

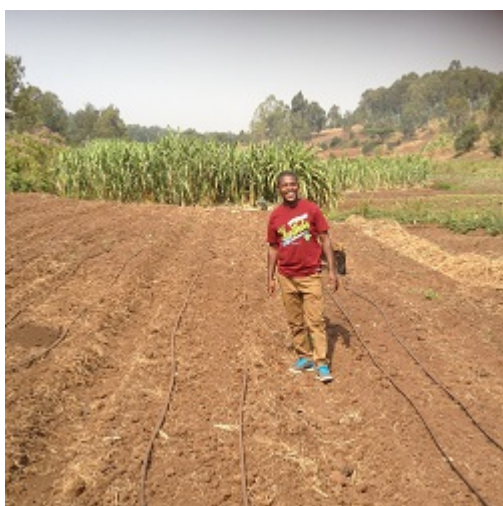


## Weekly eNews 14 January 2021

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# Growing in God

## Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera 2021



"These are testing times for many of us and it is easy to become self-absorbed, preoccupied with our own anxieties and difficulties and pretty insulated from others. But as Christians we are called to raise our sights upward and to look outwards, in service, generosity and prayer for those around us. Not only does this witness to the truth of the gospel but it is a way of life that publicly confesses the good news of Jesus - the One who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich (2 Cor 8.9). One of the ways we can so witness is in our concern for our link diocese Kagera, in Tanzania". Bishop Mike.

We're off! The theme of the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2021 is supporting key workers in Kagera, concentrating on:

**Subsistence farmers**, who make up the majority of the population of Kagera, and those who are helping them develop better ways of making the most of their land.

**Doctors** at the Diocesan hospital, undertaking specialist training to reduce patients' need to travel many hours to find specialist treatment.

**Priests** leading their communities, helping with training and transport for example £850 will buy a motorbike so a priest can spend less time walking and more time working.

Your church will soon be receiving information packs including a brand new Lent Challenge booklet. We'd love you to get involved so ask your churches for more details. For those who took part in the Lent Challenge for Kagera in 2019 maybe it's time to clear out those shoes in case you have to count them again!

Check out the website at [www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal) for information about this year's Appeal or contact Chris and Anji Dawkins, Kagera Link Coordinators, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich email: [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org)



Bishop Mike introducing the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2021

## Funeral details for Bishop John Waine

Bishop John's funeral will take place on Thursday 21 January at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is strictly limited. By kind permission of Bishop John's family, the service will be live-streamed on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#) at 12 noon for those who wish to participate online.

Please continue to pray for Bishop John's family, especially his wife Pat, together with their three sons Stephen, Ian and Simon.

Bishop John Waine KCVO GCStJ, was Bishop of this diocese from 1978 to 1986 and subsequently Bishop of Chelmsford until his retirement in 1996.

**Information and guidance for churches during the Covid-19 pandemic is being updated. Please visit the Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information.**

## DailyHOPE reminder



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

The DailyHOPE telephone line is designed to help older, vulnerable, isolated people and those who cannot or choose not to access worship online to engage on the telephone.

Offering new monthly content on Option 3, DailyHOPE is available 24 hours a day and is free from all UK landlines and mobiles. The telephone number is 0800 804 8044.

## Midweek Munchies by Ben and Leanne, Lightwave Hub Leaders and co-leaders of the Lightwave Community

We are committed to encouraging and supporting parents and their children through uncertain times. Like us, you may have become teachers once again, trying to be Mum or Dad and working alongside Home School. We believe that God hasn't stopped because of the pandemic. He is still with us and we want to share a bit of fun with you every Wednesday at 4.00pm. Our project 'Midweek Munchies' could be something to share with your children at the end of Home School as you all grab a well-earned snack and drink.

There will be a game or quiz, a story, prayer and a Bible journaling technique demo to help families connect with God and each other during this time. To find 'Midweek Munchies' follow the link to the YouTube channel 'Bible Journaling with Leanne'. Watch it LIVE or catch up at a time to suit you:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjX58ZpBA8eKvLJZoJiv9dQ>

Also for people who are home-schooling the [Faith at Home initiative](#) has online collective assemblies and a free resource bank. The material is suitable for all ages to help educate and inspire children.

## Events

### **New housing webinar**

Wednesday 20 January 2021, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

This webinar is for those seeking to reach out in smaller areas of new housing. For full details and to book your place and ticket please go to;

<https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/events/limtffdl>.

### **Leading into the Future (1): Leading Through Lockdown 3.0 - Free Webinar**

Wednesday 20 January (2.00-3.00pm) or Thursday 21 January (10.00-11.00am)

James Lawrence, CPAS Leadership Principal, will explore how this lockdown is different from previous ones, and suggest three things we can do to lead well through the next month. This webinar is free and you can book your place at [www.cpas.org.uk/webinars](http://www.cpas.org.uk/webinars)

### **Discover how ACORN is helping churches like yours grow during Covid's lockdown**

Wednesday 20 January at 7.30pm or Tuesday 26 January at 11.00am

This webinar is for church leaders and senior lay people committed to seeing their church grow in spiritual maturity. Leaders from Church of Scotland, Church of England, Methodism and Elim share their stories of how a simple spiritual discipline is bringing spiritual growth and impacting those beyond their church.

To book please email Janet MacIntyre at [janet@weekendofinvitation.com](mailto:janet@weekendofinvitation.com) for the Zoom link to the session of your choice.

### **Handling Expectations**

Thursday 28 January 10.00am to 4.00pm

In the midst of another lockdown, how do we as leaders manage all the expectations between those who want nothing to change and others who want a new normal? Led by James Lawrence, a Leadership Principle of CPAS guiding us through how we deal with the expectations of others and ourselves. To book please visit [Eventbrite](#).

### **Mission Shaped Ministry Flexi**

Discipleship in Recovery 30 January and repeated on 1 February 2021

How do we share the love of God with the whole community when our church buildings are closed? During the first Lockdown 20% of the population engaged with some form of online service, or daily office, or Christian spiritual input. What does that say about the longing there is in the hearts of many, especially when facing difficulty, about the need for guidance beyond themselves?

To sign up and book please click:

[Saturday 30 January 2021 10.00am to 12.30pm](#)

[Monday 1 February 2021 7.30pm to 9.30pm](#)

## **Giving Webinars**

The National Giving team are offering a series of free webinars to help churches encourage giving and grow generosity. Led by Revd Martha Weatherill these webinars are specifically for clergy, exploring ways to encourage giving, such as online, contactless and legacy giving, as well as discipleship materials to help grow generosity. For all dates and booking details please visit [here](#).

## **Developing Online Church Services - webinars**

The national church digital team are offering a new series of webinars, looking at different

ways your church can use digital communications to keep connected with those who attend your services and events, as well as reaching out and caring for those in the local community around you. The offering includes basic introduction sessions as well as webinars for those who are doing online church and want to develop their skills further. You can book onto a session and watch the webinar as a recorded session at a time to suit you. All bookings and download links are available here: [www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/digital-labs-webinars](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/digital-labs-webinars)

## Growing Younger Sunday

Sunday 31 January 2021



We would love each and every church in our Diocese to take a step in considering children and youth in their services on Growing Younger Sunday. This could range from praying for them and their leaders; right up to having them plan and lead a service.

### Join us for Afternoon Tea with the Bishops at 3.00pm

Is there anything you've always wanted to ask a Bishop? Well here's your chance! a laidback Q&A time about children, youth and everything in between. So sign up, bring your own tea and cakes and be ready for a Q&A with Bishops Martin and Mike. To book this Zoom session please visit: <https://gys-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

For further information and all resources please visit our website page [here](#) or please contact Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell [hilary.wordsworth-sewell@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:hilary.wordsworth-sewell@cofesuffolk.org) (Children's and Families) or Matt Levett [matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:matt.levett@cofesuffolk.org) (Youth and Young Adults).

## Census 2021

Sunday 21 March 2021

The Census Engagement Managers are looking for local support for the over 80's, low income households, people over 65 with low digital skills and people whose first language is not English, to ensure that they fulfil their legal requirement to complete the Census questionnaire. You are in an ideal position to offer support to congregation members to complete their census on Sunday 21 March - could you host a Census Sunday session in your community?

If your church is able to participate, please email Louise Carson and Timothy Buttle: [louise.carsen20@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:louise.carsen20@field.census.gov.uk) and [timothy.buttle84@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:timothy.buttle84@field.census.gov.uk), copying in Michael Robinson ([michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org)) so that we have a record of our collective offer.

In the meantime a resource kit is available including posters, social media posts to share, video instructions and more. Please click [here](#) for the details. This downloadable content will grow as the messages change as we get closer to census day.

## Lent and Easter Resources

### #LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story



The 2021 Lent resources from the Church of England will mirror the theme of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, creating a significant shared focus for the whole Church at a key time of year for people's discipleship and learning in the faith. The theme for the Church of England's resources – including daily reflections in booklet form from Church House Publishing and in free app/email/audio forms – is #LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story. For details of all the general resources for the campaign please visit our website page [here](#).

### InHarmony

InHarmony is now working on creating a set of music and worship videos for Lent and



Easter. The videos will be freely available on YouTube for churches to use on their own websites. Churches needing the original video files to incorporate into their own online services will be able to request them (the appropriate video streaming license will be required). A planned list will be posted to [stedscathedral.org/imusic/inharmony/lent-easter](https://stedscathedral.org/imusic/inharmony/lent-easter) as soon as they become available. If you would like to suggest any particular pieces to be recorded, please email [Richard Hubbard](mailto:Richard.Hubbard@stedscathedral.org) who will consider your request.

## Notices:

**Government Vaccination Roll Out:** The NHS has launched a new website to support the roll out programme of vaccinations over the coming months. Please visit: [Information and guidance - SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service \(sneevaccine.org.uk\)](https://www.sneevaccine.org.uk).

**The Dogs Trust Freedom Project:** Victims struggling with domestic abuse are more likely to stay in an abusive relationship if they have a pet – as they do not want to leave them behind. Abusers often use pets as tools of coercion to prevent victims from leaving. The Freedom Project, launched by Dog's Trust, is a dog fostering service aiming to give dogs a safe temporary home for up to 9 months so victims of domestic abuse can feel more confident in leaving their relationship knowing that their dog will be safely looked after in the meantime, and that they will be able to reunite with them once safe to do so. For more information please visit: [Freedom Project | Help & support | Dogs Trust](#) or download this [leaflet](#).

## Bishop Mike's Advent course

In case you missed the series of four Advent courses led by Bishop Mike before Christmas you can view them again - online recordings are available on the Bishops' YouTube Channel [here](#) and the PowerPoint presentation are located on our website [here](#).

## Vacancies

[Funding and Grants Adviser](#) | Closing date: 31 January 2021.



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