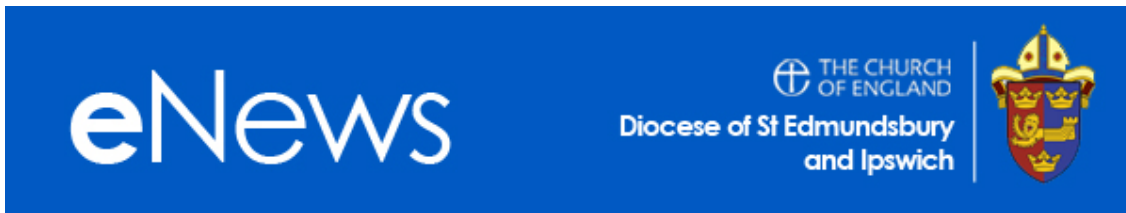


Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese

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**Thursday 12 January 2023**



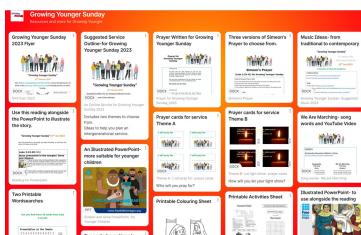
### Feeding your family on a budget

On each Friday in November, a group ranging from young mothers with their children to an older couple came together in St Mary's Chapel church hall to discuss how to keep energy costs down and save money through cooking on a budget at this time of recession.

It came to the attention of the people at St Mary's Church that some families in the village were struggling to know how to feed their family affordably and nutritiously. Some ladies from the church collated recipes and ideas of how to cut back on energy costs, and were keen to pass on their knowledge to the families.

To read more on this story, please visit our [website here](#).

### Growing Younger Sunday - 29 January 2023



Growing Younger Sunday aims to embed growing younger (0-25 year olds) in the diocese by viewing everything through the lens of children and young people and providing ideas, information and support to areas or groups that seek it, to support their long-term success and development of discipleship.

The Growing Younger team is led by [Matt Levett](#), Youth and Young Adults Officer, and [Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell](#), Diocesan Children's and Families' Enabler, both of whom provide events and opportunities for young people and children to connect with church.

**Growing Younger Sunday resources are now on our website [here](#).**

### Mother's Union | What are your plans for 2023?

Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. Here we have a

strong Mothers' Union membership, making a difference in the communities where we live and supporting members and their work across the world. Why not put your faith into action by joining us as we work together for a better world? As a member you can:

- Strengthen communities all over the world
- Help the most disadvantaged at home
- Shape how we advocate for the rights of families
- Build supportive, loving relationships
- Develop your own relationship with God

No parish branch, no problem. You can join Mothers' Union as a diocesan or central member. Find out more at: [www.musuffolk.co.uk](http://www.musuffolk.co.uk) or [www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org)

## Events

### **Creation Care by Diocese of Winchester**

From 17 January 2023, 7.30pm to 8.30pm by Zoom

There is an opportunity to join six creation care topic sessions offered by the Diocese of Winchester. These are 90 minute sessions held on Zoom on Tuesday evenings. The cost of the sessions is £60 and may include online reading, videos to watch, making comments in online forums, discussions and offline practical exercises. There is some pre-work required for each particular session.

Tuesday 17 January - God's Wonderful World  
 Tuesday 31 January - Made in God's Image to Care  
 Tuesday 7 February - The Problem 7  
 Tuesday 28 February - A future and a hope  
 Tuesday 7 March - Telling the truth in love  
 Tuesday 21 March - Action Stations

Please aim to attend all sessions. For more information and an application form please contact: [wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org)

### **The Church of England's Carbon Emissions Report Webinar**

17 January 2023, 12.00pm, Zoom

The Church of England's Carbon Emissions Report for 2021 has been released, and this webinar will give you the highlights. It will also explain what is in- and out-of-scope of the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon target, and how we approach measurement using the Energy Footprint Tool for churches and the wider Energy Toolkit for other buildings and travel. To book your place, please [click here](#).

### **Messy Masterclass - Messy Church Goes Wild**

19 January 2023, 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Zoom

This 90-minute training session on Zoom will give an overview of the Messy Church Goes Wild movement – why we're doing it, how it relates to the Messy Church values and what

the Bible says about caring for creation. To book your place on the session please [click here](#).

### **Re-Crown him with many crowns**

Saturday 21 January, from 6.45pm

St John's Church, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich IP4 4QE

In partnership with Together For Ipswich, Ipswich In Prayer is calling **all** the Ipswich churches at the start of 2023 to be Centred on Christ, Celebrating Christ's presence and activity and Sent in Christ's name by the Spirit. Join at 6.45pm to visit and pray at stands covering some of the Christian work in Ipswich, at 7.30pm attend the main meeting including worship led by Cantus Firmus, prayer and a talk by Jerry Brown. For more information please visit: [Ipswich in Prayer](#)

### **PCC Workshop - Parish Banking**

24 January, 10.00am - 11.00am, Zoom

We would like to help our volunteers in parishes to feel more connected and supported by the diocese, and so invite you to join us for a series of topic-based Zoom meetings facilitated by diocesan staff. These will be available to PCCs, treasurers, churchwardens, administrators and clergy. Diocesan staff and parish 'experts' will share information and knowledge in these sessions in the format of a short presentation or Q&A format, both followed by your questions. If you have any questions or do not receive the zoom link before the meeting, please contact [julie.podd@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:julie.podd@cofesuffolk.org). To book your place please [click here](#).

### **PCC Workshop - Church Buildings**

Tuesday 24 January, 7.30pm, Zoom

Edmund Harris has recently been appointed as the Secretary of the DAC having previously worked for the dioceses of Canterbury and London, as a Churches Conservation Adviser at The Victorian Society and as a heritage consultant. Edmund is passionate about historic buildings and spends much of his spare time writing about Victorian architects and architecture in his blog *Less Eminent Victorians*, and taking photographs for his Instagram account [@buildings.and.places](#).

Edmund will give a presentation on faculties, the DAC and church buildings in general. There will be ample time for questions on all DAC-related matters at the end of the evening. Please sign up [here](#).

### **Holocaust Memorial Day Service 2023**

Friday 27 January, 10.30am

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP1 1LS

St Edmundsbury Cathedral will hold a special service for Holocaust Memorial Day to remember the victims of genocide. The service will take place in the Peace Garden in the Abbey Gardens, and the theme is *Ordinary People*. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses - and ordinary people were victims. Joining the Cathedral for the service will be local schools Guildhall Feoffment and County High School who will contribute readings and music. As well as the special service at 10.30am, the Cathedral will be open throughout the day with areas set aside for reflection and contemplation.

## Engaging All Ages in Worship workshop and service

19 February 2023

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP1 1LS

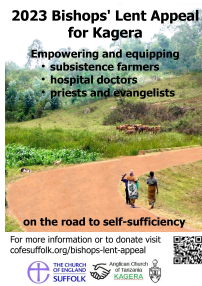


Join the Engaging All Ages in Worship workshop from InHarmony. The workshop with Sara and Sam Hargreaves runs from 2.00pm - 4.00pm and is open to any adults or teens involved or interested in leading services and worship for a range of ages. Explore how you can include a range of ages, spiritual styles, learning modes and all the senses in gathered worship. Followed

by an hour worship service at 4.30pm, ideal for families, putting into practice ideas from the workshop. Tickets cost £10 - CMD grants are applicable to those who are eligible. Find out more: <https://stedscathedral.org/events/engaging-all-ages-in-worship>

## 2023 Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera

Starting 22 February 2023



During Lent 2023 we are asking you and your churches to join our Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera. We realise that in many churches throughout our diocese wonderful work is being done to support local communities in the very difficult cost of living crisis. Through food banks, warm spaces and many more creative ways you are truly loving your neighbours. And our global neighbours need our support too. In Kagera the cost of staples like maize, beans and cooking oil has doubled in the past year. And of course these price rises come on top of the impact of the climate crisis.

Churches across Kagera work hard to empower communities to seek their own solutions to problems. In Lent 2023 the theme of our Appeal is 'Empowering and equipping farmers, doctors, priests and evangelists on the road to self-sufficiency'.

If you want to know more or to hear about how the money from the last appeal was used, invite a speaker to your church or group. Contact Chris and Anji Dawkins at [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org). To access all of our resources and to donate [please click here](#).

## Journeys - Lent course offered by The Clewer Initiative

The Clewer Initiative is producing a new resource for Lent 2023 which will be available to download from their [website](#) in early January. Journeys will be based on the 'Stations of the Cross' and through five mini films and an accompanying devotional resource, it will take churches and individuals on a journey, challenging them to take action against modern slavery and not be a bystander. It can be used in in-person small groups, individual study or online. The films will include interviews with church members, experts and community leaders who have done significant anti-slavery work. They will highlight the journeys that they have been on to deliver their work. Sign up [here](#).

## Preaching Matthew, with Professor George van Kooten

Saturday 25 February 9.30am to 12.30pm

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

Bishop Martin invites you to a follow-up of the November 2022 study morning 'Preaching on the Gospel of Matthew'. This session includes guest speaker Professor George van Kooten from the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge. To book your place please visit here: [Bishops-preaching-Matthew-2023.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishops-preaching-matthew-2023). Please note the other Bishops' study morning dates in 2023 are 17 June and 25 November.

### **Living your life with God**

Starting 28 February 2023, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Zoom Lent course

Brother Lawrence wrote about how he lived his Christian life in the 1600s and his very slim work "Practicing the Presence of God" has been massively popular ever since. Through Lent, Bishop Mike (and an occasional guest!) will be offering five Zoom sessions looking at how his insights can be applied in everyday life, with plenty of room for discussion on the way. For more details and to book your place [please click here](#).

### **BIG Weekend**

Friday 14 April 2023, 6.00pm – Sunday 16 April 4.00pm

Sizewell Hall, Sizewell, Leiston IP16 4TX

Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Officer, invites you to the BIG Weekend. Organised by a team of experienced youth workers it offers young people the opportunity to come together and make new friends. Ask members of your youth group if they would like to come along. The age range is from school years 7-13. Whilst it is Christian in ethos and focus you don't have to call yourself a Christian to be able to attend and have fun! To find out more and to sign up [please click here](#).

## **Notices**

**Diocesan staff announcements:** we are delighted to announce that Gary Peverley has a new role of Deputy Diocesan Secretary and Finance Director. This change formally acknowledges the wider role and significant additional responsibility that he is already carrying out.

We are also pleased to announce that Julie Podd has been appointed as our Parish Resources Manager and wish her every success in the role. Beccy Hills, Funding & Grants Advisor has taken up a new role in Chelmsford Diocese. Yalda Davis continues in her role as Temporary Administrator. We are recruiting for two advisors (see below) and we are looking forward to having the team up to full strength as soon as possible so that we can continue to support parishes in 2023.

Lastly, Charlotte Hodgson has been appointed as our new part-time Governance Manager. In addition to her governance role, Charlotte will continue to work in a part-time capacity in her current role as Assistant DAC Secretary. We will be recruiting for a further part-time assistant DAC Secretary role to ensure the same level of cover going forwards.

**Grants available for help with energy costs:** Last chance for parishes to complete an application for grant support for energy costs. The application process closes at midnight on 12 January 2023, with successful grants paid to parishes by 31 January 2023. To apply, please [click here](#).

**Message from Gary Peverley, Deputy Diocesan Secretary and Finance Director, on Parish Share end of year payments:**

Thank you to all of our parishes for your giving towards parish share.

We would like to remind you that we continue to accept payments towards the 2022 parish share **up to and including Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Payments received after that date, unless we know about them in advance, will be treated as 2023 parish share.** This is to enable us to move quickly to close our own accounts and prepare for our statutory audit. We understand that, for some parishes, it can take time to work through final parish share payments for the year just ending, but would appreciate it if we could all work to the timetable above and understand the cut-off dates.

Our preference is to receive funds via online banking (but please ensure you make clear which year the payment is for in the text field).

Any cheques must be received at the office by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to be included in your 2022 Parish Share figures. Cheques received after this date will only be accounted for in your 2022 figures if you have told us by 31<sup>st</sup> January to expect the cheque so that we can accrue for it, allowing us to finalise our own accounts.

**Vacancies**

[Human Resources and Safeguarding Administrator](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 15 January 2023

[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | Wrentham Benefice | Closing date: 16 January 2023

[Music Department Administrator](#) | St Mary le Tower | Closing date: 19 January 2023

[Archdeacon of Suffolk](#) | Closing date: 19 January 2023

[Giving Advisor, Parish Resources Team \(Giving\), Full-time or part-time](#) | Closing date: 23 January

[Giving Advisor, Parish Resources Team \(Grants\) Full-time or part-time](#) | Closing date: 23 January

[Vicar | Needham Market with Badley](#) | Closing date: 30 January 2023

[Priest in Charge | Orebeck Benefice](#) | Closing date: 31 January 2023

[Rector, Benefice of Rattlesden, Brettenham, Hitcham and Thorpe Morieux](#) | Closing date: 3 February

[Rector | Claydon and Barham, Great Blakenham and Henley](#) | Closing date: 28 February

**St Edmundsbury Cathedral Risk, Audit and Review Committee:** The cathedral is to become a regulated charity with the Charity Commission and is changing its governance structure. This new committee will review and monitor and provide independent oversight of the Cathedral's systems of internal control, risk management and financial reporting. Further information and the application pack to become a member is available [here](#). Applications by Friday 10 February 2023. Induction and training for this new committee will take place on Thursday 23 March 10.00am to 3.00pm.

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