

**Thursday 21 April 2022**

### **Responding to the crisis in Ukraine**

Visit our webpage [here](#) for up to date information on donations and supporting refugees, as well as links to Suffolk County Council and support for schools.

## **Growing in God**

### **Eastertide greetings**



Bishop Martin said, *"Easter is about the unexpected return of love, vanquishing evil and death"*. If you missed it, Bishop Martin's Easter message is available [here](#).

You can also catch up on the Easter service held in the Cathedral last week. The transcript of the sermon by Father Charlie Annis, from the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, is available to download [here](#).

Congratulations to the 20 wonderful people (pictured) confirmed by the Bishop at the Cathedral, coming from benefices across the county - All Hallows' Ipswich, The Sancroft Benefice, St Mary the Virgin Withersfield, St Mary's Haverhill and St George's Lark Valley and North Bury Team, as well as from the cathedral itself.

Last Sunday, Easter Day, St Augustine's in Ipswich were overjoyed to have four people publicly declare their faith through full immersion baptism and re-affirmation of baptismal faith. Libby, Geoff, Louise and Amelia gave their testimonies in front of a church that was full of excitement and joy. Vicar Al Metcalfe said *"Baptism is a party, as we celebrate as a family those who have been saved. It is a sign that those baptised have been brought from death to life, and we remember that is true for all of us too"*



Easter Sunday Baptism Highlights from St Augustine's Church, Ipswich

### **A Busy Palm Sunday in Great Glemham**

Gt Glemham's eventful day started at the village hall to meet two donkeys and local people to process with palm crosses to the church, where over 40 people joined the Benefice Holy Communion service. This was followed by the planting of a new oak tree in the churchyard. In the year of the Coronation the youngest and oldest member of Gt Glemham planted a tree just outside the church and a Sweet Chestnut stands there still. So, as part of Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council successfully bid for an oak tree offered by East Suffolk Council to plant in the churchyard. The oldest and youngest member of the village, the Earl of Cranbrook (89 years) and Otto Kenworthy (2 years), officially finished the planting. In the afternoon, they welcomed the Close-Brooks family for the Baptism of Arthur (3 years) and Ivy (8 months) Close-Brooks and Rowley Hird (2 years) as the Revd Robin Alderson presided over a happy and joyful occasion ably assisted by many of the children in the congregation. For Jubilee resources please visit [here](#).

### **Easter funding boost for St Mary, Stoke by Nayland**



A £12,000 National Churches Trust Cornerstone Grant will help fund urgent roof repairs to St Mary, Stoke by Nayland and keep the Grade I Listed church at the heart of the local community. The church also receives a £8,000 Wolfson Fabric Repair Grant from the Wolfson Foundation on the recommendation of the National Churches Trust. Following the collapse of a piece of the outer leaf of the wall of the south aisle in 2020, the grant will help fund vital repairs and restoration of a considerable length of the parapet above it. It will also help to fund re-slatting and re-leading of the chancel roof plus replacement of roof access ladders and rainwater pipes. Andrew Norman-Butler, the senior Churchwarden, said: *"The work to be done at St Mary's will be a fascinating exercise in*

*the restoration of a typical East Anglian rubble-built wall, which incorporates Roman tile in places, and will assure the future of this nationally important church."*

## News from the Big Weekend



A few weeks ago over 55 young people from 14 different churches came together for a weekend of fun, laughter and a chance to explore their faith with other young Christians. This was led by Matt Levett (Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Officer) and a team of amazing youth leaders and volunteers from various churches. The young people, aged between 10 and 17 years, met at Sizewell Hall – a great Christian conference centre right on the Suffolk coast. The programme included an Escape Room, 30 second crazy games, Nerf gun battles and sessions based around living as a Christian

in the C21st, with lots of free time on the beach making new friends and connections from Churches across the Diocese.

*"A great weekend. Made some new friends. Defo coming next year"* (Hannah 13). The team are already planning next year's event (14 -16 April 2023) so save the date and look out for details in the Autumn term eNews as it fills up quickly!

## Living in Love and Faith (LLF)

All church communities continue to be invited to engage with LLF throughout 2022. People who have taken part in LLF before the end of April 2022 are strongly encouraged to share their learning and reflections through the [LLF questionnaire](#) or by submitting a [creative response](#). Taking part after April is just as meaningful; the experience of many groups is that engaging with LLF has an intrinsic value for individuals and church communities which goes beyond sending in responses. See more [here](#).

## Thy Kingdom Come

**26 May – 5 June**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray during May. This year Thy Kingdom Come is perfectly timed to lead your services up to the Jubilee as their resources link with the Jubilee celebrations. Thy Kingdom Come is working with Hope Together to produce an adaptable selection of materials suitable for your setting. For more information, please visit our website [here](#) or visit [Thykingdomcome.global](http://Thykingdomcome.global).

## Radio Suffolk's Make a Difference awards

BBC Radio Suffolk's Make a Difference Awards 2022 are coming soon - could you nominate someone? There is still time to nominate those who you feel have made a positive contribution to society as a way of saying thank you for the work that they do! The

deadline is 11.00pm on Friday 29 April. There are eight award categories including community group, volunteer and environmental. Click [here](#) to make a nomination, for more information about the awards ceremony and all other details.

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## Events

### **How to make a Difference!**

Monday 25 April 7.00-8.00pm (online)

Guy McGregor has been appointed as Diocesan Political Enabler, a voluntary role, the purpose of which is to help those parishes which want to become more powerful advocates in support of their communities. Guy is organising some workshops focussing on the themes of Poverty, Housing and Education. If you would like to attend, you will be sent the booklet '*Engage politically – How to make change happen*' in advance. Book here <https://how-to-make-a-difference.eventbrite.co.uk>.

### **Church Near You: How to use the platform as your church's free website**

April 26 2022 11.00am, May 9 2022 12.30pm or June 8 2022 10.00am (online)

Are you a new church editor on A Church Near You? Or have you been using some of the free features, but want to learn how to use more? Come along to a live demonstration to gain confidence editing your site to serve your church and local community. Register [here](#).

### **Lightwave Thank You Gathering (and AGM)**

Tuesday 3 May 2022 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Ringshall Village Hall, Lower Farm Rd, Ringshall, Stowmarket IP14 2JB

A fantastic opportunity to hear about what has been happening in and through the Lightwave Community in the last year, to praise God and to show our gratitude to all those who have been part of making it happen, especially our trustees. The meeting will also include the essential business of the Annual General Meeting for the Lightwave Community. Everyone is very welcome. Further information and to book please visit: <https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/events/zv337giw>

### **Community Engagement in a time of Reconstruction - MSM Flexi Forum**

Saturday 7 May 2022 10.00am – 12.00pm

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

This morning is designed for those who want to listen to those we are connecting to our community engagement. How we can learn different ways we can help people become aware of God's presence? It is £10 to attend or free for those participants already signed up on the MSM-Flexi course. To book a place please go to Eventbrite [here](#).

### **Open Air Service**

Sunday 8 May at 3.00pm

Foxearth Meadows, Foxearth, Sudbury CO10 7GA



Join the first open air service at Foxearth Meadows and join Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK. All are welcome. No booking required. Please bring a chair or rug if you can. To download a poster with further details please click [here](#).

### **Vocations Sunday and Vocations Fair**

Sunday 8 May 2022, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

The Cloisters, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Our common vocation is to grow in our relationship with God, to love and serve God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have drawn together some helpful resources on a Padlet (an electronic noticeboard) to support you for Vocations Sunday, available [here](#).

Come and visit the Vocations Fair at the Cathedral where the Revd Stuart Batten, is preaching at the 10.30am service on 8 May, and will be available for informal chats. Afterwards visit the many stalls representing our ministries for an informal chat to find the right ministry for you for example: Licensed Youth Ministers, Anna Chaplaincy, Children's and Families Ministers, Church Army, Elders, Pioneers, Evangelists, Lightwave Leaders, Ordained Ministers, PCC Officers, Readers, School Foundation Governors and Spiritual Directors.

If there is anything else that we can do to support and encourage vocations in your parish, please do email the Revd Stuart Batten, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, at [stuart.batten@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:stuart.batten@cofesuffolk.org) or tel: 07468 474065.

### **Get started with legacies**

Wednesday 11 May 12.00pm to 1.00pm (online)

Join Julie Podd (Parish Resources Manager) and Helen Simpkins (Deputy National Giving Advisor) to learn more about how to get started with setting up and promoting a legacy policy in your parish including how to qualify for free wills. This session will help set up and promote a parish legacy policy, with the chance to opt into a free wills scheme for your parish. Book [here](#).

### **Abiding Wisdom**

Saturday 14 May 2.00pm – 9.30pm and Sunday 15 May 10.00am – 5.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Ecumenical Benedictine Celebration hosted by Bishop Martin Seeley (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) and Bishop Alan Hopes (East Anglia). Monastics, lay Benedictines and others will explore the wisdom of Benedict for 21st century life, including how we should live now following the pandemic. Further information is [here](#), book your ticket here <https://abiding-wisdom-2022.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **A Pilgrimage of Song**

Saturday 14 May 2022 9.30am

Chevington to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A day for all who enjoy walking and singing. Meet at Chevington Village Hall at 9.30am for a workshop to learn the music, then walk via the old Abbots' Way, singing a short service at each church on the route. At the cathedral we meet with Benedictines from across the

country for a final service and hot meal, followed by a live Zoom talk from Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury). This is a joint event between St Edmundsbury Cathedral's InHarmony Project and Cantus Firmus Trust. Advance booking essential. Full details at [cantusfirmus.org.uk](https://cantusfirmus.org.uk). Booking closes 9.00am on 6 May.

### **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) - Who, What, Why?**

Tuesday 17 May 11.00am to 12.00pm (online)

Julie Podd (Diocesan Parish Resources Manager) invites you to hear from Catia Oldrey (PGS Regional Advisor) and Grant Forrest (PGS CEO). The PGS is a simple, secure and time efficient way for churches to receive direct debit donations and is designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry from those generous regular givers within the church and those in the wider community. This session will outline everything you need to know to help you make an informed decision about using the PGS. Book [here](#).

### **Taking photographs at your Jubilee events**

Tuesday 17 May 2.00pm to 3.00pm (online)

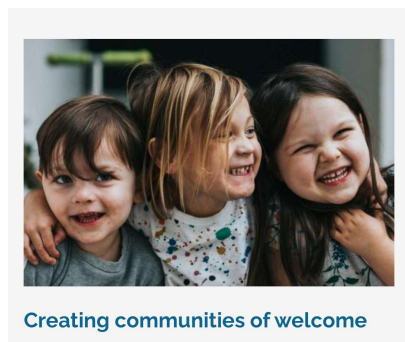
Led by Becky Luetchford, Lightwave Comms Story Telling and Leonie Ryle, Diocesan Communications Manager. This workshop will cover the basics in taking good photographs, using them for PR and permissions/safeguarding issues. Book [here](#).

### **Zero Carbon Britain**

18 and 19 May 2022 (online)

Join the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT), offering a bespoke online course for the Church of England to explore CAT's landmark report 'Zero Carbon Britain: Rising to the Climate Emergency'. No prior knowledge is needed, just a genuine interest and a willingness to contribute to the discussion. To book email [zcb@cat.org.uk](mailto:zcb@cat.org.uk). Further Zero Carbon webinars, live and recorded, are available [here](#).

### **Home for Good Webinars**



Don't miss this 90-minute webinar, led by Home for Good's training and resources manager Claire Hailwood. This is particularly helpful for youth and children's leaders and teams, but is for anyone as part of a wider church community. It is designed to help you better understand the needs of care-experienced children and their families so that your church community is a brilliant, supportive space for them. It will be a mix of theory and practice, video content, stories and ideas

designed to help you think about next steps for your context. Book now using the links below:

[25 April 2022 - 7.30pm - 9.00pm](#)

[9 June 2022 - 7.30pm - 9.00pm](#)

### **God Calling?**

18 June 2022 10.00am to 12.00pm

Assington Hall, 75 Further Street CO10 5LE

Sometimes life can seem so full on and fast paced that we don't feel that there is any time to stop and listen to God. God Calling? is an opportunity to press the pause button in our busy lives for a couple of hours and tune into God's still small voice. Join us at the beautiful surroundings of Assington Hall for a morning of quiet reflection on theme of God's call on our lives. To book your place please visit: [https://2022-god-calling,eventbrite.co.uk](https://2022-god-calling.eventbrite.co.uk)

### **World Mission Conference**

22 October 2022 10.00am to 3.30pm  
Stowmarket Salvation Army Hall

Please save the date and add this to your diary now!

### **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.**

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### **Vacancies**

[Priest-in-Charge](#) | Waterfront Parishes, Ipswich | 0.5 | Closing date 29 April  
Youth & Young Adults Pastor | Beccles Parish | Closing date: 1 May - please contact [richhenderson@btinternet.com](mailto:richhenderson@btinternet.com)  
[Vicar](#) | All Saints', Newmarket | Closing date: 4 May  
[Team Vicar](#) | Wilford Benefice | Closing date: 10 May  
[Vicar](#) | St Mary with St Peter, Bury St Edmunds | Closing date: 17 May  
[Lead Evangelist](#) | Centre of Mission, Ipswich

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