to our celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have produced several thousand postcards to share messages of joy with others," he said.



In recognition of the rural traditions of Suffolk, the marquee includes a tractor and lots of children are enjoying sitting on the tractor for a selfie.

Picture caption: Bishop Martin Seeley is pictured by photographer Phil Morley enjoying meeting visitors and activities with young people at the Church of England marquee on stand 602 where free refreshments are on offer to visitors

both days. Click [here](#) for full story.

Message from Anna Hughes, Diocesan Secretary

"May I take this last opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed rebuilding relationships and working with clergy and parishes across Suffolk over these last five years. Having been brought up as a regular church goer in a rural parish (in Worcestershire), I know how embedded Church is in our landscape and heritage, but I have come to appreciate the extent of the commitment to supporting and leading congregations and communities. I will treasure the memories I have made and thank you for helping to make them.

My successor, Gavin Bultitude, starts in August and I wish him all the very best as he prepares. He is blessed with wonderfully dedicated and able colleagues, both here in the office and right across the Diocese".

Gavin Bultitude

Gavin Bultitude is currently the Assistant Director of Strategy and Transformation in Adult Social Care for Suffolk County Council, responsible for strategic and business planning for adult social care across the county. He comes with a strong background in strategic financial planning, improving organisational effectiveness and collaboration between the public and voluntary sectors. He has held several senior roles at Suffolk County Council including serving as Assistant Director of Resources and Support for Children and Young People's Services. Before this, he served as the Finance Director of North Norfolk Primary Care Trust. Gavin trained as an accountant at John Moore's University in Liverpool and

graduated in Human Science from the University of Sussex. He has also undertaken mission work in the Philippines and studied theology at the London School of Theology.

Please keep Gavin in your prayers as he prepares to take up this important role in the life of the diocese.

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.

Volunteers wanted for the Lightwave Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy

Team: Graham Miles, our Rural and Agricultural Chaplain, would be pleased to hear from anyone who has some experience in farming or rural industries and who would be interested in being part of the agricultural chaplaincy team. The chaplaincy team offers support and pastoral care to the rural and farming community across Suffolk. Please contact Graham at graham.miles.lightwave@gmail.com

Vacancies

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[Temporary Administrator](#) | Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Closing date: 7 June

[Part time HR Manager](#) | Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Closing date: 7 June

[Priest-in-Charge](#) (5 year fixed term post) | St Peter's Stoke Park, Ipswich | Closing date: 30 June

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