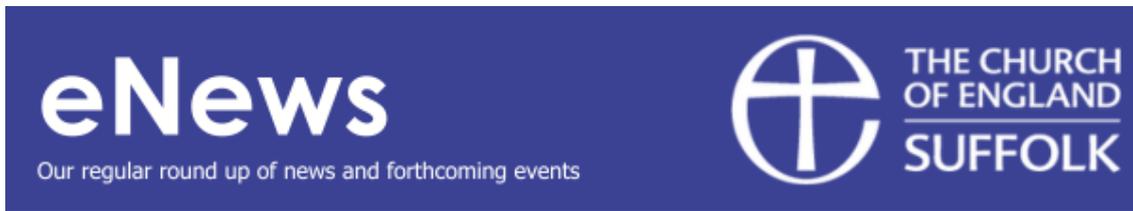


Thursday 2 November 2023



From musician to Priest in Charge at Ipswich church

The Revd Emma Haggar has been appointed the new Priest in charge at All Hallows' Church, Ipswich after acting as Assistant Curate at Old Felixstowe Parish since 2021. A licensing ceremony was held at All Hallows on October 30.

Emma said: *"I'm very proud to become*

part of the All Hallows community to share the love of God with the parish I was born in. I look forward to getting to know the church, understanding its needs and supporting the community."

Emma's career as a pianist spanned 17 years and saw her perform in choirs, musical theatre and shows including a jazz event at Snape Maltings. In 2016, she volunteered on the Isle of Iona, described as the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. It was there she felt God calling to her. To read more, please visit [our website here](#).

Chris and Anji Dawkins - Kagera Link Co-ordinators - return from Kagera



"During a busy final week we visited the Kagera Christian Theological College (KCTC) tree plantation, eight acres of uncultivated land, where they plan to plant 10,000 trees to provide a long-term income stream. We also visited the new Cathedral in Biharamulo and we were blown away by the mural behind the altar and the lovely coloured glass windows all round. We were shown a wonderful collaborative project between the Diocese and Compassion International with the aim of

supporting children and families in particular hardship by bring them together to learn key skills including weaving threads from old plastic sacks to make colourful doormats – we bought one to take home!

Last Friday was Anji's last day of English teaching and there were fond farewells to Joel, Emmanuel and Braison who have all made real progress. We returned to the UK – our

cases bulging with gifts from these wonderful people and our hearts full of new memories. As ever, it's been a blessing and a privilege to share just a little of life here. Now we're home, how about inviting us to your church or group so we can share pictures and stories with you. We'd love to come and tell you first hand'. Please email kageralink@gmail.com to arrange a visit to your church.

Church Grants from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

We are delighted that 12 churches will receive grants following the quarterly meeting of the Trust's Grants Committee. The grants awarded this time total £37,660 and the money is raised from sponsorship money from Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride, the Pedal and Drive car rally, and some legacies. The October grants went to parish churches in Kedington, Brandeston, Hitcham, Melton, Herringswell, Great Bricett, Walton, Lawshall, Raydon, Walsham-le-Willows, Debenham and St Margaret's, Ipswich, and ranged from £660 to £6000. Suffolk Historic Churches Trust gives grants towards the cost of repairs and improvements to churches, chapels and meeting houses, four times a year (Churches of any denomination and age can apply). Find out more here: www.shct.org.uk

Follow the Star: Join the Song



Inviting choirs and singing groups of all ages to learn and sing a new version of The First Nowell. Find out more [here](#). All the free downloads are on www.achurchnearyou.com, including downloadable music tracks, logos, poster templates, social media graphics, web banners and more.

Feature on the Church of England's social media:

perhaps, last year, you took a picture of the Christmas trees in your church, the twinkly lights outside, or photos of your carol service. The national digital team would love to see your pictures and share them with the wider church. Please email your photo(s) to digital@churchofengland.org. Let them know if you'd like to credit your photo and provide the tag for your church's social account. All you need to do is make sure you've got the necessary consent for your photo to be shared across social media platforms.

Christmas Market at St Edmundsbury Cathedral: St Edmundsbury Cathedral will once again welcome all to their Christmas Market from Thursday 23 November to Saturday 25 November. Doors will open from 10.00am – 4.30pm each day offering over 50 stalls, entertainment from local schools and the Haverhill Silver Band plus special Tower Tours.

Inspiring Angels: Get creative and join our Christmas campaign. Angels are a symbol of love, of presence, pointing the way to the moment it all changed, when God came in the person of Jesus to be with us in the world, to share in love and pain alongside us. Angels appeared to tell us about the birth of a baby in a manger. Angels sang, bursting with joy, to some shepherds, and told them, "Go and see!" All the resources for this campaign are available on our website [here](#).

Hope Together: Christmas shop now open with beautifully illustrated gift books, perfect for stocking fillers, as well as Christmas cards to give out at Christmas carol services and events - while also supporting the work of Hope Together. Find out more [here](#).

Drawing near to God in Advent: prayer, postures and practices: Tuesday 28 November 7.00pm - 8.30pm, online. Bishop Mike will lead four Zoom sessions through Advent looking at aspects of prayer (e.g praise, intercession...), Christian postures (e.g. peace, joy...) and associated practices to help us grow closer to God over Advent. These will run on Tuesday 28 November | Tuesday 5 December | Thursday 14 December and Tuesday 19 December. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. All are very welcome! Book [here](#).



We invite you to watch the latest video from Lightwave - with Ali Hobson leader of Spirit Lightwave in Tattingstone.

Events

All Souls' Day - Solemn Requiem Mass

Thursday 2 November, 7.30pm

St John the Evangelist, St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SP

You are invited to join The Revd Ali Miller and The Revd Canon Sharon Potter for this service organised by Affirming Catholicism. This a movement of inspiration and hope in the Anglican Communion, bringing together and strengthening lay and ordained people who recognise the positive, inclusive and joyful currents in the catholic tradition of Christianity. To add names to the list of those to be remembered at the mass, please contact 07771 593403 or email [Adrian Mann](mailto:Adrian.Mann).

PCC Workshops

Grants and Funding | Wednesday 8 November 1.00pm to 2.00pm | Book [here](#)

Gifts in Wills | Wednesday 8 November 12.00pm to 1.00pm | Book [here](#)

Digital Giving | Tuesday 14 November 12.00pm to 1.00pm | Book [here](#)

Gifts in Wills | Thursday 30 November 12.00pm to 1.00pm | Book [here](#)

How to use Canva for your church

Wednesday 8 November, 2.00 - 3.00pm online

Canva is a free design tool which offers a number of great features to help you create logos, flyers, social media posts and much more. This webinar will guide you through Canva's essential features, giving you an introduction to the tool. Sign up [here](#).

Fundraising From Faith-Based Grant-Makers

Thursday 9 November, 12:00pm - 13:30pm (aimed at larger churches/cathedrals), [Book here](#) or 19:00pm – 20:30pm (aimed at small/medium churches) [Book here](#)

Funders with a keen interest in the Christian faith and the Church of England are clear opportunities for fundraising for your carbon-cutting projects. But how do you ensure your case for support is built around our missional response as a Christian church? This webinar will focus on how you can position your net zero carbon projects for a faith-based audience.

Deanery Drop-in Sessions

Monday 13 November | Salvation Army, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Wednesday 6 December | St Mary's Church, Hadleigh IP7 5DT



We will be offering a number of drop-ins around the diocese to give you a chance to meet with us and tell us what you need to deliver your Plan for Growth. Each drop-in will run from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, and then 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Come when you like and talk to us. If you have a specific question you can email us in advance so we know what you need – please send your emails to helen.prior-townsend@cofesuffolk.org. There will be resources available for you to take away, as well as members of different teams present on the day: finance, DAC, buildings, giving, parish support, mission

and ministry and so on. Do come along, we are really looking forward to seeing you.

How to edit a video for your church's social media and website

Wednesday 15 November, 11.00am - 12.00pm online

Recording a video is a great way to welcome, encourage and pray with your community online. In this webinar, you'll learn how to use the simple video editing tools on Canva.com and gain confidence creating and downloading a video. Sign up [here](#).

Adventurous Advent - To all booked on the previously cancelled study day

Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30pm

Zoom

An invitation to all! If you feel inspired to create an impact with an Adventurous Advent in our parishes and communities, do join this Zoom to see what has been done effectively across our Diocese. An ideal opportunity for conversations in the sharing of ideas and

resources for individuals, study groups, family activities, as well as formal and informal worship ideas. Please register by emailing lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org and you will receive the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you! (Please be aware this event was advertised previously as Saturday meeting but was unfortunately postponed at short notice due to ill-health but it is now available as a Zoom meeting).

Messy Messiah

Saturday 18 November 6.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS



Join us for a unique performance of Handel's famous oratorio, Messiah, with over 200 performers. As well as the usual adult choir and orchestra, there will be a children's choir drawn from local primary schools, as well as up to 60 dancers. The evening will be introduced by Mr Handel himself, in full period costume. Not to be

missed! Tickets on sale at £5 each (under 16s free), available [here](#).

Fundraising From Statutory Funders

21 November, 12:00pm - 13:30pm (aimed at larger churches/cathedrals), [Book here](#) or **19:00pm – 20:30pm (aimed at small/medium churches) [Book here](#)**

This webinar is designed specifically for people who are looking to secure funding from statutory sources for carbon-cutting projects. Statutory funding is funding from government sources, and churches often don't realise that this is even an option, and overlook it. Statutory funding can take the form of grants, contracts and initiatives, from bodies at national, regional and local levels, including local councils and LEPS.

Bishops' Teaching morning: The Gospel of Mark, with Professor George van Kooten

Saturday 25 November 9.30am - 12.30pm

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

Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike invite you to a study morning on the Gospel of Mark with guest speaker Professor George van Kooten from the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, who will be asking what is the genre of Mark's gospel, what is its wider context and the thrust of its argument? Book early to avoid disappointment! Free of charge, please book [here](#). Enquiries to Lesley Steed on 07485 348889 or lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org.

In the beginning was the story... Exploring the New Testament

Starts 1 May 2024 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Earl Stonham Village Hall, Forward Green IP14 5HJ

Led by the Revd Canon John Parr, Exploring the New Testament takes a story-shaped approach to the heart of Christian faith. The course runs over seven Wednesday evening sessions, it's open to all and is free of charge. This is commended to commissioned and licensed ministers such as Lay Elders and LLMs, to those who are seeking Permission to Preach, and anyone else who wants a fresh perspective on the New Testament. It is a

required course for those on Auxiliary Ordination Pathway, unless exempted through prior learning. Book early [here](#).

Notices

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Dwelling in Word Passage for 2023-2024: At Advent 2023 we will change our Dwelling in the Word passage from Col 1.15-29 to a new passage - please forward suggestions for that passage (which we use at many diocesan meetings and other gatherings through the Church's year) by email to [Bishop Mike](#).

Avocado plant looking for a new home: Bishop Martin is looking for a warm home for the 2.5m potted avocado tree from Kagera that he has nurtured the past four years. It no longer fits in his house and over the Winter it mustn't fall below 10 degrees at night, so he is looking for a tall warm greenhouse or similar space, or else he will have to cut the top off. If anyone can help, please get in touch with the Bishop's Office on 01473 252829.

Vacancies

[Priest in Charge](#) | Wickham Market & Pettistree | Closing date: 13 November

[Rector](#) | Walton and Trimley | Closing date: 20 November

[Team Rector](#) | The Forest Heath Team Benefice | Closing date: 24 November

[Director of Music](#) | Woodbridge

[Priest in Charge and Archdeaconry Mission Enabler](#) | Sproughton with Burstall, Copdock with Washbrook and Belstead

[Rector](#) | Beccles

River Church, Ipswich are recruiting various posts - all details at:

riverchurchipswich.org/vacancies

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