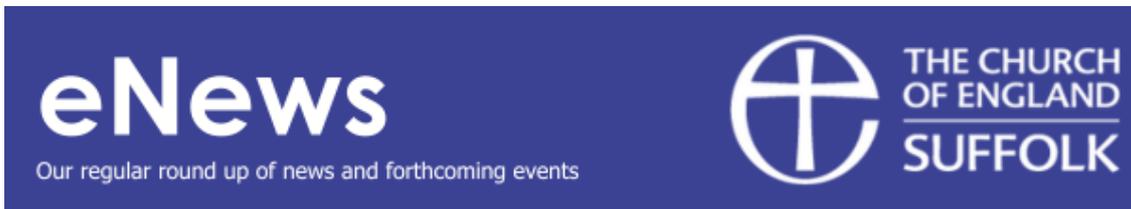


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Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT)- Jubilee grants announced

Last year the SHCT awarded grants from a Jubilee Fund for projects as tributes to the Queen's remarkable 70-year reign. Grants totalling £170,000 were awarded to 52 churches across Suffolk, and they have used the money in creative ways to honour Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The applications were many and varied, for example, in Mendlesham a noticeboard has been erected outside the church, in Hitcham carved wooden pew ends have been created, in Elmswell a seat is now outside the church, the organ at Acton is repaired and in Great Ashfield new wooden chairs for the clergy have been installed. For further details click [here](#).

Chairman of SHCT, John Devaux, commented "*The Trust is thrilled that Jubilee projects for which it awarded grants are now coming to fruition. Her Late Majesty was Patron of the National Churches Trust and I'm sure she would have been delighted to see so many projects being realised in her name in Suffolk. We very much look forward to visiting some of the churches to admire what has been achieved.*"

SHCT continue to award grants towards church building projects, four times a year. Details are on the Trust website www.shct.org.uk

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



"It's been a very quiet week here as, apart from the three English students, all others have gone home for a week's break as have the staff. Bishop Darlington and several colleagues are also away in Karagwe for a mission. It's given us some time for reflection.

Here in this stunningly beautiful environment, no-one comments on the sights and sounds around them. But the surroundings are just a backdrop and when you have to work out how to scratch a living on a shamba, with poor rains, balance tending the land or your goat with collecting water or sticks for fuel, work out how to feed and educate your children, then perhaps the backdrop isn't really important. Everyday living just looks so hard. And then on Sundays we see the joy, the thankfulness, the praise, the giving.

Sunday's service was at Samson's church and it turned out to be another marathon. As well as the thanksgivings, described in great detail, there were five infant baptisms, a blessing of rings for couples who had lost them, and then a blessing of all marriages. At the end of the service, a celebration cake was unveiled, and everyone was invited up to share. The custom is for people to skewer small pieces of cake on a toothpick and then feed them to each other!"

Kagera Evening

Thursday 19 October 7.00pm

Dove Cottage (next to Debenham Church) IP14 6QJ

The Revd Susan Taylor revisited Kagera in the summer with a group led by the Bishop - come along to a memorable evening of films, photos and reflections on revisiting Kagera, our link diocese in Tanzania. The event will include a raffle of Tanzanian crafts. Tickets cost £5 including refreshments, all proceeds to go to the Kagera Appeal. To book, please email revsusantaylor@icloud.com or call on 01728 860222.

Follow the Star: Join the Song



Follow the Star: Join the Song – highlights how singing can help draw us closer to God and each other through the journey from Advent to Epiphany. In the story of the first Christmas, the shepherds are astonished to find the night sky filled with countless voices singing God's praise. One of the key elements of the Join the Song campaign is to invite 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, Resource Hub which now includes the downloadable music tracks to help choirs of all ages and stages learn and perform the carol. In addition the hub has logos, poster templates, social media graphics, more music tracks, web banners and more.

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.

A variety of stallholders from Suffolk and beyond will join to showcase their products, with some familiar faces as well as new businesses. There will be over 50 stalls and this year the market will also flow through the Cathedral Cloisters to provide an even larger shopping experience. In addition to the shopping experience, there will be daily entertainment for visitors from local schools, and the Haverhill Silver Band will join the festivities on Saturday 25 November.

Special Tower Tours will also be running during the Christmas Market. Tower Tours will be available to pre-book via stedscathedral.org/tower-tours and are available 11.00am on Thursday and Friday and 10.30am on Saturday.



We invite you to watch this new Lightwave video focused on the Bungay Lightwave Hub, led by the Revd Edward Land, Lead Minister, and Heather Land, Lay Pioneer.

Events

FEATURED EVENTS:

Edmund Lecture with Dame Barbara Woodward DCMG OBE

Friday 20 October, 6.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP31 1LS

Dame Barbara Woodward DCMG OBE, the British Permanent Representative (Ambassador) to the United Nations in New York, will be this year's speaker at St Edmundsbury Cathedral's Edmund Lecture. She was born and raised in Suffolk. The lecture will explore parallels between the Magna Carta and the UN Charter. Free to attend. Book online [here](#).

TRiM 2023 - You are not alone

From 10.00am Tuesday 21 November to 1.30pm Wednesday 22 November

High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8SG

This year's short residential conference on Theological Refreshment in Ministry focuses on Pastoral Supervision, and will be led by the Revd Dr Jane Leach. Jane is Principal of Wesley College and broadcasts regularly on Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day'.

Jane has been at the forefront of promoting a system of structured reflective supervision for leaders in the church. This seeks to provide a regular safe space to explore creative approaches to demanding issues in pastoral ministry, and has proven to increase ministers' well-being, reduce anxiety, increase trust and bring clarity in ministry.

TRiM is open to ministers, priests, local preachers and Licensed Lay Ministers from all of our participating churches. Places are £130 for fully inclusive board and the conference. For more information or to book, please [click here](#).

The Joys and Challenges of Supervision

Saturday 14 October, 9.30am to 4.00pm

Colchester Road Baptist Church, Ipswich (entrance on Sidegate Lane) IP4 3DL

Led by Sarah from Inspire Counselling and Training, this workshop will have relevance to counsellors currently working as supervisors, but also experienced counsellors considering supervision training. Amongst other areas you will explore: Roles and responsibilities of a supervisor; Ethical dilemmas and ethical decision making; Fitness to practice issues. Please bring your own case material to explore during the day. This course is currently being offered for £60 per person. For further information please contact Inspire on 01473 217694 or email Carole Sherratt at contact@inspirecounselling.org.uk.

1000 Years of St Michael's, Beccles

Saturday 14 October, 7.00pm

St Michael's Church, Beccles NR34 9HE

To mark all that has been achieved in the last five years to conserve the building and improve facilities, Dr Barry Darch will provide an engaging talk on '1000 Years of St Michael's'. Tickets cost £15, and include a glass of wine (or soft drink) and nibbles on arrival, as well as cheeseboard and tea/coffee. To book, please contact John Bailey on 07774 749201.

The Fabulous Cash and Carter Show

Saturday 14 October, doors open at 2.00pm.

St Mary's Church, Bentley IP9 2DA

For the best of Johnny Cash and June Carter tribute band, join this fundraiser, please email peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk or call 07570 103005, ticket prices £12.

Prisons Week Service

Sunday 15 October, 10.30am

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP31 LS1

Join this special service to mark Prisons Week which has been running annually for almost 50 years. Led by Bishop Martin the service will include prayers for prisoners, victims and staff. A number of serving prisoners from HMP Hollesley Bay, Suffolk's open prison, will take part in and join the service. This year, the address will be given by the Anglican chaplain at HMP Highpoint, the Revd Mark Osbourne. After the service, there will be an opportunity for engagement - with prisoners, prison staff and others - with current issues in prisons, and discussion and reflection. Refreshments will be provided.

Lay Elder training and social morning

Saturday 21 October 21, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Salvation Army Stowmarket, Violet Hill Road IP14 1NE

As part of our two-year cycle of training and celebrating, we are inviting all Elders to a training and social morning, with special guest speakers from across the Diocese. We are very pleased that our keynote speaker will be the Venerable Rich Henderson, Archdeacon of Suffolk. For more information and to book please click [here](#).

A Miscellany of Musics

Sunday 21 October, 6.00pm
Holy Trinity, Long Melford, CO10 9DT

Featuring Allegri's "Miserere" and Lewandowski's "Enosh", come along to enjoy the debut performance of Melford's Rossignal Consort. Tickets cost £10 and are available by calling 07932 233431 or emailing ejcobb@talktalk.net.

2023 Tower Talks: Wolsey Church and State: Faith in the Public Realm

St Mary le Tower, Ipswich IP1 3BE

Sunday 22 October, Dr Paul Cavill | Pembroke College, University of Cambridge | Wolsey's Church and State: Lessons for now? | Follows 3.30pm Choral Evensong at approximately 4.30pm

Sunday 29 October, The Rt Revd Tim Stevens | Former Convenor, Lords Spiritual | Meddling Bishops? The Church in Politics Now | Follows 3.30pm Choral Evensong at approximately 4.30pm

****Please note the corrected time.*** Please find more information [here](#).

Practical Ways to Help Your Church Build a Generous Culture

24 October, 7.00pm start (arrive at 6.30pm for tea/coffee)
Hoxne Village Hall IP21 5AN

Join the Diocesan Parish Resources Team (Julie Podd and Emma Denton) to find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme, contactless donation devices, online giving with QR codes, and grants and funding. They will be sharing details from the Anglican Giving Survey about why people give (and don't give) and suggest ways to encourage giving from both your congregation and wider community. To book email mary.lewis43@icloud.com.

Cathedrals at Night: Twilight Talks

Starting on Thursday 26 October, 6.45pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 1LS

St Edmundsbury Cathedral will host a series of Twilight Talks this winter. The talks will cover specialist subjects relating to the Cathedral building and its secrets. Tickets include a one-hour talk, refreshments and a short tour of the Cathedral in the context of the twilight talk subject matter. The line up includes: The Revd Tony Redman, surveyor of the fabric at St Edmundsbury Cathedral for 25 years from 1991 to 2016, Horry Parsons, project manager of the Millennium Tower Project and Alison Dickens BA MCIFA, Director of Granta Heritage. Full details available [here](#).

An Adventurous Advent

Saturday 28 October, 9.00am - 12.30pm
Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

An invitation to all Readers, Licensed Lay Ministers, Elders and those in training - do join us as Mark Oakley leads us in preparation for An Adventurous Advent. The language of hope, promise and waiting is not evident in today's culture and our communities embrace Christmas at the beginning of December with the switching on of town lights and Christmas carol services throughout the month. The season of Advent, with its four weeks of waiting, is counter-cultural. To find out more and book your place on this event, please click [here](#).

PCC Workshops

Grants and Funding | Wednesday 1 November 12.00pm to 1.00pm | Book [here](#)

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](#)

Digital Giving | Thursday 30 November 12.00pm to 1.00pm | Book [here](#)

Church Recording East Anglia

Tuesday 7 November, 10.30am to 3.00pm

St Mary's Church, Woolpit IP30 9SQ

Join in and celebrate the work of East Anglia's Church Recorders. This seminar includes talks by Timothy Easton, the well-known artist and architectural historian, with an interest in witchcraft, magic, the occult, and particularly apotropaic marks, and John Vigar, a popular commentator on English history, a broadcaster, writer and accredited lecturer for the Arts Society. For more information email [Sue Medcalf](mailto:Sue.Medcalf).

Deanery Drop-in Sessions

Monday 13 November | Salvation Army, Violet Hill, 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-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.

Mass in E-flat

Sunday 19 November, 4.00pm

St Botolph's Chapel, Botesdale IP22 1RG

Come along for a premiere performance of Peter Creswell's new Mass in E-flat. Featuring top soloists, a small orchestra and chorus. Concert will last approximately one hour, tickets cost £15. To book tickets, please call 01379 890650.

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

Saturday 25 November 9.30am - 12.30pm

Salvation Army, 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.

The series of Bishops' teaching mornings will continue in 2024, the provisional dates are: 3 February 2024, 27 April 2024 and 23 November 2024.

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](#).

Notices

World Mission Conference: Thank you to everyone who came along to the World Mission Conference last Saturday. The conference was opened by Bishop Mike with an act of worship centred around the theme of the conference 'Ethical Consumerism'. Sarah Brazier, Fairtrade Foundation, explained the reasons why we should buy Fairtrade Goods and the very real difference we can make to people's lives. Ruth Lindley, Transform Trade (used to be Traidcraft Exchange) talked about a campaign to improve conditions in the clothing industry, offering thought provoking actions consumers can take. Finally, Andrew Robinson, CCLA, talked about investing money to be an agent of change for the better socially and environmentally. All three speakers were very engaging and excellent. Fairtrade coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes were supplied by Christine Stainer.

Anti-slavery Day - Wednesday 18 October: St Edmundsbury Cathedral tower will be lit in red to mark the day. In Ipswich there will be information stalls at: Triangle Church, 38, Dickens' Road IP2 0JW, 9.00am and 11.00am and UoS Student's Union, Waterfront Building, Neptune Quay, IP4 1QJ. The number of people identified as victims of modern slavery in the UK has been rising year on year, with over 12,000 people referred to the authorities in 2021. To find out more visit <https://theclewerinitiative.org/> and www.antislavery.org/slavery-today/slavery-uk/. If you would like to become part of a Diocesan group raising awareness of Modern Day Slavery then please email the Revd [Richard Stainer](#), World Development Adviser.

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.



Contactless giving: the Parish Resources Team have a Collectin contactless device available to lend out to parishes for a 2/3-week period (to be negotiated). This gives you the chance to try before your buy or to use it for a special event you have coming up. Contact [Emma Denton](#) 07483 006379 to book. Find out more about contactless donation devices [here](#) and online giving [here](#).

Vacancies

[Director of Mission and Ministry](#) | Closing date: 19 October

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

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

[Director of Music](#) | Woodbridge

[Centre Manager of the Sanctuary Day Centre](#) | Ipswich

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

[House for Duty Priest in Charge](#) | The Wrentham Benefice

[Rector](#) | Beccles

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