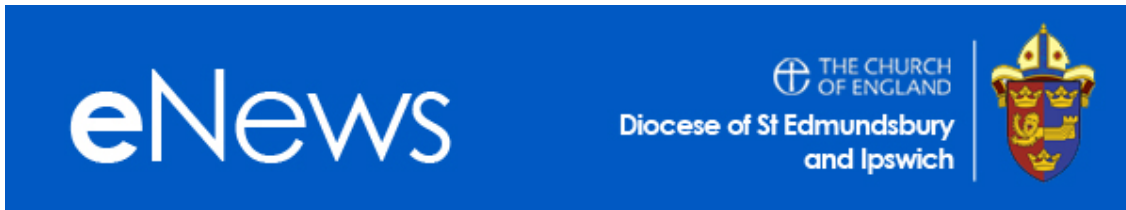


Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese [View this email in your browser](#)

Thursday 2 March 2023



The Coronation of King Charles III



The Coronation ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May and will be conducted by The Archbishop of Canterbury. This service will be the centrepiece of the Coronation weekend (6-8 May). It will be a service rooted in Christian symbolism, reflecting the King's role today whilst looking to the future.

The ceremony will be followed by a day of community celebration (The Coronation Big Lunch, Sunday 7 May) and a day of volunteering and service (The Big Help Out, Monday 8 May).

These events, building on themes of community, faith and service, will be a celebratory moment, a chance for people to come together and for churches to share an invitational message about the Christian faith.

As the King and Queen Consort prepare to solemnise the promises and commitments they make to the nations and people they represent, the Church will begin 28 days of prayer and spiritual preparation alongside the King – praying with and for the King from Easter Sunday to the Coronation (Sunday 9 April – Saturday 6 May). A booklet of Daily Prayers is available now and you can order your copies [here](#). Digital versions will also be available via the Church of England's website and social media channels.

This is a historic moment in the life of our nation and an opportunity to bring communities together. The Church of England will be sharing a range of resources and ways you might choose to mark the Coronation weekend in your setting. This includes prayers and reflections, resources for churches, resources for young people, families and schools. To access the resources please visit the website [here](#). This page, along with our own Coronation website page with local details available [here](#), will be updated regularly.

Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn



from them and grow closer to God through them. All links and resources are available [here](#).

Dust and Glory with Lightwave: Lightwave are looking at moments in our lives that felt like 'Dust' but God turned them into something of 'Glory'. The second video featuring the Rougham Church Pantry is available here: [Lent- Dust and Glory - Rougham](#).

Cathedral Lent Series: 'Fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God: Challenging perceptions to empower change'

Wednesday evenings in Lent (Wednesday 8 March to 29 March) 7.00pm - 8.00pm
On Zoom, everyone welcome

The next meeting on Wednesday 8 March features: Race with Father Andrew Moughtin Mumby, from Southwark Diocese. For more information and for the Zoom link please email the Revd Canon Michael Robinson - michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org You can find out more about these sessions, plus all the Cathedral Lent services, [here](#).

Living your life with God: Through Lent, Bishop Mike (and an occasional guest!) is offering Zoom sessions looking at how his insights can be applied in everyday life, with plenty of room for discussion on the way. To watch the first of these, please visit our [YouTube channel here](#).

Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera

Have you started the Lent Challenge? All the daily challenges are posted on our [Facebook page here](#) and you can add your comments and let us know how you are getting on.

Don't forget the Lent Appeal includes a chance to buy some of the Bishops' time. What would you like a Bishop to do for you – perhaps something you wouldn't normally expect a Bishop to do? One good example is that Bishop Mike has been booked to cook breakfast for a community group in June. Just let us know how much you will donate to the Bishops' Lent Appeal fund in return for your Bishop to help you out over the coming months. We'll pass your request on and see how far outside their comfort zone they are prepared to go! Please email Chris and Anji at kagera@cofesuffolk.org. Full details available [here](#).

For information, including how to donate, please [visit our website here](#).

Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday 2 April. A full series of services and events are on offer at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. A full list is available to download [here](#).

Easter means new beginnings...like the fresh shoots of snowdrops in spring, pushing through dew-drenched grass. It means lives are renewed through the Holy Cross; washed clean of sin, of guilt, of blame...the weight of the world carried by our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. A refreshing image...steeped in Hope and Love. A series of resources on the theme 'A New Beginning' are available - please click [here](#).

Vocations Spotlights: Nigel Cook - Churchwarden



My faith journey began many moons ago when I used to attend Sunday School. Having been married and having my children in Ipswich, our family ended up living in the parish of St Augustine's in Ipswich. At this time I would say I was not really in a relationship with Jesus. However, in the 2000s, I started helping out with the technology' at the Sunday children's services. And over time I was led to attend an Alpha course. I'm still part of our Alpha team today.

But God had more plans for me, and the following year I was called to serve as a Churchwarden. A daunting challenge, a big responsibility, and of course a privilege. As I slotted into the shoes of my illustrious predecessors, I began a crash course of learning about parish life, the inner workings of the Church of England, faculties, gutters and downpipes, lost and found umbrellas, and serving my parish.

Five years later, my time was up. And it felt a bit like an MP must feel, moving to the back benches (pews!) after a stint on the front bench! In 2016 I was called again, but this time to a different role of Churchwarden from what I had last experienced.

It was still about gutters and umbrellas, and being that person that people helpfully gave suggestions to but it was also much more. The role had become more strategic, working extremely closely with the incumbent. I helped to drive the revitalisation of our Welcome Ministry, championing prayer and sung worship in a more informal and relational way, and most importantly, calling on the Holy Spirit to come and move among us, as we discerned God's plan for our church and our community. God's light shone from St Augustine's, and throughout the community.

I step down again in a few weeks, returning to the 'back benches', with time to reflect on a journey from Sunday School to Winter Warm Spaces and everything in between. So many people, especially my family, have been so supportive (and long-suffering!), and I am truly blessed, but it's a journey not finished. Where I go next only God knows, but it's been a blast!

To read the full story please visit our website [here](#).

Mothering Sunday

This Mothering Sunday on 19 March the Mothers' Union are asking you to buy a 'Gift of Perseverance' to help empower women to reach their potential. This campaign is raising money for the global community and important projects around the world which transforms lives. In buying these life-changing gifts you will receive a Mothering Sunday card, which you can give to a loved one. You are also able to give a gift in memory of someone special. Detail of the campaign and resources are available [here](#).

Events

Sunday Afternoon Concerts at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere

Sunday 5 March, 3.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Rushmere IP5 1DH

The spring programme of weekly Sunday afternoon concerts at St Andrew's begins on 5 March. The concerts present a high quality of performance and a wide range of musical styles - solo guitar, big band, wind quintet, organ recital and concert band. There is no charge for admission and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments are provided and we invite voluntary contributions after each event in support of the local Air Ambulance Service. For more information [please click here](#).

Ishmael's Praise Party Concert

Saturday 11 March, 2.00pm

Christ Church Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EW

Come along and celebrate God with this high energy concert, packed with praise, singing and participation, especially tailored for young people and young families. While it is free to all who attend, there will be an offering to support Ishmael's ministry. No booking required. If you would like more information please email the [Revd Jonathan Ford](#).

Open the Book - Core Training Workshop

Tuesday 14 March 9.30am - 12.30pm,

Mickfield Evangelical Church, Stonham Rd, Stoneham, IP14 5LS

Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Come along for a training workshop with Heather Land, Regional Training & Development Officer, to become a volunteer storyteller. To book your place please email training@openthebook.net.

Safeguarding Volunteer Training

Wednesday 15 March 3.30-4.30pm, Zoom

We are looking to grow our Core Group of Volunteer Trainers to work alongside our two Diocesan Safeguarding Trainers, Lisa Hicks and Mark Bee. As a volunteer trainer we would be asking you to deliver training locally on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Volunteer Trainer, Lisa and Mark are hosting two separate information sessions. To book your place, [please click here](#).

Praxis East - Treasures Old and New

Thursday 16 March, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, Zoom

Come and explore the tensions between traditional and contemporary expressions of

worship. This is another opportunity for liturgy and worship practitioners across the eastern dioceses to come together. Using a peer-led discussion on Zoom, clergy and lay ministers can share experience, ideas and expertise. To book your place please email Helen: helenbent99@gmail.com.

Church heating - To replace or not replace?

21 March, 4.00pm - 5.00pm [Book here](#)

2 May, 4.00pm - 5.00pm [Book here](#)

This webinar will tell you what you should you think about when deciding whether to replace your heating. What are the implications for your carbon footprint and the historic context of the church? This will take in equipment, running costs, efficiency considerations, embodied carbon, and maintenance.

Finding my way - an Essex ministry

Wednesday 12 April, 6.00pm-7.30pm

University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building IP4 1QJ

Ivor Moody, the Vice-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral will be speaking about responding creatively to the challenges of our contemporary world and changing British society, drawing on his past experiences and his present role as Vice Dean and Canon Pastor of Chelmsford Cathedral since 2010. Ivor is Chaplain to Essex County Council, Chair of the Mid-Essex Inter Faith Forum and also Chair of Essex Mind and Spirit, a community voluntary organisation which seeks to promote positive relationships between faith and spirituality and mental health issues. [To book, please click here.](#)

Church solar panels

19 April, 4.00pm - 5.00pm [Book here](#)

20 June, 4.00pm - 5.00 [Book here](#)

This webinar will give you an introduction to solar PV panel technology, its applications, usage and on-going benefits that accrue to system owners. This webinar is a full update of the same webinar, last run two years ago. The key speaker is Guy Hewitt from Treadlighter, who has 13 years experience of designing and installing solar PV systems across all property types, including many projects for churches and listed buildings.

Vocations Fair 2023

Saturday 29 April, 10.00am - 1.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

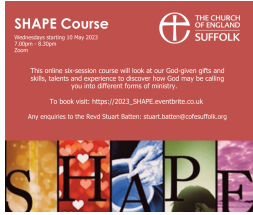


Come and visit the many stalls representing our ministries for an informal chat to find the right ministry for you: Chaplaincy, Children's and Families, Church Army, Elders, Pioneers, Evangelists, Lightwave Leaders, Mothers' Union, Ordained ministers, PCC Officers, Readers, Recognised Local Leaders, School Foundation Governors, Spiritual Directors and Youth Ministers. For more information please contact the [Revd Stuart Batten](#). [Download this poster to advertise in your church.](#)

SHAPE

Wednesdays starting 10 May 2023, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

By Zoom



This online six-session course will look at our God-given gifts and skills, talents and experience and discover how God may be calling you into different forms of ministry. Your SHAPE for God's Service aims to enable church members to understand the unique SHAPE God has made them, the gifts he has given them and how he might want to use them. Hopefully this will enable participants to live and serve with more joy, satisfaction and fruitfulness. The core topics look at your: Spiritual Gifts, Heart's Desire, Abilities, Personality and Experience. For more information and to book please visit: https://2023_SHAPE.eventbrite.co.uk. [Download this poster to advertise in your church.](#)

Financial Planning During Ministry for Retirement and Beyond

Wednesday 10 May, 9.30am, Zoom

The aim of this seminar is to help clergy (and their partners) demystify financial matters, and to help you plan for your financial future no matter how far you may be from retirement. Key speakers include those from the Church of England Pensions Board, clergy pension and housing teams; plus independent financial advisers from Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services. To book your place, please email Lesley-Anne.Marriott@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Notices

Save the Date! Farewell and Thanksgiving Service for the ministry of Archdeacon Jeanette as she retires from the Archdeaconry of Suffolk. Sunday 23 April at Framlingham Parish Church, Church Street, Framlingham, IP13 9BH. Starting at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Did you know you can access useful Census data for your parish? The online system is easy to use, just enter a postcode or village/town name and select the green 'build profile' button, then add in the criteria from a list of 28 topics that may be of interest. Click here: [census 2021, ONS](#). If you need assistance please do email our Diocesan Data Analyst [Paul Sparrow](#). Please note: ONS map areas/boundaries may differ to ecclesiastical boundaries.

Statistics for Mission: Thank you to all parishes who have already submitted their Statistics for Mission forms. The deadline is 31 March 2023. Returns are to be submitted on the [Online Parish Returns System](#), if you require login details or any other assistance regarding the online portal please contact Alison Barker by [email](#). Further information is available on our website [here](#).

Vacancies

[Priest in Charge \(0.5\) | Hundred River and Wainford Benefice](#) | Closing date: 6 March

[Giving Advisor, Parish Resources Team \(Grants\)](#) | Closing date: 7 March

[Vicars Choral | St Edmundsbury Cathedral](#) | Closing date: 10 March

[Rector | Benefice of Haughley, Wetherden and Stowupland](#) | Closing date: 17 March

[Priest in Charge | Benefice of Elmsett with Aldham, Hintlesham, Chattisham and Kersey](#) | Closing date: 24 March

[House for Duty Priest in Charge | The Wrentham Benefice](#) | Closing date: 17 April

[Suffolk Clergy Charity Hon. Secretary](#) | Contact Archdeacon

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