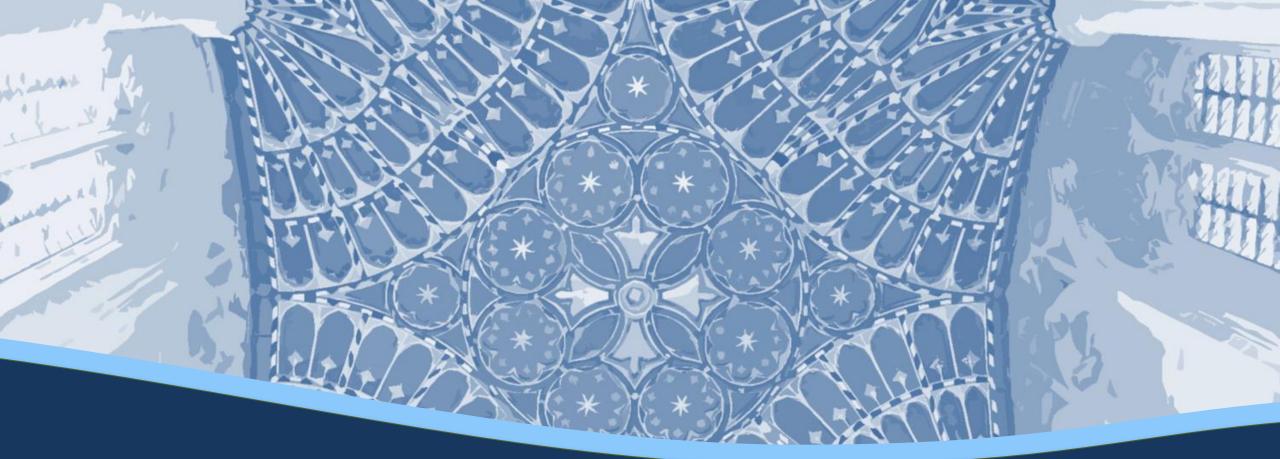


Welcome





Ministry of the Word

Bishop Mike



1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon the sons of men, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know, that he was born of Mary when Bethl'em's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.



2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years. But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear and lifts the burden from the heavy laden; for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

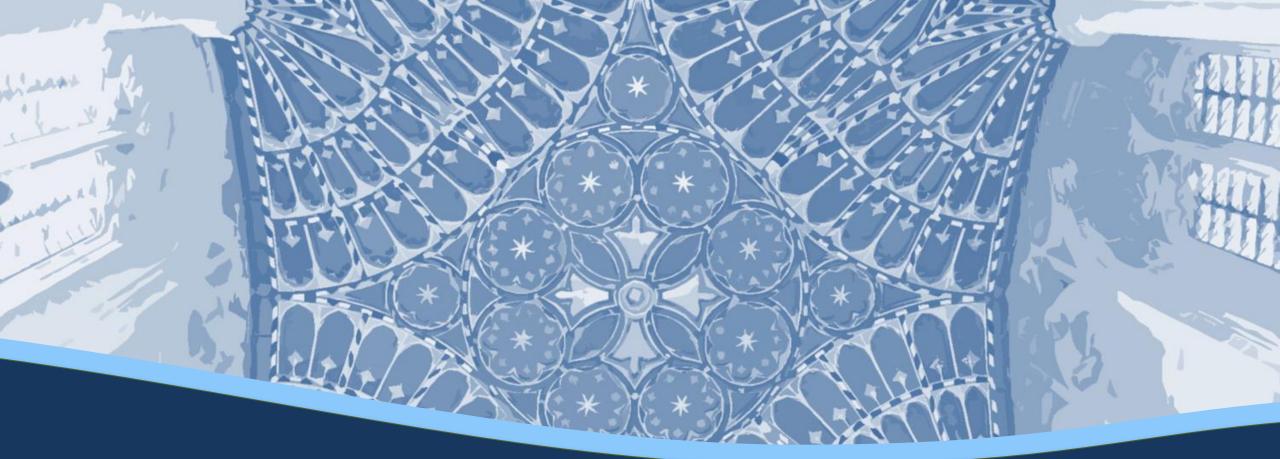


3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage. But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.



4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when at his bidding every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when every heart with love and joy is filled. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad human voices sing, and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer, 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'





Dwelling in the Word

Bishop Mike



Isaiah 55

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.



4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. **5** See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;



7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways & my thoughts than your thoughts.



10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **11** so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, & succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.



Loving God, Though our destination is not yet clear, May we trust in Your graceful promises; Though we are uncertain of ourselves, May we be rooted in Your loving regard; Though our attention is inclined to wander, May we hear the things You are saying; Though we often neglect Your influence, May we be convicted of Your power to change, In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



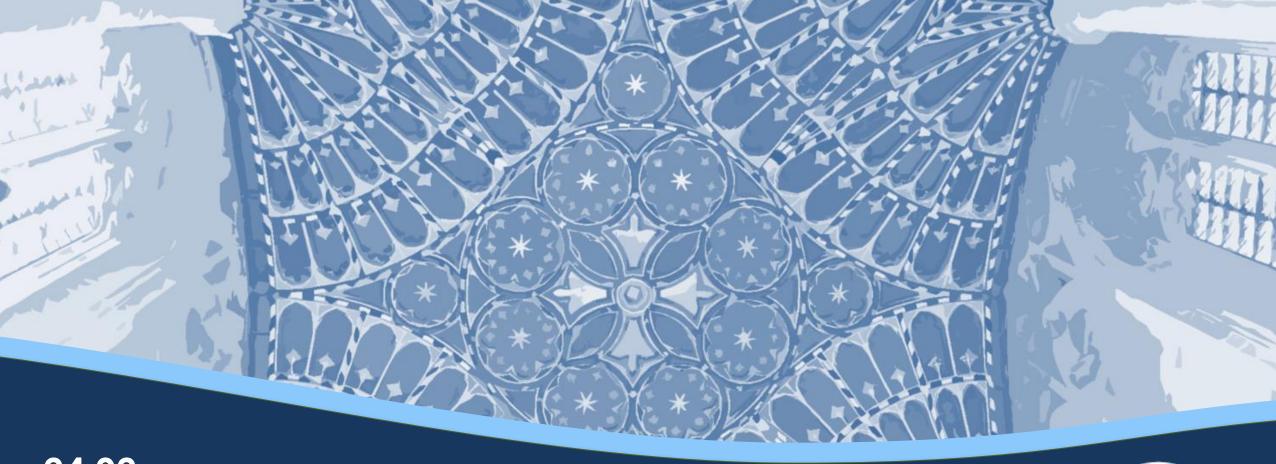


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Welcome & Presidential Address

Bishop Martin





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Young People

The Revd Canon Stuart Batten



What is the Growing Younger Vision?

To engage all generations, allowing them to shape how we do church and investing in them as present and future ministers of the gospel; to develop our congregations to reflect the age profile of the context in which they are set.

Growing Younger

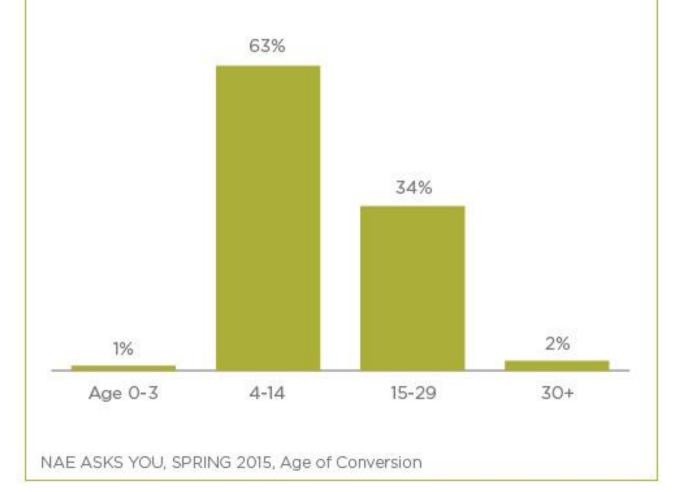




Growing Younger



How old were you when you became a Christian? Among members of the National Association of Evangelicals



CHADBROOKE BENEFICE Long Melford, Shimpling, Alpheton & Lawshall Pam Tonks

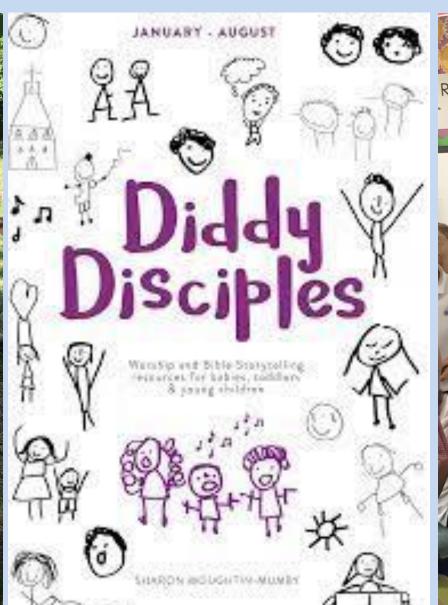
Children, families and youth in the community



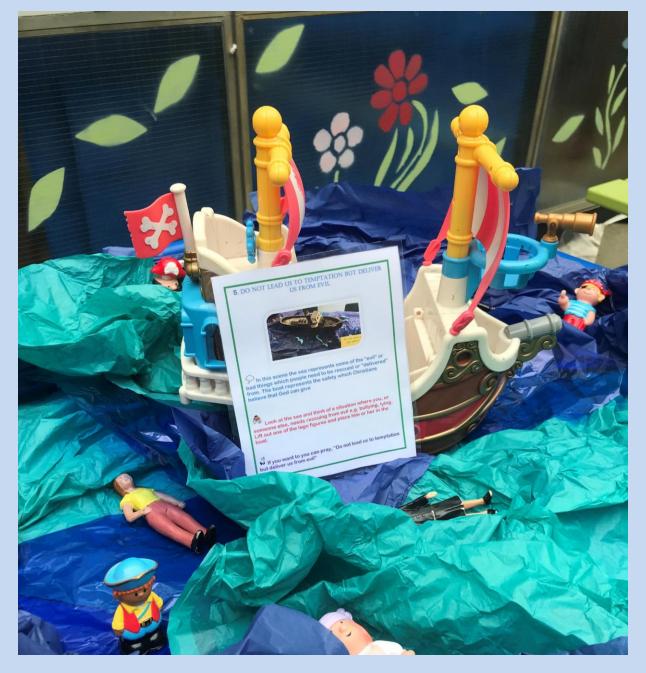








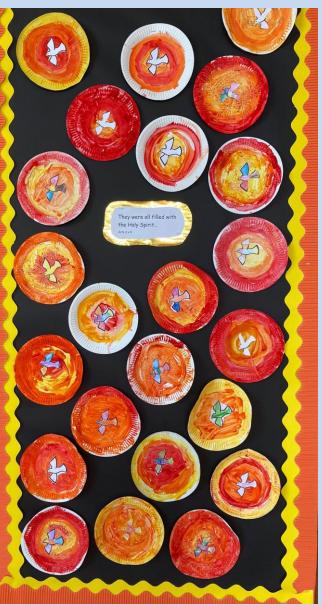






Prayer Stations at school







does the cross mean to me?









Workshops and learning at Church - Apostles Creed and Baptism







School Services and Celebrations











Messy Christmas at the Fayre







Messy Church Village - Summer Fete







4 O'clock Community Shine Informal worship and Café Church





YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSESS



St Catherine's Church

Long Melford CO109JU

Fridays 6.00-7.15pm 6 Autumn sessions

Starting 6th Oct Contact Rev Lawson 01787 310 845

Food provided

11-16yrs



Life? Faith? Meaning?



Framlingham Church The Revd Chris Davey

Sing Praise









A musical journey encouraging young people to engage with the story of faith and to encounter God through song.







Sing Praise – The beginnings

Sing Praise began life in 2019 with the stated purpose:

- To build on the foundations of daily faith-based school singing through two special weekly sung assemblies in Sir Robert Hitcham C of E VA primary school.
- To provide a church led after school club, especially in relation to choral singing at the family and festival services.
- The Sing Praise Director would help to forge closer links between the school and church.



A typical Sing Paise session

Refreshments, singing, crafts, games, story, singing, sharing news, celebrating achievement, fun.

3.15 - 4.30pm



How Sing Praise worships

- We meet in the church building so the children have a sense of belonging.
- An expectation that children attend the monthly All Age Service but as invitation.
- The monthly All Age Eucharist designed to be inclusive and accessible with open table communion policy.
- Sing Praise song picks up the theme of the service so that youngsters are part of the proclamation of the message.
- Include parents and siblings in readings and prayers etc as widely as possible.
- Unapologetically family focussed.
- Annual production with Christian themes.





Our musical aims

- to learn to sing in parts
- to learn to sing a capella
- learn in small groups, duets, and solos
- to increase vocal range
- to learn repertoire from many different genre
- to explore faith through sacred and secular songs
- to increase confidence when performing
- to make new friends across year groups
- to help bridge between school and church

How Sing Praise disciples

- We disciple through inclusivity and welcome
- We disciple through music
- We disciple through example
- We disciple by setting faith in the world
- We disciple through belonging and community



Indicators of Sing Praise effectiveness

- Numbers increased from 30 to 38 Children a week
- A growing waiting list
- Families now attending all age service rather than dropping children off
- Musical confidence growing
- Confidence in church growing
- Two children baptised
- Very positive feedback from parents
- Lots of invitations for Sing Praise to be part of concerts





What parents say:

"Cece's singing has notably improved and the whole family is keen to attend church on a Sunday due to its inclusivity and friendliness." - Annie Rogers

"There is a wonderful sense of community in the Sing Praise group, and the leaders have a brilliantly ambitious and original approach to the musical output of the group. The result of this is that the kids' performances are very impressive, especially considering that it is open to all (and some are very young!) And the leaders are endlessly patient and caring - great ambassadors for the church - helping to integrate the community into the church." – Alys

"This club promotes great teamwork, builds confidence and the ability to work with all ages. Adults and children of all primary ages interact socially and enjoy drama, music, crafts and learning about Christianity." - Tracey Allen



What parents say:

"Matilda has loved being a part of the plays, concerts, family services and overall sing praise family. So much so that even asked to be christened and helped arrange her own baptism!" - Hannah Barton

"Looking forward to creating many more memories to come and setting Theo up for spiritual and musical success in his life." – Chris Hendrickson

"Overall, sing praise is a wonderful place for children within the community" Sarah W

The journey continues.....





James Beckett, Red Lodge

Friday Lego club



Pathway to going deeper

Meeting

- Lego club
- Schools

Engaging

- Ignite
- Youth Café
- Sunday Evening Bonfire Crew

Discipling

• Youth church

Year 3 - 6

Connection with Local school

Accessible to all

Lego Café on a Saturday

Year 3 - 6



Bible Teaching

Fun and attractional

Year 6 - 11



Biblical input

Place for invites

SUNDAY EVENING BONFIRE CREW

Post Year 11

Small group

Conversational

Youth Church

Starts April

Creative

Space to ask questions

Worshipping

Beyond

Youth small groups

Weekends away

Group Discussion

- 1. What are the key challenges with young people's work in your deanery?
- 2. What support does your deanery need from the diocese?
- 3. Having heard the presentation, would you reshape what you are doing in your deanery?



Growing Younger Team



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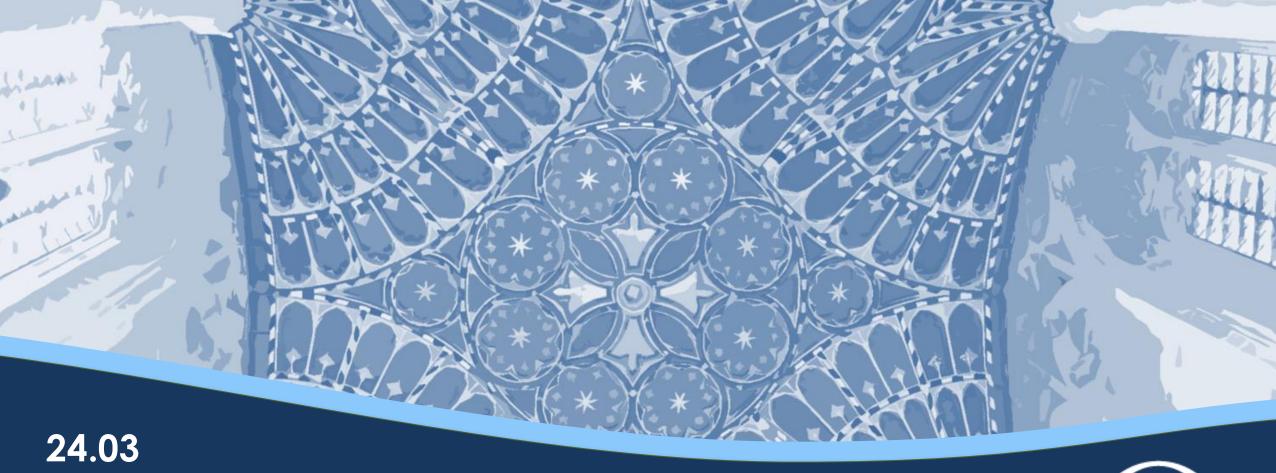
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Growing Younger



Refreshment Break





Annual Review of Inspiring Ipswich

The Revd Canon Charlotte Cook







Numbers News New Learning







Numbers - outcomes up to March 2023

Contacts: 17886 (End Project Target 15000)

We significantly exceeded our in-year and cumulative contact outcome targets up to March 2023.

Explorers: 1389 (End Project Target 7500)

We are significantly behind our in-year and cumulative Explorer outcome target.

Disciples: 911 (End Project Target 1500)

We are on-track with our in-year and cumulative Disciple targets.





News

Arrivals

Unexpected opportunities

• Developments in Ipswich







New Learning

- Do not despise the day of small things
- Be careful what you pray for
- Humour, humility, humanity
- God's currency is joy
- No God/Know God





New Learning

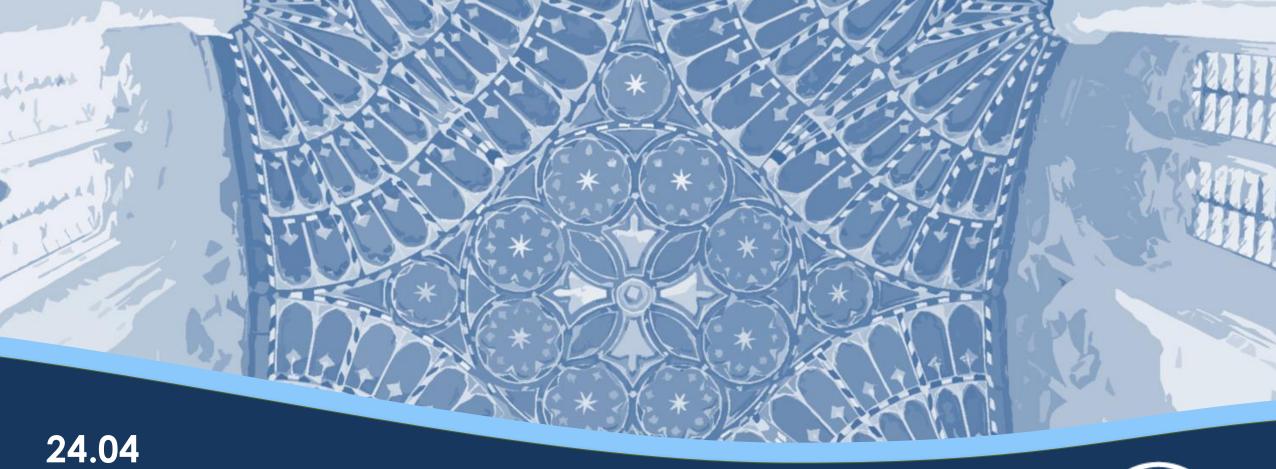
Questions and feedback











Update on Mothers' Union

Linda Ginn



Mothers' Union ABC Strategy

During this final year of the triennium, we will be continuing to uphold the traditional values, aims and objectives of MU and following our ABC Strategy:

Away From It All (AFIA) – listening and supporting schools and youth organisations

Befriending – seeing and responding to needs in local communities

Clewer – tackling issues around modern-day slavery by 2023.





Away From TALL



Away From It All (AFIA) is a Mothers' Union holiday or day out scheme.

Members from across St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocese raise funds to pay, or part pay for holidays or days out

BEFRIENDING

Ipswich Night Shelter THE CLEWER

Our Anti-Slavery Day campaign 2022 is called Make it Slavery-Free. It is a call for hurches husinesses and communities slavery free all of us to make our homes churches husinesses and communities slavery. Our Anti-Slavery Day campaign 2022 is called Make it Slavery-Free. It is a call for all of us to make our homes, churches, businesses and communities slavery-free. SLAVERY FREE CHURCHES

PRISONS WEEK 9TH - 15TH OCTOBER 2022
WWW.PRISONSWEEK ORG | @PRISONSWEEK | #PRISONSWEEK | #PRIS

Making hats for Seafarers

SUFFOLK CHURCHES

WELCOME

restored-uk.org/redchair PLACE FOR THEM Information | Networks | Links | Support



Craft work knitting and sewing

Come Together To End Domestic Abuse

coming together across society and communities to

Women's Refuge

Christmas cards for prisoners

Coffee mornings and garden parties

Toysandcrakitenstor Children

Hospitality and visiting

Mothers' Union works in partnership with the Clewer Initiative



Facebook Twitter YouTube

Mothers' Union Transformation Now!

In 2022 Mothers' Union pledged:

- To introduce new ways of being MU
- To raise the profile of MU in our diocese
- To work more visibly within the church.





Mothers' Union Supporting Clergy

- A commitment to prayer for clergy, readers, elders and all our ministers
- Offering practical pastoral support at the local level.

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Mothers' Union

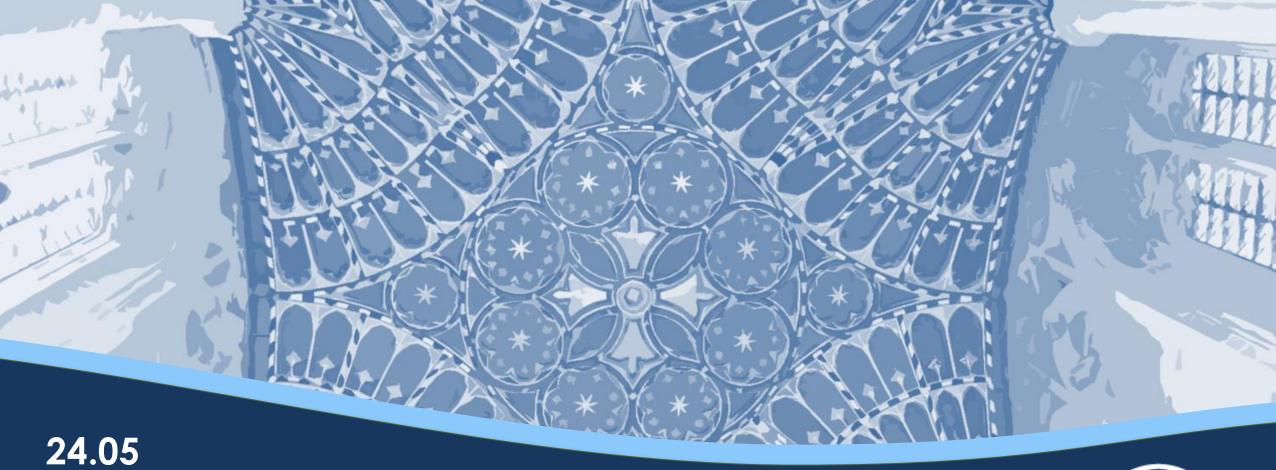
- How do you perceive MU?
- Have you noticed any change?

For more information visit: www.musuffolk.org.uk www.mothersunion.org.uk



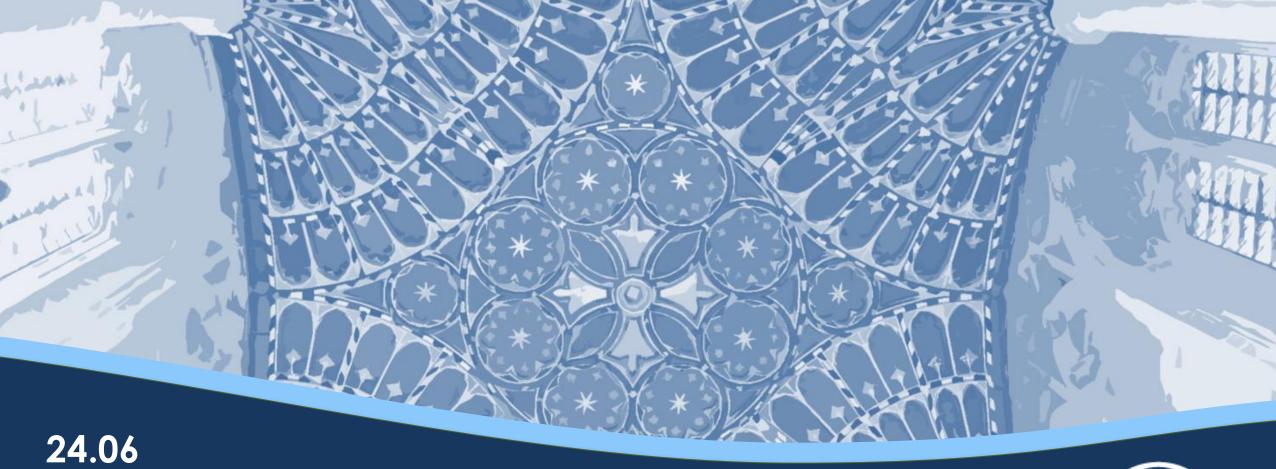






General Synod Report





Report on Proposed Motion to General Synod on Church Commissioners' Funding
Tony Allwood



Proposed Motion to General Synod on Church Commissioners' Funding

That this Synod:

mindful of the vital role of parochial clergy in the mission of Church and the current general inadequacy of Diocesan Stipendiary Funds to meet the associated costs especially considering pressures on parish share --

 acknowledges that the Church Commissioners have made a remarkable turnaround since the once in a generation financial settlement of 1997 that shifted future pension liability to Diocesan Boards of Finances, enabling the Church Commissioners to grow their assets from £3bn to over £10bn, while diocesan funds declined significantly

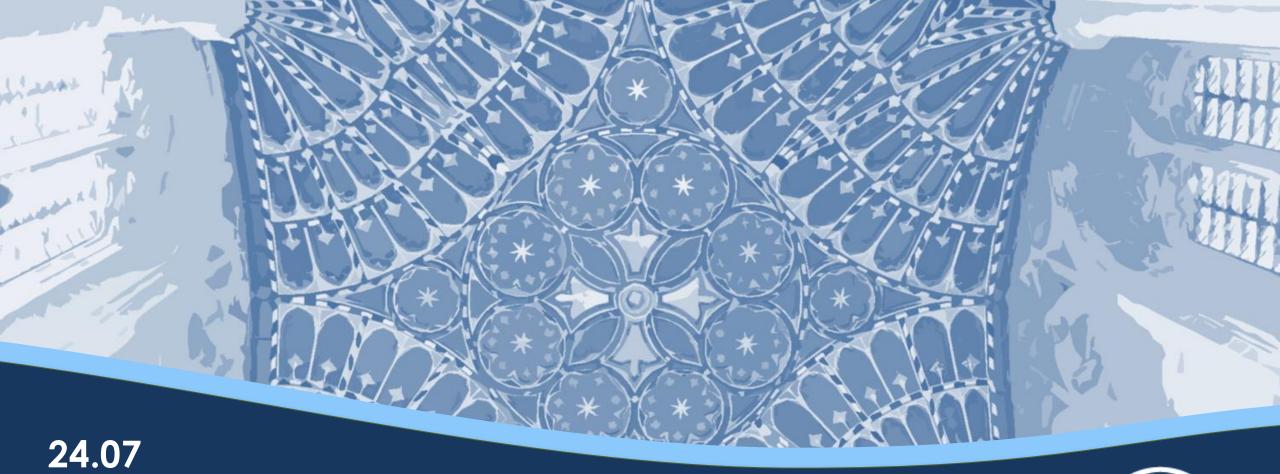




- welcomes the recent XXX report on diocesan finances and endorses the ongoing financial review to bring about a more sustainable, just new settlement for the next generation; one that will ensure the Church continues to be able to afford the presence of priests in communities across the land
- calls for the Church Commissioners together with the Archbishops' Council
 to investigate how best to achieve this, including such options as the
 Church Commissioners:
 - taking back responsibility for clergy pensions or
 - funding a substantial proportion of clergy stipends or
 - o ringfencing or transferring £2bn £3bn in investments to Dioceses.







Update on VocationsThe Revd Canon Stuart Batten



Vocations

- Vocations Sunday and Vocations Fayre St Edmundsbury Cathedral | 21 April, 1.30pm
- Vocations Padlet on our website: www.cofesuffolk.org/vocationsresource-padlet/
- Faith Stories, Monday 8 April, 7.00pm -8.00pm online webinar featuring Bishop Mike.





Vocations Fair 2024

Sunday 21 April 2024 1.30pm - 3.00pm Inside the Cathedral

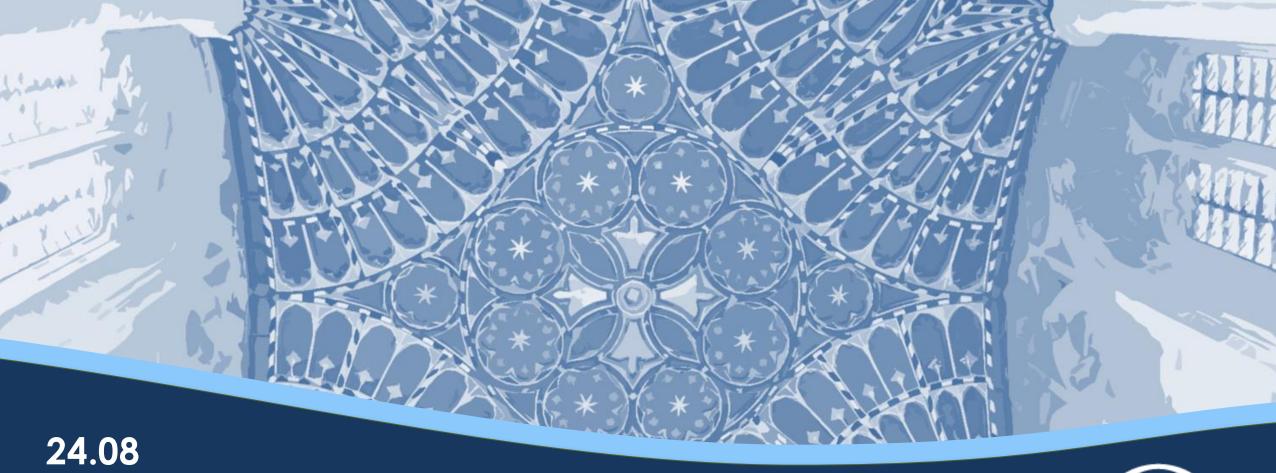
Come and visit the many stalls representing our ministries for an informal chat to find the right ministry for you:
Chaplaincy, Children's and Families, Church Army, Elders, Pioneers, Evangelists, Lightwave Leaders, Mothers' Union, Ordained Ministers, PCC Officers, Readers, Recognised Local Leaders, School Foundation Governors, Spiritual Directors and Youth Ministers.

Why not come with a group from church, have lunch in Pilgrims' Kitchen and then find out more about vocations?

Any enquiries to the Revd Canon Stuart Batten: stuart.batten@cofesuffolk.org



Come along and find out where you fit in



Progress on Net Zero Carbon Route Plan
Gary Peverley, James Rolls and Emma Flint



Current Status and progress

Building Type	Number of Buildings	Baseline Status	Current work/progress	Estimated carbon emissions (Tonnes CO2e)	Cost £m	Issues to address
Churches	476	294 churches supplied EFT data between 2019 & 2023 (62%) 247 in 2023 (52%)	 Support demonstrator projects Identify top 20% of carbon emitters Encourage move to renewable energy tariffs Encourage greater use of Energy Footprint Tool 	"Mean" annual emissions from EFT returns: 688 tonnes	?	 Need more information of proven, effective decarbonising technologies Data quality Distribution of information to parishes
Property	157	All assessed	 Identify property for demonstrator project. Develop retrofit strategy. Re-assess potential carbon emissions savings, factoring in low carbon heating. 	Annual emissions: 1,041 tonnes	£11m- 15m	 Agreeing the funding plan. Financial impact of selling properties and loss of rental income. RdSAP update in April. Balancing carbon emissions savings against energy costs.
Schools	29 of 87 schools (21 MAT / 8VA).	All assessed	 Lighting upgrades to LEDs (16 schools) Feasibility study for solar PV installations and reviewing potential of PPA's. Energy saving guidance provided to all schools. 	541 tonnes (VA) 444 tonnes (MAT) Annual emissions: 985 tonnes	£0.4m- £0.8m per school Total c. £18m	 Challenging funding environment Reassessment of potential emissions reductions. Target is 2050

Our Focus

- Reviewing the available carbon emissions and energy usage data for schools, churches and housing
- Establish an emissions baseline and identify high emitters
- Identifying potential demonstrator projects
- Establishing the regional network and disseminating key messages and sharing with the regional group.





Our Progress

- Consolidating carbon emissions data across the diocese
- Carrying out site visits and visiting potential demonstrator churches
- Expressing interest to National Church clergy housing demonstrator project
- Attended the NZC Connect Conference
- Reviewing the work and activities we can do regionally
- Forming the regional NZC partnership
- Creating a shared learning platform.



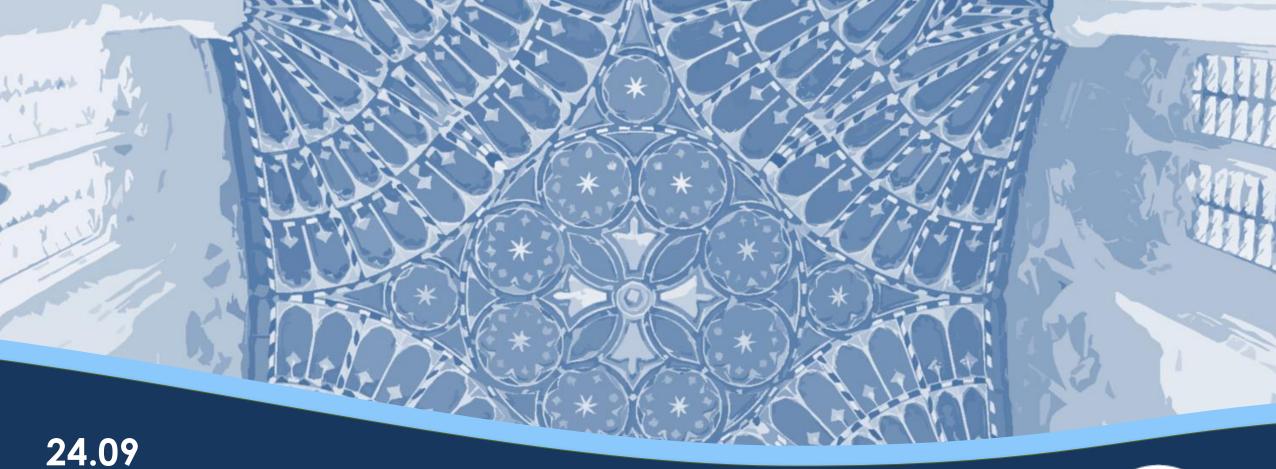


Our Next Steps

- Submit nominations for church demonstrator projects
- Develop a diocesan and regional NZC communications strategy
- Promote the Energy Footprint Tool
- Promote green energy tariffs
- Establish partnership governance for regional NZC group
- Development of case studies
- Develop and deliver training for deanery champions.

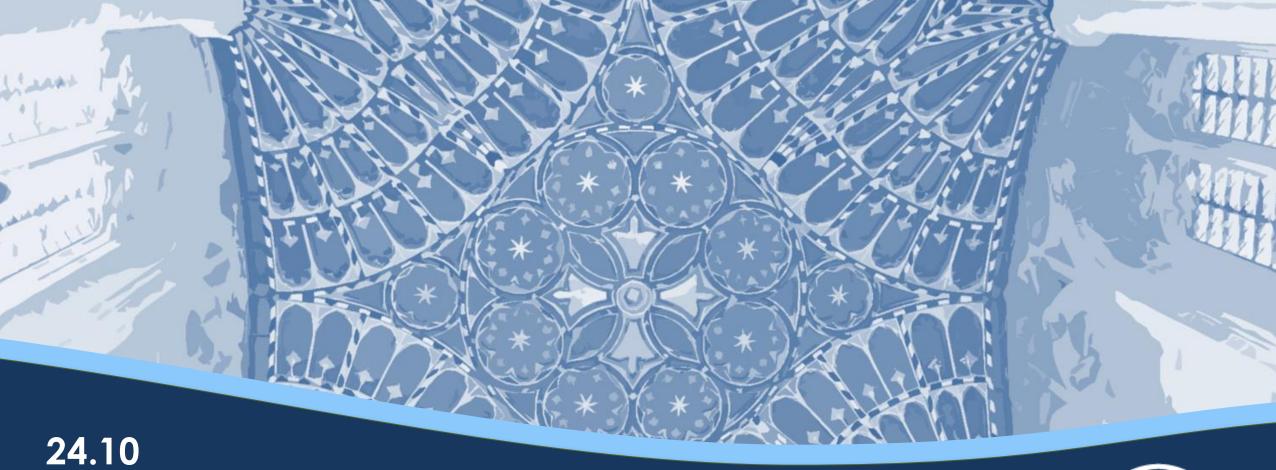






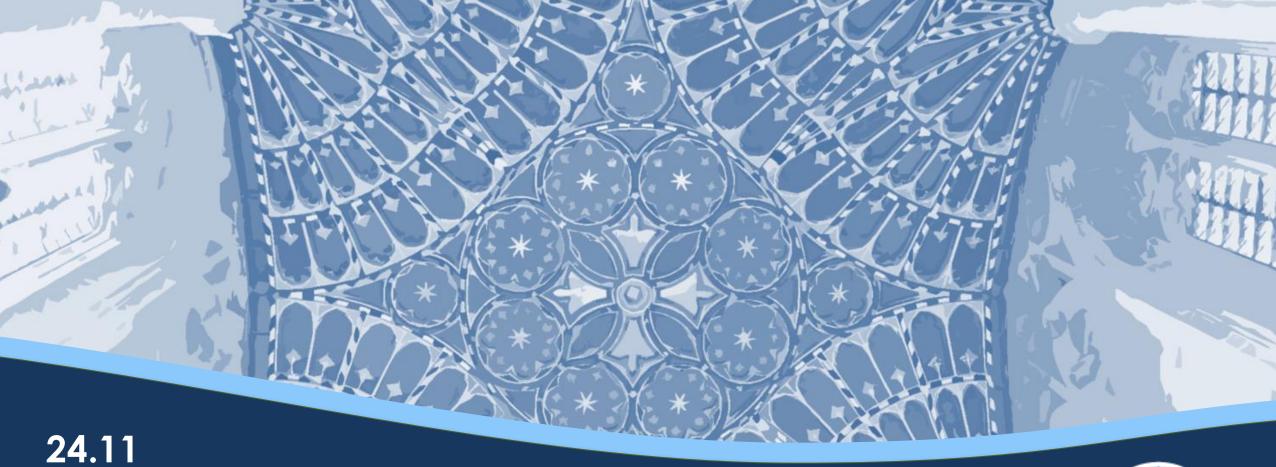
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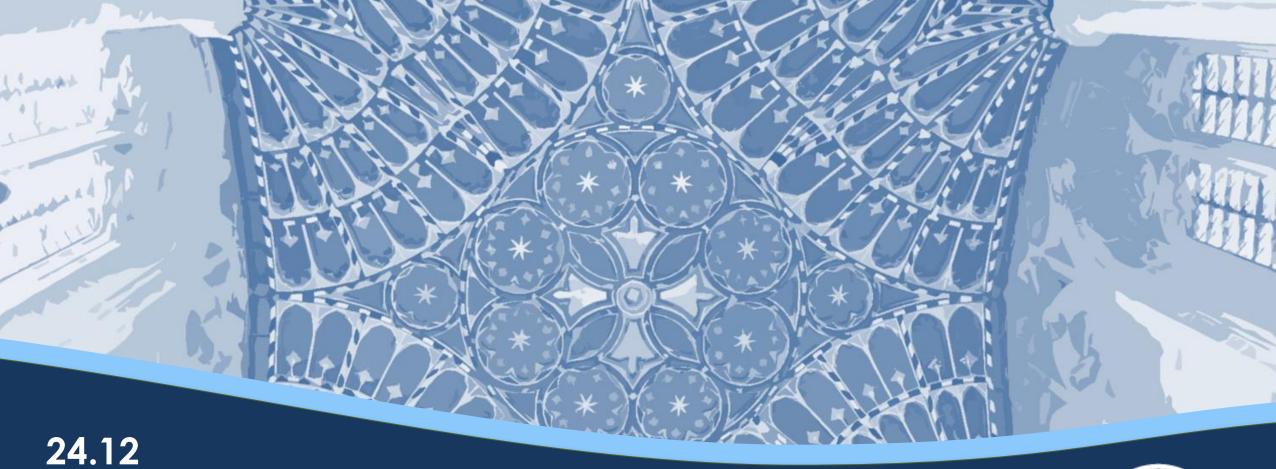
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Matters Arising





Questions



David Lamming, the Deanery of Sudbury Deanery:

Pursuant to SO69. "At the recent meeting of the General Synod in London, in a supplementary to his question asking whether the Archbishops' Council was proposing any changes to the Churchwardens Measure 2001 which would assist those parishes unable to find two parishioners willing to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the role (to which the answer given by the Bishop of Chester was 'no'), a clergy member from Truro diocese disclosed that in that diocese of 212 parishes, 87 had only one churchwarden and 12 none. Do we have comparable statistics for our diocese and, if so, what are they?





Answer from Gary Peverley, Diocesan Secretary

We do have some comparable data, taken from our Contact Management System in February 2024, for our diocese as follows:

	No of parishes	% of total parishes
How many parishes have only one churchwarden?	178	40%
How many parishes have no churchwarden?	73	16%

Turning this around, it also means that we do have 265 parishes with two Churchwardens at this point. Work is under development to promote and encourage more people to take on the office of Churchwarden.





David Lamming, the Deanery of Sudbury Deanery:

Pursuant to SO69. "Further to the answer given by Karen Galloway during the safeguarding debate on 14 October 2023 (see Minutes DS(23)M3, item 23.27), what representations did the diocese make to Professor Alexis Jay, whose report The Future of Church Safeguarding was published on 21 February 2024 and whose recommendations as to how Church safeguarding, and the scrutiny of Church safeguarding, could be made fully independent of the Church, were the subject of an initial response by members of General Synod in a debate on 24 February 2024?"





Answer from Gary Peverley, Diocesan Secretary

Both the Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer and the DSAP Independent Chair engaged in briefing and discussion groups, which were intended to provide details around Professor Jay's thoughts and direction of travel. Additionally, colleagues from the National Church Institutes facilitated sessions for Diocesan colleagues to discuss and raise questions around the issues during the consultation process, and those Diocesan Secretaries who represented and submitted feedback on behalf of all Diocesan Secretaries were able to submit group thoughts and concerns more directly to Professor Jay as the process progressed. Dioceses were also asked to provide data around, for example, casework over the last few years.

Further consultation is now planned around the detail from the Jay Report.





Sally Wainman, the Deanery of Colneys:

Does the Diocese support the work of the Save the Parish grassroots organisation and if so in what way?





Answer from Gary Peverley, Diocesan Secretary

The diocese has always been absolutely committed to the parish system (as for example evidenced by the continuing commitment to sustain stipendiary numbers as far as possible) including provision of mission and ministry in those poorer communities that cannot sustain the costs of such ministry alone.

The diocese is also committed to maximising the impact of Christian communities in their locality and streamlining the service it provides to maximise this impact. In these respects, the diocesan approach resonates with some of the key foci of Save the Parish. However, the diocese does not explicitly support the nation-wide organisation itself and sees its primary responsibility as being support of Christian communities in Suffolk.





Sally Wainman, the Deanery of Colneys:

Last year the Church Commissioners gave small grants to help towards energy costs; this year there is nothing from them despite energy costs remaining very high. Can the diocese give any details at all of how they are negotiating with the Church Commissioners to support parishes far more realistically and effectively?





Answer from Gary Peverley, Diocesan Secretary

We engage with the Church Commissioners at every level and make use of all the opportunities available to highlight the pressures we face as a diocese. This is done via the Bishops, Bishop's Council and in conjunction with other dioceses. This work is always ongoing but has recently focussed on parish revitalisation and how funding might be distributed in different ways to assist this.

Diocesan Synod members may also wish to note that it is also possible to speak with the elected members of the General Synod who can raise questions with the Church Commissioners.





Sally Wainman, the Deanery of Colneys:

Who is funding the Net Zero Carbon Officer and Regional Co-ordinator please?



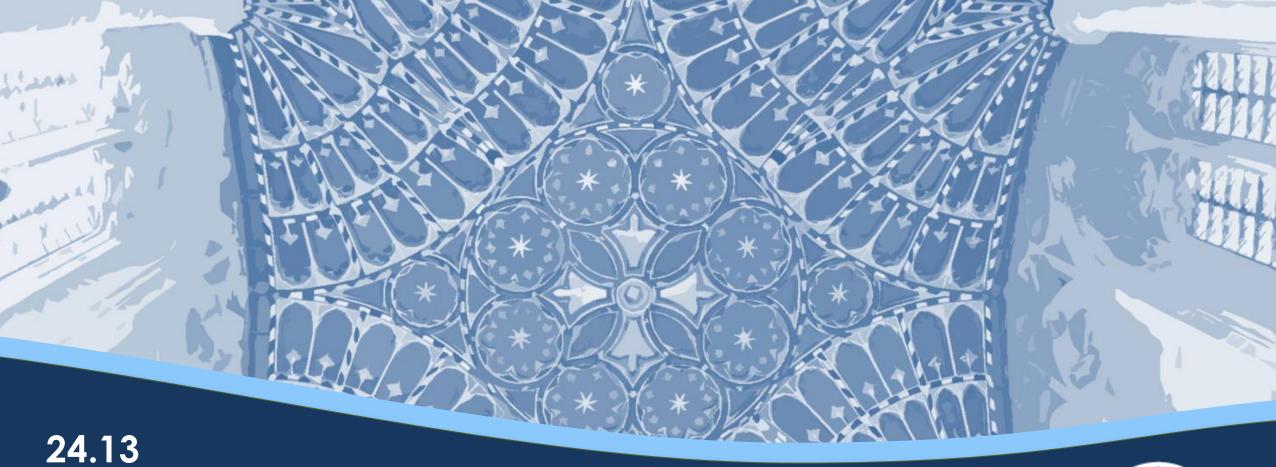


Answer from Gary Peverley, Diocesan Secretary

These two posts are fully funded by the National Church Institutions through their Net Zero Carbon programme for two years. This funding was made available thanks to a successful bid made by the diocese. This is a good example of our ongoing commitment and effort to seek alternative funding for posts.

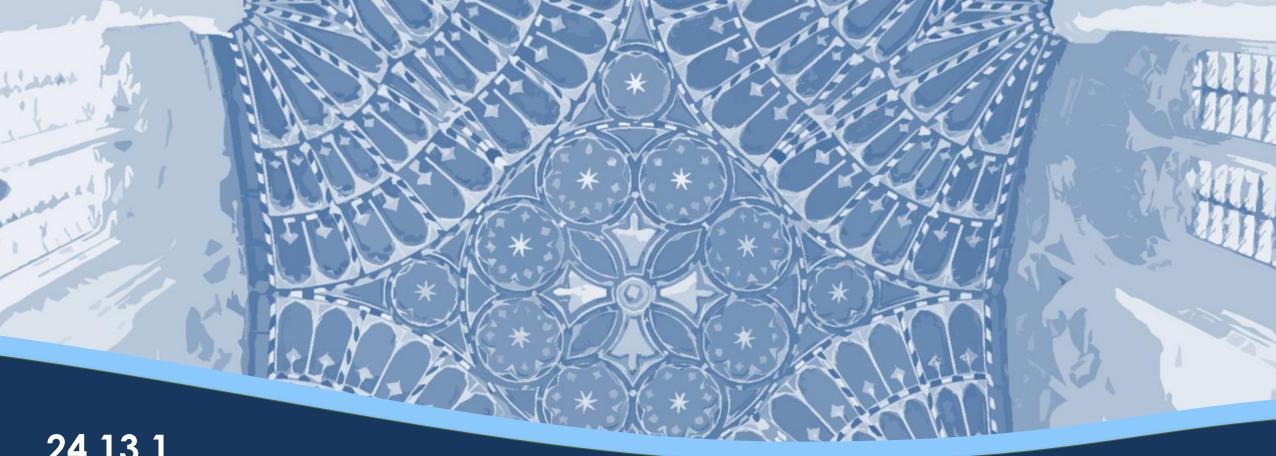






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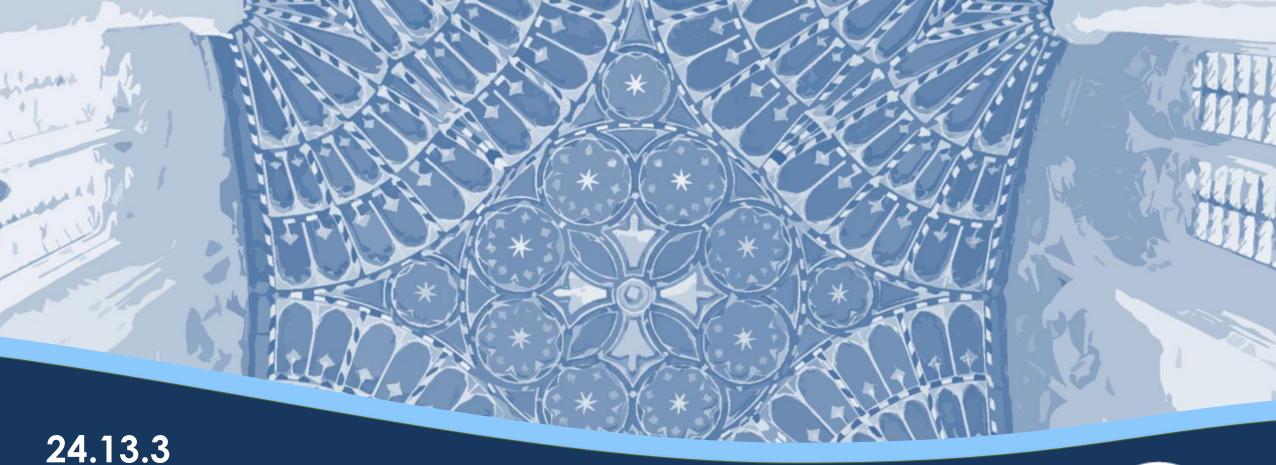




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2025 Budget Timetable Gary Peverley





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Online Giving/QR Codes
The Revd Canon Sharon Potter



Parish Giving Scheme

 Parishes who belong to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) have one-off giving already set up which can be accessed through a link to their PGS page or by a QR code to their PGS page.

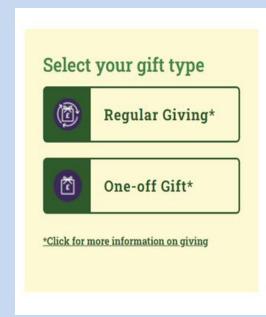






Example:

Link to Otley page https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/otley-st-mary-ipswich/ and below is part of the page which gives you the option of one-off or regular gift.



Welcome to Otley St Mary

This Parish is registered with the Parish Giving Scheme which allows you to give to this Parish securely and safely online. Please click 'Regular Giving' to set up a monthly, quarterly, or annual Direct Debit or 'One-Off Gift' to make a single gift using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet.

Welcome to St Mary's.

The present church was built in the 13th century in the gothic style. The tower houses a peal of six bells which are regularly rung for services. Notably, the vestry houses a full immersion baptistry which was installed by the Victorians. This can be viewed on request, but is open during Open Churches week.



The QR code can be scanned with your phone and take you to the above page and can be used on posters, in parish newsletters and on pew sheets.





Give a Little

- Online giving can also be set up through Give A Little with Sum Up or Stripe as the payment provider. There is no charge for this. This also provides parishes with a link and a QR code.
- Find out more on our website page www.<u>cofesuffolk.org/online-donations/</u>











Example:

QR code linked to Give A Little which goes to the church's Give A Little page where a one-off or regular donation can be given

St Peter and St Paul's Aldeburgh

Be an angel and support the work of our church.



Donate online by scanning the QR code below

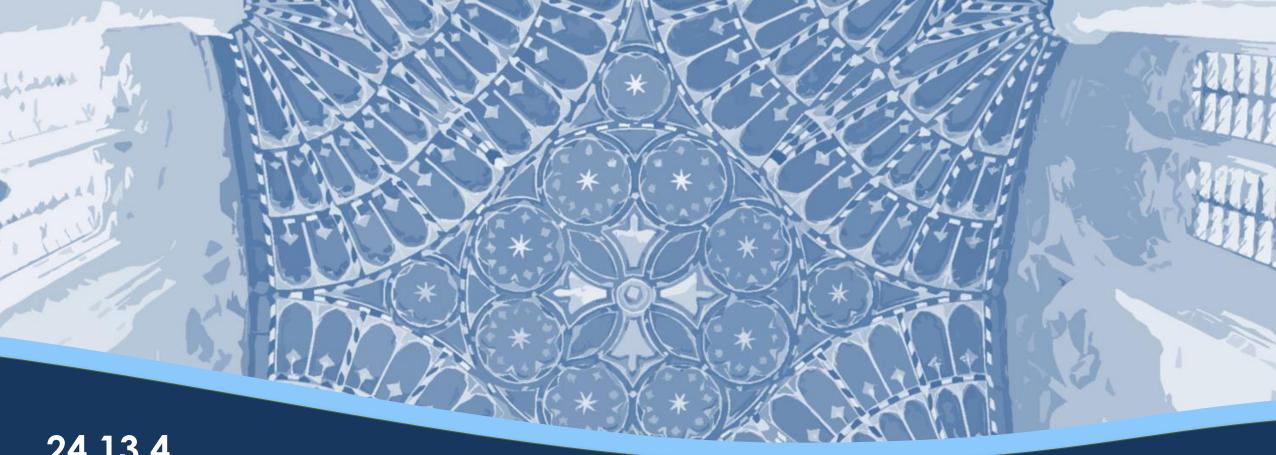
Thank you for supporting our historic church and helping to maintain it for future generations.



https://www.aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk/







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2024 Elections

Gary Peverley



TIMETABLE FOR 2024 DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS

New triennium starts 1st August 2024

Diocesan Synod – by end of June 2024

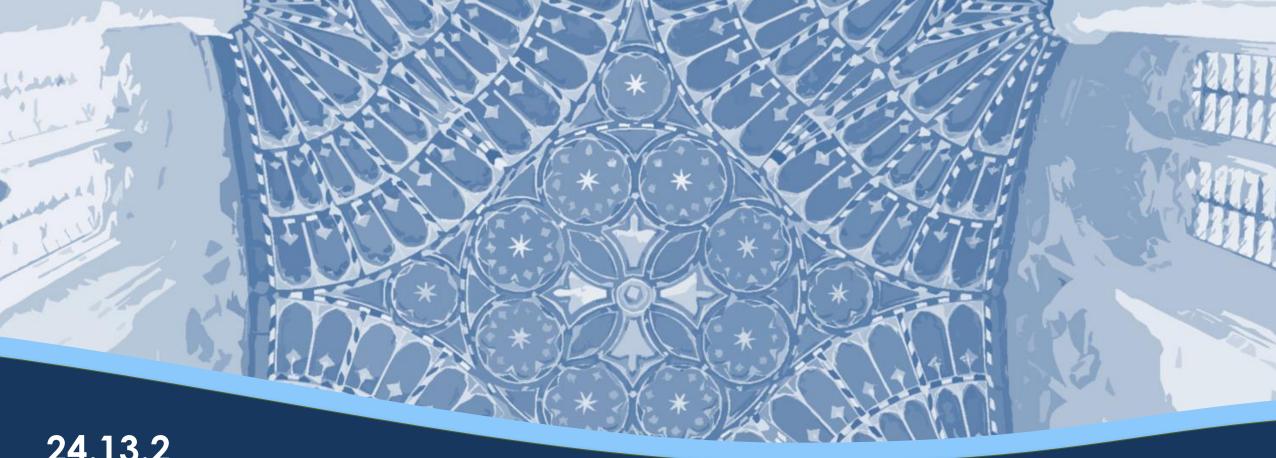
Bishop's Council – during August 2024

Followed by elections to subcommittees in the autumn of 2024

Date	Action		
End of March	Presiding officers receive briefing paper and copies of forms		
Friday 26 April	Presiding officers to issue nomination papers by this date		
Friday 7 June	Closing date for nominations to be received by presiding officers		
Wednesday 12 June	Ballot papers distributed to qualified electors if necessary.		
Friday 28 June	Closing date for the return of ballot papers to presiding officers.		
Monday 1 July	Latest date for completion of election		
Sunday 1 August	Start of office for new diocesan synod members		
Saturday 26 October	First meeting of the new diocesan synod.		







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Suffolk Show Archdeacon Rich Henderson



THE SUFFOLK SHOWS

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 29 MAY & 30 MAY

A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT!





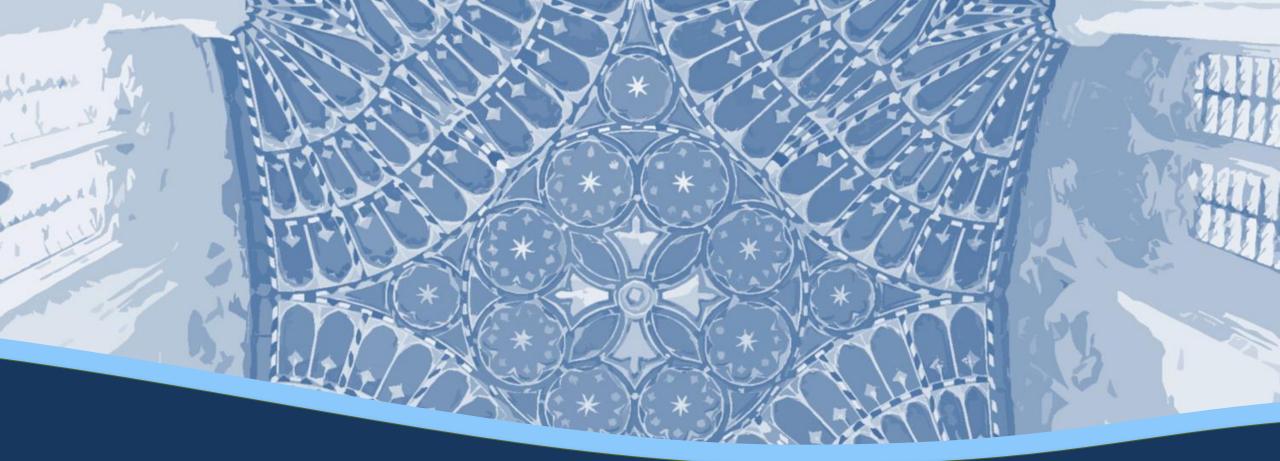












Close & Final Blessing Bishop Martin





The next meeting will be held on Saturday 22 June 2024
St Edmundsbury Cathedral

