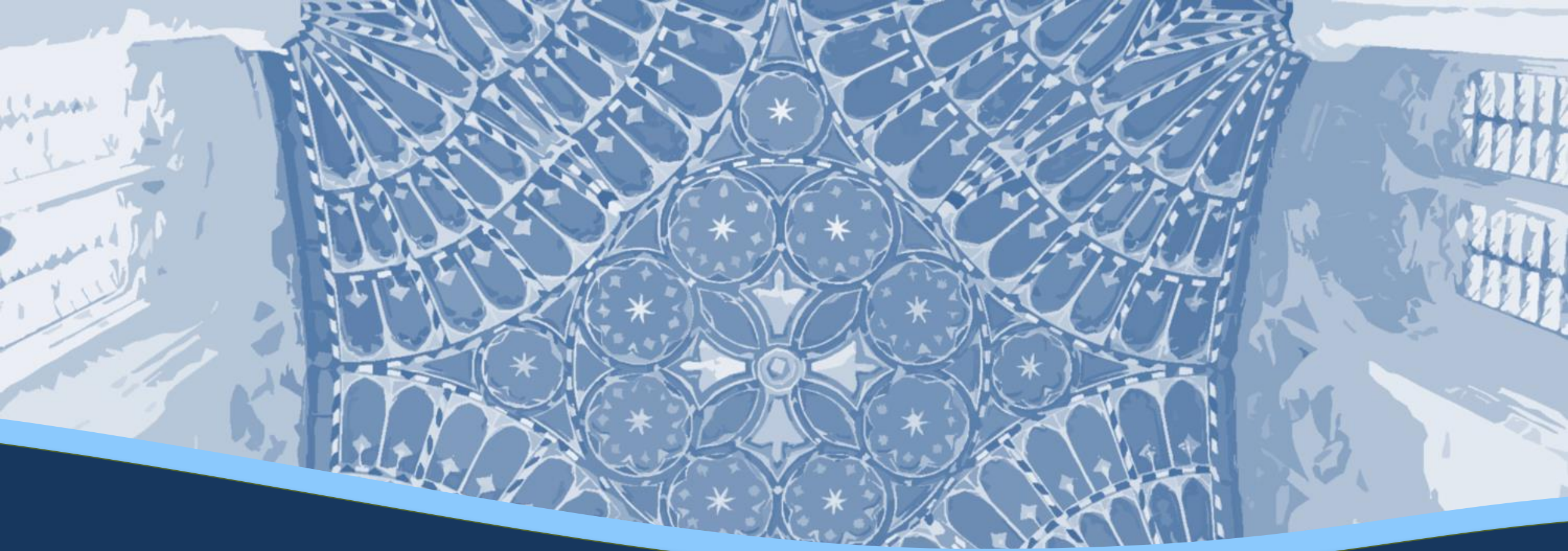


Welcome



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Dwelling in the Word

Bishop Mike



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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.

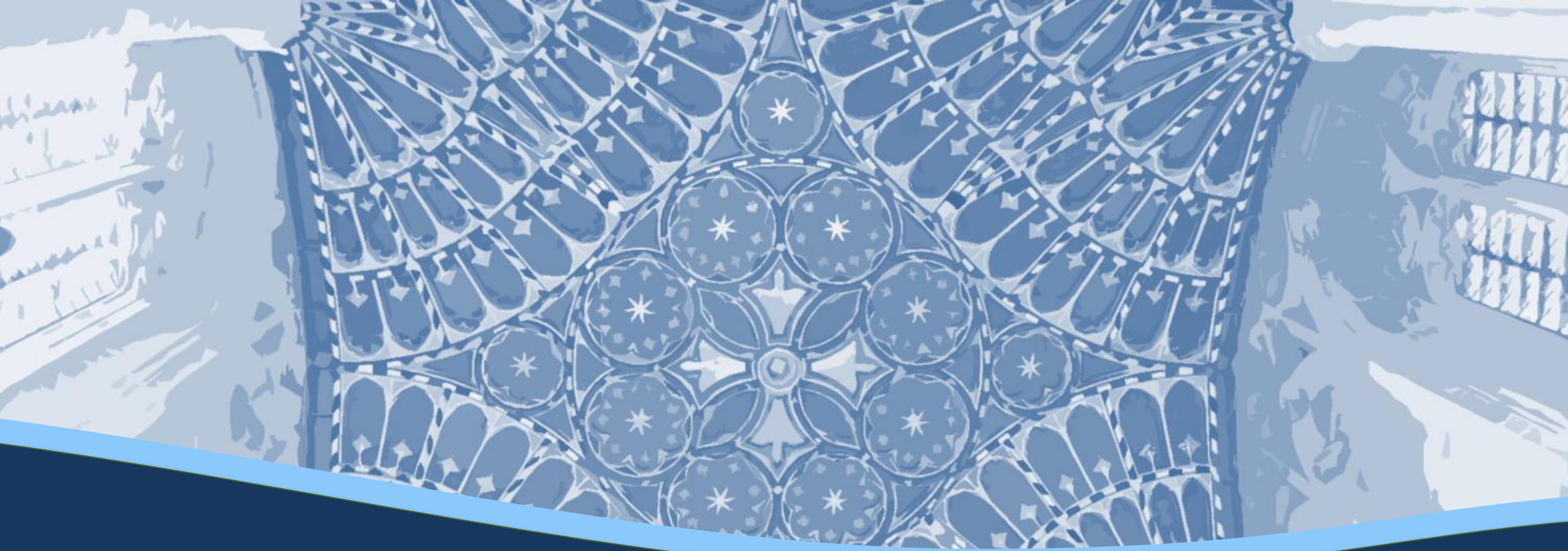
6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

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.**



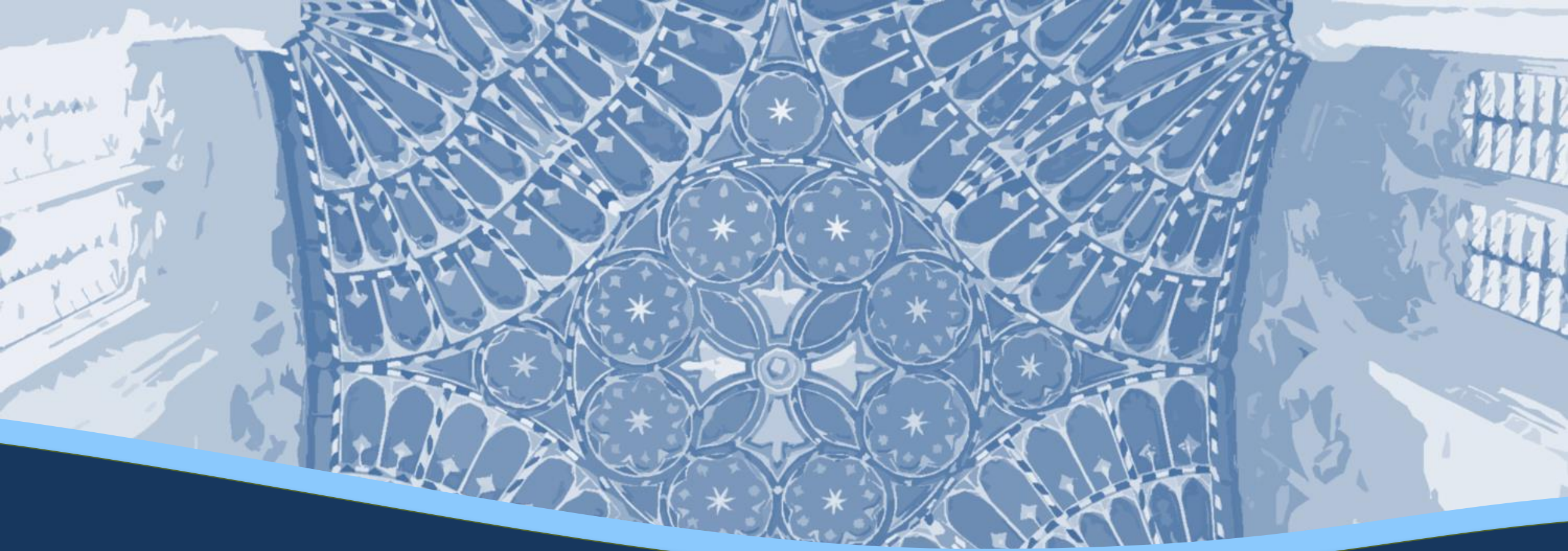
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Welcome & Presidential Address

Bishop Martin



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Church Buildings & the Environment

Archdeacon David



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The Revd Alison Alder

Chair, Diocesan Environment Group

Why concern for the environment is an essential element of our Christian faith.

(We are witnessing) *"a worrying intensification of the triple planetary crisis: the crisis of **climate change, the crisis of nature and biodiversity loss, and the crisis of pollution and waste.***

This crisis is placing the world's ecosystems under assault. Billions of hectares of land are degraded, affecting almost half of the world's population and threatening half of global GDP.

Rural communities, smallholder farmers and the extremely poor are hit hardest."

“Creation is the order of love. God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things.”

Pope Francis “Laudato Si” 2015

“A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings” (p63)

Christians recognise that all life exists in an intimate, mutually supporting community, sustained by and reflecting God's love¹ and Anglicans affirm their responsibility *'to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'*².

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Diocesan Environment Policy

**The fifth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Church
call us to “Treasure” God’s Creation:**

*To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and
sustain and renew the life of the earth.*



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- The Energy Footprint Tool is open | Deadline 31 July
- Sign up to Eco Church | register on the 'A Rocha' website
- See if 'Give to Go Green' could help your church – match funding opportunities for net zero projects
- For support email: james.rolls@cofesuffolk.org

Work out your church's carbon footprint to help care for God's creation!

ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL

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The DAC Secretary's Perspective



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Our new support officers

Toby Hart, Church Buildings Support Officer

- Starts Monday 1 July
- Providing support and advice for parishes looking to increase community engagement
- Advising on increasing versatility of church buildings
- Aims to build mutually beneficial relationships with organisations outside worshipping community
- Dispensing repair grants from a **small** pot of funding
- 'Hit list' exists but nominations welcome.



All Saints, Mendham



Fit for purpose in the C21



Heritage at Risk (H@R)

Heritage at Risk



East of England Register 2023



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SITE NAME:	Church of St Mary, Hall Lane, Nettlestead
DESIGNATION:	Listed Place of Worship grade I
CONDITION:	Poor
PRIORITY CATEGORY:	A (A)
OWNER TYPE:	Religious organisation
LIST ENTRY NUMBER:	1263028

Church of C12 origins including nave walls and windows, one with distinctive Saxon-style carving. Similar reused fragments built into tower. Unrestored interior (except for chancel) with important medieval details including font, piscina and pew bench ends with elaborate carvings. Progressive corrosion of roof fixings is resulting in loss and slippage of roof tiles, recently on a large scale, posing risk to the interior. Damp conditions reported, caused by cementitious render and ineffective drainage arrangements. A grant from the Taylor Review Pilot was received in 2019 for holding repairs.

Contact: Trudi Hughes 01223 582749



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SITE NAME:	Church of All Saints, Church Street, Stradbroke
DESIGNATION:	Listed Place of Worship grade II*, CA
CONDITION:	Very bad
PRIORITY CATEGORY:	A (A)
OWNER TYPE:	Religious organisation
LIST ENTRY NUMBER:	1032854

Medieval parish church, considerably restored 1871-2 and 1879. Nave, chancel, north and south aisles both with chancel chapels; west tower, north and south porches, north vestry. Flint rubble, mostly faced in knapped flint. Slated roof to nave and chancel; aisle and chapel roofs leaded. Fine C15 tower in four stages with crenellated parapet. Urgent repairs required to chapel and aisle roofs, parapets, walls (including plaster), floors, rainwater goods, drains and two windows. A Minor Repair Grant from the Taylor Review Pilot was received in 2019 to help with the repair of rainwater goods.

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SITE NAME:	Church of St Margaret, Little Green, Thrandeston
DESIGNATION:	Listed Place of Worship grade I, CA
CONDITION:	Poor
PRIORITY CATEGORY:	F (F)
OWNER TYPE:	Religious organisation
LIST ENTRY NUMBER:	1032763

Medieval parish church dating from C15 apart from the C13 chancel, which was re-fenestrated in C15. The church was fully restored c1870-80. Short gabled north porch has a C19 outer arch. There is damp throughout the interior of the church, which is particularly bad around the pews at low level. A Minor Repair Grant from the Taylor Review Pilot was received in 2019 to help with repairs to the roof and rainwater goods. In 2020 Historic England awarded a Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk grant for small urgent repairs.

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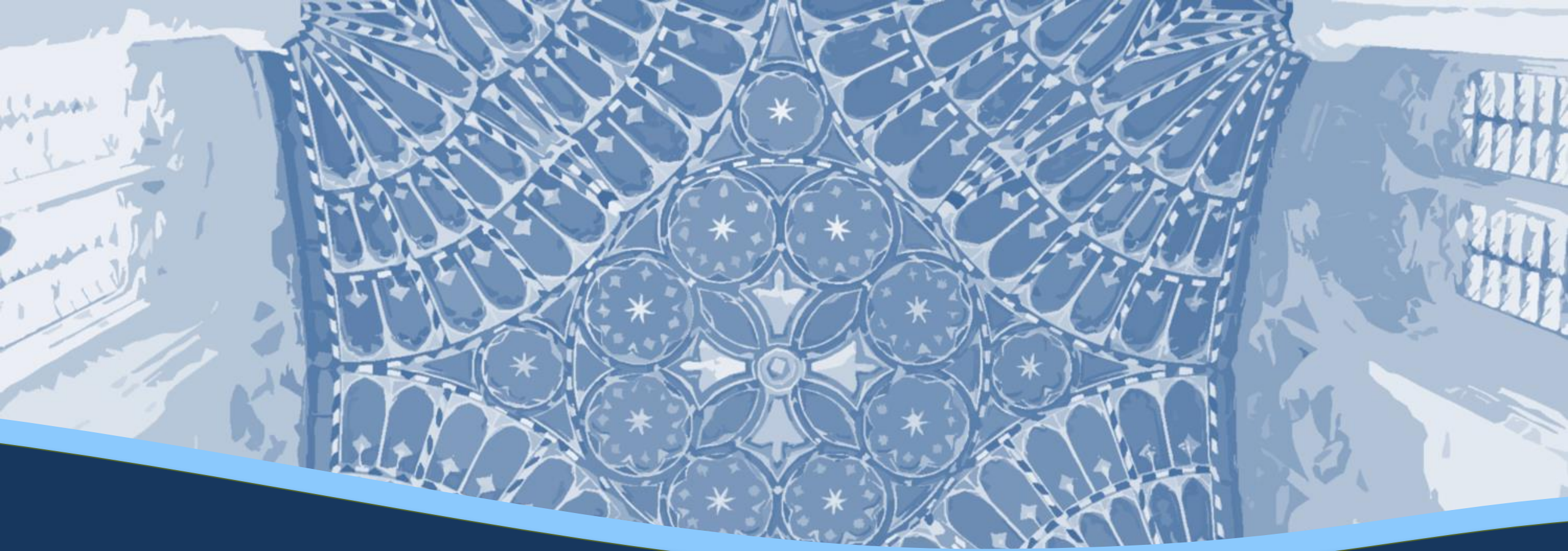
Heritage at Risk (H@R) success story



Historic Church Building Support Officer

- Starts July/August (recruitment begins shortly)
- Focus will be solely fabric concerns
- Will deal with the big ticket items
- To help organise repairs and compile applications for grants
- 'Hit list' in first instance is churches on H@R.





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Church Buildings & the Environment

Discussion



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Discussion:

- You will find a coloured dot on your badge
- Please find your group
- Each group has a question to discuss
- Each group has an allocated scribe
- There are five groups in the side aisles, one in the Edmund Chapel (blue).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are you doing in your benefice about church buildings?
2. What support and advice do you need regarding your church building?
3. What are your hopes and aspirations about church buildings
4. What is your benefice doing to care for creation?
5. What support and advice do you need to progress on your Net Zero Carbon journey?
6. How does the environment offer opportunities for engaging with the wider community?

Motion from Archdeacon David to move that:

“This Synod recognises the excellent work that is being done for the care of church buildings and responding to the Church of England 2030 Net Zero Carbon challenge, and wants to encourage all in exploring these possibilities for their churches.”

Refreshment Break