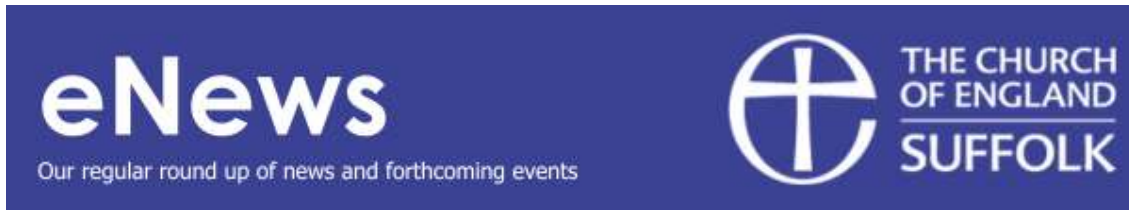


Thursday 6 July 2023



Men and women are continuing to come forward in record numbers to serve communities as Church of England clergy right across Suffolk. A total of 23 were ordained as priests and deacons during last weekend, compared with ten during 2015.

On Saturday 1 July, Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike, ordained the newest 13 priests and ten deacons. Their backgrounds include previous careers in midwifery, neuroscience and working in a charity with disadvantaged families.

The new priests are: Catriona Brinkley, Elizabeth Fox, Diane Grano, Nicola Grieves, Sarah Gull, Helen Kerridge, Gail Minter, Clive Mobbs, Deborah Nicholls, Anita Rooney, Nunziata Sloan-Capasso, Melanie Takáč, Ricky Woodard.

The new deacons are: Mary Brown, who will serve the Benefice of Alde Sandlings; Sarah Hall, who will serve Ipswich St Augustine; Karen Smith, who will serve the Benefice of Stour Valley; Alexandra Taylor, who will serve the Benefice of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby; Joanna Gunn, who will serve Ipswich St Mary Le Tower; Sarah Lock, who will serve Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke; Doreen Page, who will serve the Benefice of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby; Edith Peck, who will serve Framlingham with Saxtead; Lorna Penaluna, who will serve Ipswich St

Matthew, Triangle and All Saints; Katherine Wilson, who will serve the Benefice of Wilford Peninsula and Lightwave Pioneer at The Place by the Water.

Bishop Martin is delighted to welcome so many new clergy and said: *"We have a very active recruitment programme and we are seeing the fruits of investing in these people's futures and the future of the churches in Suffolk. The increased number of people wanting to become priests and deacons is a sign of the spiritual health of the Church, and of individual congregations."*

To read more on this story, please [click here](#).



We welcomed Principal Amon from Kagera, Tanzania at our Ordination services. This was a particularly relevant time to visit as Amon is Principal of the Kagera Christian Theological College (KCTC) which trains women and men for various forms of Christian leadership, both lay and ordained. He was very interested to meet with the ordinands and some of those involved in their training. Amon is staying with Chris and Anji Dawkins, our Diocesan Kagera Link Co-ordinators, for two weeks and so far he has attended Diocesan Synod, and visited the diocesan office, parish churches, the University of Suffolk, and Westcott House and Ridley Hall theological colleges in Cambridge, as well as other colleges in London and Oxford. Amon is visiting us to strengthen the relationship between our two dioceses so that we can learn from each other.

Amon said *"I am so grateful for the support that St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese gives to the KCTC enabling us to develop our programmes. There is so much we can learn from each other, our infrastructure and environment may be different but we do the same things, in similar ways. While visiting your parishes I have noticed the informality - services led by leaders without robes for example and everyone coming up to the altar. In our churches our buildings are smaller and we have more formality. Despite our challenges people love coming together in church, it is so joyful and energised, with people participating in spontaneous singing and dancing in the aisles"*.

Amon is looking forward to welcoming Bishop Martin and his wife Jutta, along with four others who are travelling to Kagera later in July.

Growing in God Growth Fund

The Growth Fund is here to support your church engage creatively in mission. We can offer grants up to £1,500 to support you in outward-looking projects to develop your local mission to the wider community. You may need some extra money to fund projects outlined in your Plan For Growth, or you may be planning mission projects in the summer or autumn and just need a little money to get started.

In April the Growth fund enabled 17 young people to attend the [Big Weekend](#) at Sizewell



Hall, a Christian event aimed at secondary and 6th form age young people. The group attended from Chantry parish Kintsugi Café project and James Hawksworth, Pioneer Evangelist for the Suffolk Centre of Mission, said *"This event went really well. We had some very interesting conversations with some of our young people about God's existence and the differences between God and religion for example. We also talked about who we, at Kintsugi, are and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the everyday. All of them came away from this time feeling positive about the whole thing"*.

If you would like to apply for funding, all you need to know is on our website [here](#).
Download our leaflet [here](#).

Love Latitude 2023

Suffolk becomes the venue for the Latitude Festival on 20 – 23 July 2023 at Henham Park. This annual event consists of music, comedy, art, creativity, fun and relaxation for all ages. The Town Pastor family gathers at Latitude, represented by volunteers from several Town Pastor schemes in Norfolk and Suffolk, working under the banner of 'Festival Pastors'. This team will once again joyfully gather to serve, care, listen, patrol, and pray for the 40,000 attendees and staff, during the daytime hours. This year there will be some live art and Lowestoft Chaplaincy will creatively and inspirationally be helping engage with festival attendees as part of the team. Prayer continues to be at the very heart of Town Pastors and intercessions have made a huge difference and brought immense encouragement to the team. Please would you consider standing with the team in prayer, either for an hour or over the whole weekend? If you would like some more information or would like to be added to the list of people praying for the ministry of the Festival Pastor team, please contact Clare, Festival Pastors Coordinator at coordinator@felixstowetownpastors.org.uk.

Events

I am Mark

Friday 7 July, 7.00pm

St Gregory's Church, Sudbury CO10 1BA

An opportunity to witness Stefan Smart's incredible performance as he brings Mark's Gospel to life. It is a superb and highly acclaimed one-man act. Entrance is free, but a £10 donation encouraged. There will also be a pay-as-you-go bar available during the evening. It would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to attend via St Gregory's Church event tickets from [TicketSource](#).

Healing weekend

Training: Saturday 8 July, 10.00am - 2.30pm

Healing Services: Sunday 9 July, 10.30am and 6.30pm
Christ Church Moreton Hall, Symonds Road, Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EW

If you or your Church fellowship would like to receive Biblical instruction with practical application on the healing ministry, please join the Revd David Perrett on Saturday for teaching and training for healing prayer. Cost is £10 and includes a light lunch. This will be followed by two healing services on Sunday, teaching and inviting people to receive healing by the power of the Holy Spirit. For more information on both events contact the Revd Jonathan Ford on 01284 769956 or email Revdjonathanford@gmail.com

Summer Fair and Gloria!

Saturday 8 July 2023 starting at 12.00pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

The Summer Fair is free and features Morris dancing, an indoor market, a BBQ from the Cathedral restaurant Pilgrims' Kitchen, family craft activities, face painting, a family treasure hunt, LEGO activities and much more. There is also an opportunity to climb the Cathedral Tower. In the evening of the same day, 'Gloria! A Summer Concert' will showcase the talent of the St Edmundsbury Cathedral musicians, performing a magnificent programme of music for a summer's evening. Tickets for Gloria! A Summer Concert start at £8.00 and are available online [here](#).

PCC Workshop - The DAC: A User's Guide

Tuesday 11 July, 7.30pm, Zoom

'You will need a faculty for that' is a phrase that strikes dread into the heart of many churchwardens and members of the clergy. But it need not be. As an insider talking to users, Edmund Harris explains how the faculty system works. Please book [here](#).

Building a generous culture

Wednesday 12 July, 7.00pm
Village Hall, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Bury St Edmunds IP30 0AS

Join the Parish Resources Team to find out about building a generous culture in your parish. To book please email Yalda.davis@cofesuffolk.org, stating your name, parish role and parish.

Safeguarding Q&A Session

Saturday 15 July, 9.30am, Online

This is a meeting for all Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officers to ask questions, and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team will do their best to provide you with some answers. Please join us so that we can get to know you a little better, at the same time as updating you with any changes to Safeguarding Training, DBS checks, the Dashboard, or other matters that you would like to know more about. [Book here](#)

PCC Workshop - Crime in our churches and churchyards and how to reduce it

Tuesday 18 July, 7.30pm, Zoom

Sergeant Brian Calver, one of Suffolk Constabulary's top police officers from the Rural

Crime Neighbourhood Partnership Team, will cover the current areas targeted by thieves in churches and churchyards across the region, and what parishes and local communities can do to reduce the chances of falling victim to these heinous acts. Please book [here](#).

Crematorium Familiarisation Visits

Thursday 20 July, Thursday 24 August, Thursday 21 September, Thursday 19 October or Thursday 23 November. starting 11.30am
West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds IP28 6RR

West Suffolk Crematorium has kindly offered familiarisation visits on a selection of dates to see 'behind the scenes'. This is an opportunity to help those of us wishing to understand more of what happens when a cremation takes place. Please note there is a maximum of six people per visit. To make a booking, and for further information, please contact West Suffolk Crematorium direct on 01284 755118.

PCC Workshop - Building Friends' Groups

Tuesday 25 July, 7.30pm, Zoom

Lots of churches have Friends' Groups and they can be very useful for mobilising the wider community to look after the fabric of your church. This webinar will tell you what you need to know to get your Friends' Group off on the right foot and functioning effectively and harmoniously. Please book [here](#).

Photographic portrait exhibition

4 - 26 July 2023

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

This is an exceptional photographic project documenting all 42 of England's Anglican cathedrals undertaken by Peter Marlow (1952 - 2016) who travelled across England documenting the interiors of these iconic architectural landmarks. More information [here](#).

Planning a church fundraising capital appeal

Monday 31 July 2023, 10.30am - 12.00pm, Online

Our Christian churches are some of the most beautiful, architecturally magnificent and important buildings in our country. The cost to maintain and sustain the amazing work that happens within these buildings is often much larger than the means of the congregation and groups that meet there. So how do you even start to plan for a major capital appeal? And what are the crucial things you need to do, know and understand before you even start to fundraise? Join this webinar from Church Grants and gain a greater insight about capital appeals and hear examples of resources to help and execute your fundraising appeal. [Sign up here](#).

Know and Grow Makaton Course

Saturday 23 September 9.45am – 4.30pm

All Saints' Church Hall, Church Road, Sudbury, CO10 2BL (parking opposite)

We're hoping to equip churches with key-word signing so they can become more welcoming and accessible to adults with learning disabilities, enabling them to come

to know Jesus and grow in their faith. Workshop includes: Makaton use for every day, Makaton Christian vocabulary and signing in church. Tickets are £25 per person and advance booking is essential as places are limited. To book please email Makaton Tutor: janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk or call 07896 675538. Please bring your own lunch.

World Mission Conference - Ethical Consumerism

Saturday 7 October, 9.00am - 1.00pm

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



Ethical consumerism is the practice of purchasing products and services produced in a way that minimises social and/or environmental damage, while avoiding products and services thought to have a negative impact on society or the environment. Many of us are concerned about the way in which some businesses exploit their workers and cause harm to our natural environments. By thinking about what we buy and where we invest we can make a real difference to people and the planet. This is an opportunity to hear from experts in the field of Ethical Consumerism and to ask them questions. Key speakers include Mike Gidney, CEO of the Fairtrade Foundation and Ruth Lindley, Campaigns Lead, Transform Trade with more to be announced soon. Please book [here](#).

Notices

Return of Parish Finance: Over 50% of parishes have already submitted their forms - thank you. 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 statistics@cofesuffolk.org by email. The deadline is extended to 31 July 2023. Further information is available on our website [here](#).

Energy Footprint Tool: This is an easy to use tool that allows all churches to enter their utility bills and find out their 'carbon footprint'. The system is open now and closes for the year on 31 August 2023, you will need your 2022 electricity and gas/oil bills to hand. Completing this gives you a baseline position and helps you to track your progress towards becoming net zero carbon by 2030. You can find the Energy Footprint Tool on the [Online Parish Returns System](#).

Dispute Advisory Service: Dealing with conflict is a normal feature of building healthy relationships and congregations. This new service offers a safe place to bring conflicts and problems that we might have with each other in a church setting. Talking to independent trained advisors can help you find ways of managing these or other difficult situations. Find out more [here](#). To download a leaflet please click [here](#).

Vacancies

[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | The Wrentham Benefice | Closing date: 7 July
[Rector](#) | Orwell and Deben | Closing date: 10 July

Perspectives Ipswich's Centre Co-ordinator | for further information please email perspectivesipswich.plss@gmail.com or call 07443 537541

[Choir Director](#) | Woodbridge

[Volunteer Parish Administrator](#) | St Peter's Church, Stoke Park, Ipswich

[Rector's PA & Benefice Administrator](#) | Carlford Churches

[Spiritual Care Worker](#) | St Elizabeth Hospice | Closing date: 12 July

[Bishops' PA](#) | Closing date: 24 July

[Parish Nurse Vacancy](#) | Walton Parish Nursing | Closing date: 31 August

Vacancies at River Church: Director of Operations, Spear Centre Manager, PA to the Church Leaders and River College Internship. For details on all these roles please visit [Vacancies at River Church here.](#)

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