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# Our New Bishop

**We have a new Bishop in Suffolk!**  
The Right Reverend Dr Joanne Grenfell

She will be known as '**Bishop Joanne**'.



# A welcome video with Bishop Joanne...



The church in Suffolk is already growing,  
especially among young people

# What is a bishop?

What do  
they do?



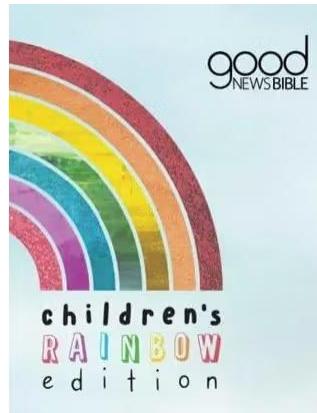
**A Bishop is a leader in the Anglican Church.**  
They lead groups of churches and schools.

They also make important decisions about the whole church and help to support local charities and local communities.

Bishops lead services and spend a lot of their time praying for other people.



# What does the Bible say about Bishops?



In the Book of Acts, chapter 20, verse 28 it says,  
**"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of  
which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.  
Be shepherds of the church of God."**

What does  
a shepherd  
do?

Who are  
the flock?

A shepherd looks after a group or 'flock' of sheep. The Bible says that groups of Christians should have someone to help 'oversee' and look after them. That's what a Bishop does. The Bishop is like a shepherd and Christians are a flock.

In the Bible, **Jesus** is described as a "good Shepherd", so Bishops are following in Jesus' footsteps.





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# Bishop Joanne will watch over and care for people in Churches all over Suffolk. She will also visit schools.



# Why did Bishop Joanne choose to become a Bishop?

I had a deep and powerful experience of Jesus sitting down next to me in a busy city church, reassuring me that all would be well, and promising to be alongside me. It was from that moment that I felt a sense of call to serve him.

I want to walk alongside young people as they find their own relationship with God, to acknowledge their joys and sorrows, and to see them grow into people who love and serve him in every area of their lives.



What does  
a bishop  
wear?



Look carefully: what can you see here?  
Do you know what it's called?

It's called a 'dog collar'. It's a white band, worn around the neck which shows that someone works for the Anglican Church.

Look carefully again: What colour is Bishop Joanne's shirt?

Bishops always wear a purple shirt with their dog collar.





In Church services, Bishop Joanne might look a bit like this picture.

Look at the clothing the Bishop is **wearing**. Now look at what she is **carrying**.

What might this be?

It's a **mitre**.

A **mitre** is a tall hat, worn by bishops.

The front and back are the shape of a triangle.



This is a photograph of the Right Reverend Dr George Kotei Neequaye. He is a Bishop in the Anglican Church in Ghana.

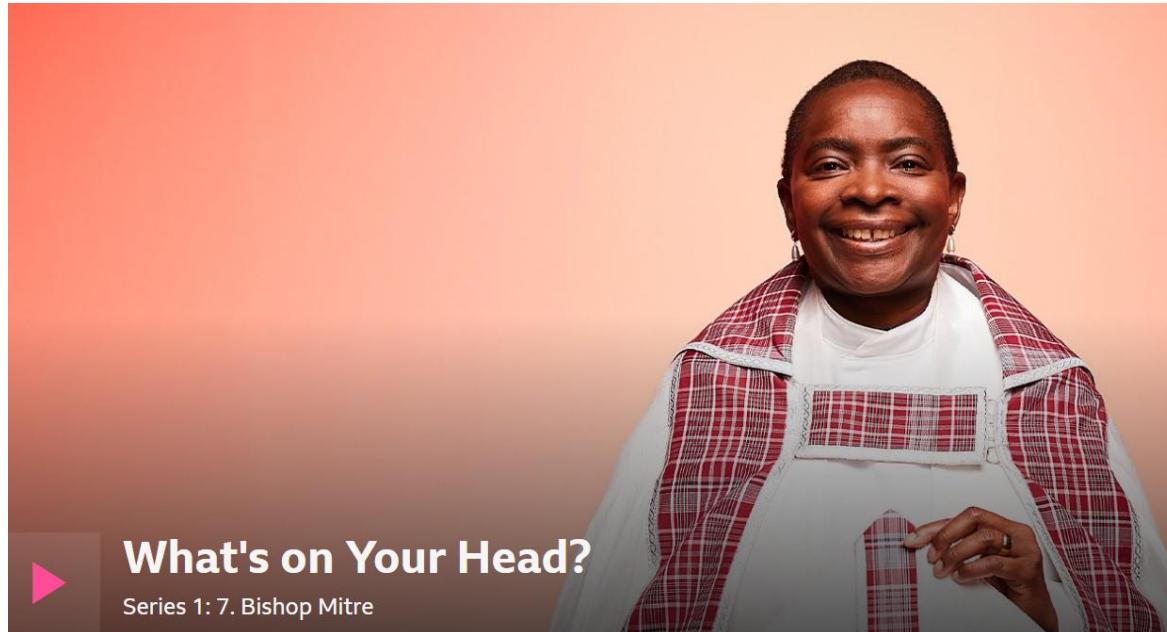
What is he holding in his left hand?

It's a **crozier**. A **crozier** is a shepherd's staff carried by Bishops. We learnt that the Bible says Bishops should look after their flock, like a Shepherd does.



# For more information about Bishops, you could watch this video.

In this video, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin talks about what she is wearing. She is the Bishop of Dover and the Bishop in Canterbury, England.



# Time to think or time to pray

## Invitational prayer:

Dear Father,

We thank you for Bishop Joanne. We pray that she will be a good leader and that you will guide and bless her. Help her to serve you like a shepherd and to care for the flock. Help her to love everyone and show them your love. Please give her your wisdom.

We thank you that you love and care for us all.

**Amen**

## Reflection:

Think of those family and friends who help and support you.

Quietly in your head say thank you to each one.

