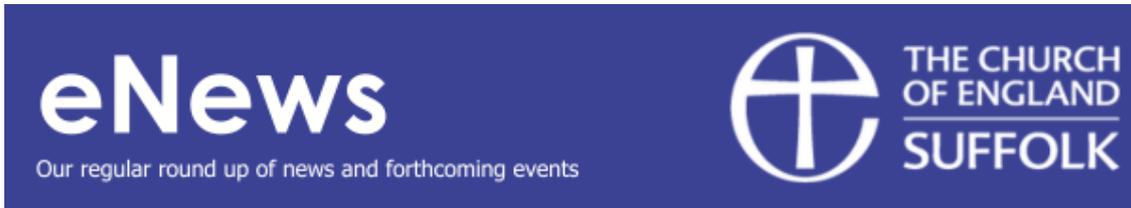


Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese

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Thursday 22 June 2023



Suffolk priest's year-long arctic adventure in Inuit community



The Revd Enid Pow, the new priest in charge of the Four Rivers Benefice in Suffolk, spent last year in the Community of Kuujjuaq, the largest Inuit community in the Nunavik region of Quebec, Canada, having lived in Canada for the last ten years.

"I was the mission priest in the Community of Kuujjuaq and my congregation were 99% Inuit," she said. "They spoke their native language, Inuktitut, so my services were done with a translator. It's such a different environment, the nights are very long and dark there, so you have to adjust psychologically to it. They are simply lovely people," she said. "They really take you to their hearts, they are caring, protective and extremely generous. It really was a great honour to have been part of their community."

Enid was welcomed to the Four Rivers Benefice - which oversees churches in Bedfield, Brundish, Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham, Tannington and Wilby – in a special service in February earlier this year. Enid said, *"The people have been really lovely and supportive here, it's a very friendly place to live. I think what I will bring from my time living with the Inuit is how they value listening. Most first nations people are very respectful and listen in absolute silence when someone is speaking. I think that's what I will bring back from my time with them, the importance of carefully listening to people and considering what they have to say."*

Read the full story [here](#).

Growing in God Growth Fund

The Growth Fund is there 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 and just need a little money to get started.

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

Download our leaflet [here](#).

Ancestry appointed to digitise Suffolk's popular family and local history source



How can you benefit from the
Diocesan Growth Fund?



Suffolk Archives will work alongside family history website Ancestry to create high-quality, full colour digital images of millions of baptism, marriage and burial records from parishes within our Diocese.

The earliest records being digitised date back as to 1538 and include events in the lives of notable historical figures, such as the 1776 baptism of landscape artist John Constable, and the 1846 burial of Thomas Clarkson who devoted his life to the abolition of slavery.

It is hoped that Suffolk's main parish records will be published online in early 2025 with other collections of local interest to follow. Public access will be free of charge in Suffolk Archives branches or at any Suffolk Library. Anyone with an Ancestry subscription will also be

able to access the records as part of their research from their own computer or device.

Gary Peverley, Acting Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and

Ipswich said: *"Suffolk Archives is the official record office for the diocese, and they store a huge amount of material. This is an exciting project to digitise Suffolk's parish registers and transcripts with Ancestry. Going forward it will make it easier to draw on the archives and offer improved preservation of the original registers ensuring they are readily available to everyone in the future".*

Read the full story [here](#).

We need your help - domestic abuse survey

Mothers' Union are working with the Church of England to ensure we are all equipped to recognise and respond to domestic abuse. In partnership with colleagues they have developed a baseline survey which will allow them to further understand our current culture, behaviour, skills, and knowledge in terms of recognising and responding to domestic abuse.

Please would you be able to complete the survey below, which is open to all to complete and completely voluntary. The survey is constructed around 15 multiple choices questions with no personal identifying information required and there are helpline numbers at the beginning and end. Please find the link for the survey [here](#).

Events

Newmarket Jigsaw Festival

23 - 28 June, 10.00am - 4.00pm

St Mary's church, Newmarket CB8 0HP

Come along and see approximately 1,500 completed jigsaws in an everchanging display, all for sale together with a bargain table and brand new sealed jigsaws. Entry £2 adults to cover multiple visits throughout the festival, children free. Light homemade refreshments available. In addition, the British Jigsaw Championship will take place on Sunday 25 June when 150/200 people will be going against the clock to complete a 1000 piece puzzle. For enquiries Janet Ramsay-Helie 01638 603489.

Early Years Ministry Network Meeting

Saturday 24 June, 2.30 - 4.30pm

The Woolpit Institute, Woolpit IP30 9QH

Are you involved in Early Years Ministry in the diocese? Perhaps you run a parent and toddler group, a pram service or work with under 5's on a Sunday? If so, this event is for you. It will be a chance to make friends, share experiences, look at the Bible together, explore new resources and eat some delicious, home-baked cake. This event is open to anyone, lay or ordained, who has a heart for reaching the youngest children and their families in our communities with the hope of the gospel. To book please click [here](#).

Climate Sunday Service

Sunday 25 June, 5.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Join this special service that will celebrate God's creation but also confront the ongoing issue of climate change. The Climate Sunday service, which will replace Choral Evensong, will be led by The Revd Anita Rooney and InHarmony's Richard Hubbard. The service will include a mix of prayer and music and the choir of St John's Primary School in Ipswich will sing at the service.

Safeguarding Q&A Session

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. All sessions are the same, please choose from:

- Tuesday 4 July, 7.00pm [Book here](#)
- Saturday 15 July, 9.30am [Book here](#)

Summer Fair and Gloria!

8 July 2023

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

The Summer Fair is free to attend and will start at 12.00pm. It will feature Morris dancing, an indoor market, a BBQ from the Cathedral restaurant Pilgrims' Kitchen, family craft activities, face painting, a family treasure hunt, LEGO activities, tower climbs and much more. There is also an opportunity to climb the Cathedral Tower with prices just £3.00 for individuals and £10.00 per family, tower climbs will be available at 12.00pm, 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Children must be 10 years old or over and accompanied by an adult.

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.

Concert for Peace

Saturday 15 July, 7.00pm

St Peter and St Mary Church, Stowmarket IP14 1ES

Join the Combined Churches' Choir to a concert for peace including the Choral Suite from Karl Jenkins' Armed Man, Mass for Peace, and more. Free admission with a retiring collection for Stowmarket Relief Trust and Disasters Emergency Committee. More details on www.combinedchurcheschoir.co.uk

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](#).

Barn Dance - St Peter's Church, Henley

Saturday 29 July, 7.30pm

Henley Community Centre, Church Meadows IP6 0RP

Enjoy a live band, bar, coffee station and an evening of fun. Tickets cost £10 each and include a burger/hotdog, salads and choc ice. All proceeds will go towards supporting the church and their work. To book, please email stpetershenley@gmail.com by 22 July at the latest.

Notices

Return of Parish Finance: Over 50% of parishes have already submitted their forms - thank you. Completing your Return of Parish Finance provides your benefice and our Diocese valuable information and data. The results of your efforts are collated by the National Church and used to report key trends and key features of parish financial activity.

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 28 June 2023. Further information is available on our website [here](#).

Suffolk Community Awards: In total, 16 awards are up for grabs, with categories ranging from Most Active Town to Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering, and The Anne Dunford OBE Award for Youth Participation. New this year is a special accolade acknowledging the work of the faith sector which is sponsored by Bishop Martin. Entries for any of the categories must be made via the awards website - [Home - Suffolk Community Awards](#) - and should be submitted no later than Sunday 16 July.

The UK Church Architecture Awards: The EASA (Ecclesiastical Architects & Surveyors Associations) & National Churches Trust run the UK Church Architecture Awards, and the

2023 Awards are now open for entries. Entries close on 23 July. Nominate your church today and join with us in a UK wide celebration of the amazing good that churches and their buildings contribute to society.

Full details are available [here](#).

Vacancies

[Priest](#) | East Bergholt and Brantham, & Curate in charge of Bentley & Tatingstone |

Closing date: 26 June

[Priest in Charge 0.8 FTE](#) | Alde River Benefice | Closing date: 27 June

[Independent Volunteer Health & Safety Advisor, Governance Committee](#) | Closing date: 30 June

[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

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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