



Thursday 21 July 2022

Lambeth Conference 2022

26 July - 8 August 2022

After a series of delays, we were delighted that Bishop Godfrey Mbelwa and Bishop Vithalis Yusuph and his wife Monica arrived in Suffolk. Unfortunately, Bishop Darlington and his wife Penina have been delayed in Tanzania waiting for Penina's visa to arrive. The welcoming team led by Bishop Martin and hosts Chris and Anji Dawkins, the Revd Eric Falla and Marion and Martin Gray are supporting the group as they tour our county and beyond.



The first stop was Debenham where the Revd Susan Bates invited Bishop Vithalis and Monica to visit the local primary school and high school. A tour of the schools quickly highlighted the amazing facilities we have, as the Bishop compared the class size with his own local school where 3000 pupils are taught by eight teachers. During the school assembly Bishop Vithalis prayed for the children to recognise what they have and appreciate how blessed they are. Click [here](#) for the full story.

Meanwhile, Bishop Godfrey visited Stutton CofE Primary School where the children showed him some of the work they had done preparing for his visit, including a colourful kanga



(African cloth) they had decorated. The Bishop demonstrated how Tanzanian children use a kanga on their head to help balance a bucket full of water they have collected from the well. In the afternoon, he joined the Revd Sally Letman and visited Capel St Mary CEVA Primary School. The school's motto is *'With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains.'* and with this in mind the school has committed to launching a link with a local school in Tanzania to raise funds for books. Click [here](#) for the full story.



Next was a tour of a local farm and conservation projects with the Revd Richard Stainer, visiting Topsy's Spiney, Bradfield Woods and Bishop's Farm as well as

Cockfield CEVP Primary School. This offered the opportunity to share environment news and compare farming techniques. Click [here](#) for the full story.

The group were also invited to the diocesan office to meet the team, spend some time in Ipswich and visit the University of Suffolk. This will be followed by a sightseeing trip to London today as well as a trip to the seaside in Felixstowe and a visit to Mission to Seafarers and Felixstowe port. The tour will finish with a service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday.

Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike will be travelling to Canterbury with the group on Tuesday as they head to the Lambeth Conference. You are invited to pray for the Lambeth Conference which is a once-a-decade gathering that plays a vital role in the life of the Anglican Communion, providing time and space for bishops to meet, share and pray.

Eco Church Update



We are delighted to announce that 50 churches have achieved the bronze Eco Church award from A Rocha. We are even more delighted that another 19 churches have secured their silver award. Thank you to everyone for their work in achieving these awards. In total another 80 churches have registered and are starting their journey to becoming an A Rocha Eco Church.

A Rocha, the international family of Christian conservation organisations, began Eco Church in 2016, assisting churches as they seek to embed creation care into church life. They ask you to register and complete a short survey about how you are already caring for God's earth in the church. They then offer resources and pathways to help you achieve the bronze, silver and gold awards as they help you on your environment journey. All sorts of things count, from planting wildflowers in the church grounds to having a water butt, using recycled cups or holding an environment themed service. Find out more [here](#).

Half our deaneries have an Environment Champion who are willing to work with parishes to support them as they focus on the environment. They can help and advise as well as share ideas and signpost you to the right help when you need it. To find out more please visit our website [here](#). For more information or to become a champion please email the Revd Canon [Mark Haworth](#).

Please note:

- Green Christian's conference: **Building back greener** - a Christian perspective on the future of our economy, money and work | 7 - 8 October 2022. This is in person and by Zoom, to find out more please visit their website [here](#).
- The diocesan World Mission Conference is on 22 October 2022 in Stowmarket - save the date!

Events

Christian Studies Course

Taster session: Tuesday 16 August 6.00pm

Zoom

St Mary's in Haverhill will be offering a two-year course to explore the Christian Faith, with modules on New Testament, Old Testament, Doctrine, Practical Theology and more. This will be useful for deepening your knowledge and understanding. The course will be offered in term-time only on Tuesday evenings with some Saturday mornings. It is offered as an in-person course with some Zoom sessions over the winter months. This pilot course is free to those in Suffolk and an introductory session will take place at St Mary's Haverhill to find out more. To register your interest and receive further details, please email the Revd Wendy Norris at revwendy@gmx.com or call her on 07497 349345.

Churchwardens' training 2022

Wednesday 27 July 2022 7.00pm

All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3QW.

This is the last of a series of Churchwarden training events. The session covers Churchwardens' tasks and legal responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and many other related issues. There is always an opportunity for Question and Answers: | [Book here](#)

Growing Rural Taster session

Wednesday 27 July 2022 | 10.00am or 7.30pm

The Growing Rural programme has been developed specifically to help multi-parish churches to see and grasp the opportunities for mission in their context. The Revd Phil Dykes, Diocesan Mission Enabler, is holding an hour long online taster sessions at 10.00am and 7.30pm on 27 July: please click [here](#) to sign up for the morning and [here](#) to sign up for the evening.



The full course starts in October: for more information please visit our website [here](#).

What is Envoy? taster sessions

Wednesday 3 August – 10.00am, 12.30pm or 7.30pm

Zoom

Envoy is a free evangelism coaching community provided by Church Army for anybody aged 18+ who wants to make evangelism their way of life. Envoy is designed to fit into your life – whatever it looks like – and will equip you to live missionally wherever you are. If you'd like to meet a member of the Envoy team, hear stories from previous participants or have an opportunity to ask questions, we are hosting one hour taster sessions. To book a place, please visit: www.envoy.website/what-is-envoy. To sign up for the the next Envoy communities beginning in October, please visit www.envoy.website. Applications close on 16 September 2022. For more information, please email the Envoy Team: envoy@churcharmy.org.

Church Army Discovery Event

Thursday 8 September 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Online

Do you have a passion for sharing your faith or know someone who does? Are you exploring vocations, but are not sure where you fit, or know somebody like this? Then how about considering Church Army? Either as a support network or to train with us for commissioning. To book a place, other discover event dates and more please visit churcharmy.org/discover or email: [Andrew Payne](mailto:Andrew.Payne@churcharmy.org), in the Community & Vocations Team.

Ride and Stride / Pedal and Drive 2022 - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 10 September 2022

Organised by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride and Pedal & Drive sees several thousand cyclists and walkers of all ages (and drivers of vintage and classic cars) taking part in the annual fundraising event for the repair and upkeep of



Suffolk churches. The money they raise help save this wonderful part of our history, with half going to the Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the cyclist's/walker's chosen church. More details are now

available from www.shct.org.uk

The County Harvest Festival

Sunday 2 October 2022, 12 noon for 2.30pm service

Trinity Park, Ipswich IP3 8UH



Join Bishop Mike, Dean Joe and Archdeacon Sally as they lead the County Harvest Festival service. Gates will open at 12 noon for food, drinks, children's activities, craft stalls and to meet the Suffolk Trinity livestock (Suffolk Punch, Red Poll cattle and Suffolk Sheep). Harvest Worship will include local farmers and people from different churches and chapels around our county. Bring your chairs (but if it is very wet we will make this into a drive-in event!). Bring along tins and fresh produce to place on our

straw bale altar, from where they will be distributed to local charities. For details and to book please visit: [A County Harvest Festival \(02-Oct-2022\)](#).

PCC Workshops

For workshops on stewardship please sign up for:

<p>Tuesday 27 September, 11.00am</p> <p>Book here</p>	<p>Julie Podd (Parish Resources Manager), Grant Forrest and Catia Oldrey from the Parish Giving Scheme.</p>	<p>Parish Giving Scheme: Who, What, Why?</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 September, 2.00pm</p>	<p>Julie Podd (Parish Resources Manager), Grant Forrest and</p>	<p>Using the Parish Giving Scheme as a catalyst for</p>

Book here	Catia Oldrey from the Parish Giving Scheme.	generosity
Tuesday 11 October, 12.00pm Book here	Beccy Hills (Parish Funding & Grants Advisor) with John Bailey.	Learn more about how to get started with grants & funding

Please join us in a series of webinars focusing on Caring for Church Buildings. There will be ample time for questions at the end of the evening.

Wednesday 2 November, 7.30pm Book here	Catherine Ross, Open & Sustainable Churches Officer at the Church of England.	Focusing on environmental sustainability
Wednesday 16 November, 7.30pm Book here	Diana Spencer, Eastern Region Engagement Officer, Church of England's Bats in Churches team.	Offering advice on bats in churches.
Wednesday 23 November, 7.30pm Book here	The Venerable Dr David Jenkins.	Focusing on alternative uses for churches in addition to regular worship.
Wednesday 30 November, 7.30pm Book here	Edmund Harris, Diocesan, Secretary.	Presentation on faculties, the DAC and church buildings in general.

Notices

Responding to the crisis in Ukraine, please visit our website [here](#).

Parish Returns: Thank you to all those who have already sent back their returns. The deadline for return of parish finance forms was extended to 31 July 2022, including the Energy Footprint tool. Full details are on our website [here](#).

2022 contactless giving digital roll out - has closed: The project has been oversubscribed, if you are successful we will be in touch. If you have any questions please email Julie.podd@cofesuffolk.org.

Theft from Churches: Please be aware of thefts in churches outlined in this latest news article dated Wednesday 19 July and available [here](#). The [Suffolk Historic Churches Trust](#) provides grants towards the cost of installing roof alarms and they are currently offering a **75% grant until end July - don't miss out.**

Vacancies

[Youth and Children's Work Charity](#) | Just42, Woodbridge | Closing date: 11 August

[Children & Families' Worker](#) | Bridge Church | Closing date: 12 August

[Mission-focussed Priest in Charge](#) | Four Rivers Benefice | Closing date: 1 September

[Priest in Charge](#) | Waterfront Parishes, Ipswich

[Youth Project Support Worker](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral

[Part-Time Verger](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral

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