



Thursday 4 August 2022

A New Suffolk Garland – A Suffolk Anthology



As part of the legacy of The Festival of Suffolk, copies of A New Suffolk Garland are being presented to every secondary school and public library in Suffolk. It is an anthology of the best writing and art, new and old, offering a real celebration of the county of Suffolk, and was created to mark the occasion of HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the first copy having already been presented to the Queen as a gift from Suffolk.

All profits from the anthology are being donated to the Festival of Suffolk Legacy Fund which will be administered by Suffolk Community Foundation. Grants will be given to charities working to address needs in Suffolk relating to community, health and well-being, opportunity and education, enterprise, environment, and culture and tourism.

The book costs £20 but there is also a limited special edition costing £100, the first copy of which was given to HM The Queen. Copies are available from the Festival of Suffolk website, www.festivalofsuffolk.org, www.newsuffolkgarland.co.uk or from Aldeburgh Bookshop.

Picture: Lady Clare at the presentation of the New Suffolk Garland to Suffolk high schools and libraries.

Celebration at St Mary's Church Stonham Parva



Thanks to funding from the Culture Recovery Fund, St Mary Stonham Parva (in the North Bosmere Benefice) has been able to undergo the urgent work needed after being closed for several years due to safety concerns, and has enabled the church to be opened once more.

To celebrate the restoration, on Sunday 31 July the church hosted Choral Evensong under the musical direction of Mr Ian Galbraith.

The work that the Churches Conservation Trust underwent in conserving St Mary's, and for

the permission to worship on Sunday, was greatly appreciated.

Get involved with your local CAP Debt Centre



You may well be aware of Christians Against Poverty and their work. Sally Murray, Debt Centre Manager in Bury St Edmunds, would like to give you some context regarding the crisis in the East of England. CAP's Annual Report makes pretty shocking reading:

- The average household debt in our region is currently £18,952.00
- Our region has the HIGHEST level of debt, per household, surveyed in England
- The average number of debts is 14
- 48% of these debts relate to Priority Debts - rent, council tax and utilities
- The average peak repayment terms in years has been calculated as 28 years
- Nationwide research revealed that 47% of those in debt sacrificed meals; 46% couldn't afford basic food; 45% went without heating; 24% couldn't afford to light their home; 46% couldn't afford toiletries and 61% couldn't afford weather appropriate clothing for themselves or their family
- 36% said they had considered or attempted suicide as a way out of debt.

How can you help?

Here are three ways to partner with CAP and make a difference to those in your local area struggling with the pressures of debt:

1. Become a CAP Champion in your local church - join a growing team of networkers and champions and help share and promote the work of CAP in your churches.
2. Become a befriender - to get involved with local CAP clients, to accompany one of the Debt Coaches and be a friend and listening ear to CAP clients.
3. Become a financial partner by giving £10 per month into the work of CAP Bury St Edmunds and district. The work of CAP locally is solely funded through donations from local churches and individuals. Could you give £10 or more regularly to CAP regularly so that the their work can continue and flourish?

Please do get in touch by emailing Sally Murray, CAP Debt Centre Manager for Bury St Edmunds and District, sallymurray@capuk.org or phone 07436 424736.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust - Jubilee Grants

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by awarding an extra series of grants totalling £70,000, with grants generally capped at £5,000 so that they can be given to as many Suffolk communities as possible.

These grants will be for work that will benefit the community and congregation and will provide a fitting tribute to the Queen's long reign. They can be for projects that the Trust does not usually award grants to.

The closing date for applications is 31st December 2022 and projects should be completed by the end of 2024. Please [click here for the application form](#).

Events

Growing Rural Taster session

Wednesday 10 August 2022 (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 session at 7.30pm on 10 August: please [click the link here](#)

to sign up.

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

Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Weekend

Sunday 28 August and Monday 29 August 11.00am - 6.00pm

The Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Weekend is a regular event held over two days of the August Bank Holiday. With a legacy of 40 years behind it, it is one of the most successful open garden events in East Anglia and boasts an impressive 40 gardens open to the public, along with a village market, art exhibition, musical entertainment and refreshments. Admission is £8 per person for a one/two day pass, children under 16 years old go free. For more information on this year's programme please [visit the website here](#).

Ipswich Annual Pilgrimage Walk

Sunday 4 September, start time 3.00pm.

St Peter's Church on the Quay, IP4 1BF

Come along and join the annual pilgrimage walk across Ipswich - this ecumenical event welcomes all and follows a route via Lady Lane (site of former Shrine), and ends at the new Shrine in St Mary Elms church.

The procession route was originally planned by Cardinal Wolsey, is less than a mile to walk and lasts approximately an hour, finishing with a cup of tea! Starts at St Peter's Church on the Quay, IP4 1BF.

Lightwave Small Group Leader Training

Lightwave are running training for Leaders and Potential Leaders of Lightwave Groups starting on Monday 26 September. There are opportunities to join in-person and online so please get in touch to find out how we can make this course work for you. Our usual 6-session course trains Lightwave group leaders and helpers by enabling them to experience



and model the life of a Lightwave group. These are groups which do life together - worship, serve, learn from the bible, pray and help new people to find faith too. Come prepared to learn, to laugh, to pray and be both supported and challenged. All Lightwave small group leader courses are free of charge. Find out more and book at- <https://www.lightwave.community/support-training>

CPAS Webinar: Leadership

27 September and 15 November (10.00am - 11.00am)

Hosted by James Lawrence CPAS, with an opportunity for sharing ideas and exploring issues.

Book at www.cpas.org.uk/webinars

CPAS Webinar: PCC Tonight Training Evening

28 September (7.00pm - 9.20pm)

A training evening for your whole PCC. Clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, explore some common dysfunctions and be introduced to material you can use to shape its life.

Book at www.cpas.org.uk/pcc-events

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 \(02-Oct-2022\)](http://A County Harvest Festival (02-Oct-2022)).

PCC Workshops

For workshops on stewardship:

Tuesday 27 September, 11.00am Book here	Julie Podd (Parish Resources Manager), Grant Forrest and Catia Oldrey from the Parish Giving Scheme.	Parish Giving Scheme: Who, What, Why?
Tuesday 27 September,	Julie Podd (Parish Resources	Using the Parish Giving

2.00pm Book here	Manager), Grant Forrest and Catia Oldrey from the Parish Giving Scheme.	Scheme as a catalyst for 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

For webinars focusing on Caring for Church Buildings:

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, DAC Secretary.	Presentation on faculties, the DAC and church buildings in general.

Safeguarding Sunday

20 November 2022

Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message of justice and hope. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for your church to show your community that you take this responsibility seriously. It's your chance, as a church, to use your regular Sunday service to explore together what safer places look like, and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all. Please visit:

thirtyoneeight.org/SafeguardingSunday

TRiM 2022 - Resilience and Refreshment

22 November 10.00am - 23 November 1.30pm

The annual regional short residential conference, *Theological Refreshment in Ministry*, is open to lay and ordained ministers, priests, local pastors, preachers, Readers and LLMs from all of the participating churches in the region. The conference provides an opportunity to learn and pray together in a relaxed atmosphere away from church duties, and each conference focuses on a particular area of theology. To book your place please [visit Eventbrite by clicking the link here](#).

Notices

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

Prayer Book Society in Suffolk: To revive the life of the Prayer Book Society (PBS) in Suffolk it would be helpful if parishes currently using Prayer Book services would be kind enough to report which Sunday(s) of the month they happen and at what time, so that the very out-of-date lists can be refreshed. Please email the Revd Canon [Mark Haworth](#), the current PBS Coordinator.

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

[Choir Director](#) | Woodbridge

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