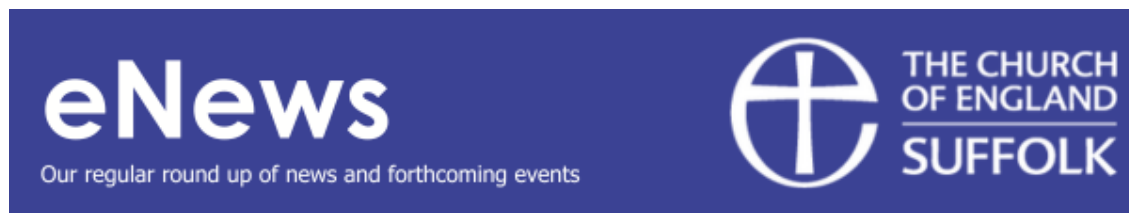


**Thursday 12 September 2024**



### **School's milestone celebrated with a special visitor**

Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School in Combs, near Stowmarket, welcomed Bishop Martin on Wednesday 4 September to celebrate their 10th anniversary. Bishop Martin is no stranger to the school – he visited 10 years ago when the school was set up and it was there that his nomination as the 11th Diocesan Bishop was announced. Trinity is the first and only Church school in Stowmarket and has 160 pupils aged four to 11. Bishop Martin was given a tour of the school, presided at a special school Eucharist and enjoyed a celebration cake. To read the full story on our website please [click here](#).

### **Celebrating 10 years of Messy Church**



The Messy Church at Hoxne, held in the village hall at Syleham and Wingford, was launched in 2014 and celebrated its anniversary on Sunday 1 September. Every month, children and their parents gather to take part in a range of fun craft activities, from finger painting to decorating greetings cards. The Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison, Priest-in-Charge of the Hoxne Benefice, said: *"One of the great things about Messy Church is it is for families. Parents bring their children along, and they have lots of fun, but they stay to chat and have a cup of tea too. It's a wonderful way for all the families and parents to socialise and get to know each other and to welcome new families to the church and wider community."* To read the full story on our website, please [click here](#).

### **Knife Angel is welcomed to Suffolk**

Local community champions and representatives from county organisations gathered in Haverhill on Wednesday 4 September to welcome the Knife Angel to Suffolk for the first time. The Knife Angel is the national monument against violence and aggression, and is made of 100,000 knives which have been given up in amnesty or seized from a crime scene. The opening ceremony launched a programme of activities and events across the



month which will raise awareness of the problem of knife crime and other forms of violence, and promote social change both locally and nationally. The Revd Max Drinkwater, Rector of Haverhill, spoke at the opening ceremony about the unique opportunity that the Angel offers to engage the community in supporting and encouraging one another to turn from violence to building better relationships. To read the full story on our website, please [click here](#).

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### **Growing Younger Prayer meetings**



You are invited to join the Growing Younger prayer group, restarting for the school term. Join us in a weekly prayer meeting from

9.00am to 9.30am to pray for children, young people, families, paid and volunteer workers, teachers, schools and churches. We will also be including prayers for the 'Music, Mission and Young People' initiative. Please [email here](#) for the Zoom link.

### **Events**

#### **Faraday Institute Training Events**

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion is putting on two training events especially for church leaders this term. For more information on these events plus detailed information about the other events Faraday Institute provide, please [click here](#).

#### **Caring for Creation: Leading the Church Forward** | Starting 15 October

What next for the Church in an era of climate change, pollution and habitat destruction? This course will cover the latest theological perspectives, practical responses and resources available to us. The course will consist of five evening sessions, held once a month.

#### **Life, Death and Dying** | 9 November

This one-day workshop will be an opportunity to develop understanding and think through a Christian response to issues related to the end of life.

#### **Paintings tell hospice's story of support, compassion and hope**

Running now - 14 October

Eight pieces of art will be touring Suffolk bringing the St Nicholas Hospice message into the community as it celebrates 40 years of caring for the people of West Suffolk and Thetford. Michael Pollington, St Nicholas Hospice Care's Corporate Governance Manager and IG Lead, has created a series of striking paintings '*Darkness to Light*' to illustrate how the hospice has helped to support so many people facing dying, death and grief over the

past 40 years. In the coming weeks the artwork will be able to be viewed at the following locations:

- Haverhill Methodist Church, 28 Camps Road, Haverhill, from 10 - 16 September
- St Mary's Church, High Street, Haverhill, from 17 - 30 September
- St Nicholas Hospice Care's Haverhill Hub, Camps Road, Haverhill from 1- 14 October.

### **Living Hope**

13 - 15 September

St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH

You are invited to this missional weekend including a Youth night, Men's breakfast, Women's brunch, Mission on the Streets, Saturday Night Live and Festival of Celebration Service. Join us to hear Simon Guillebaud, previously a missionary in Burundi, and listen to his daring stories of faith, risk and sacrifice that have inspired people all over the world. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Suffolk Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive**

Saturday 14 September

Join this annual sponsored 'Ride and Stride', a national event when cyclists and walkers raise money for their local county Churches Trust. Also happening is the Pedal and Drive - a vintage and classic car rally with a difference! The owners of five of Suffolk's most beautiful and important historic houses have very kindly agreed to open their gates and to act as the assembly and start points including Euston Hall near Thetford, Heveningham Hall near Halesworth, and Crowe Hall in Ipswich. From there you will set out on a tour across Suffolk taking in lovely countryside and remarkable churches as you tackle a fiendish church quiz. And finally end up for teas and prizes at the grand rally where the five teams of cars will all gather together. For more information please visit the SCHAT [website here](#).

### **Behind the Scenes at 'Time Team'**

Saturday 14 September, 7.30pm

Hitcham Church IP7 7NN

After working on the Sutton Hoo excavations from 1987 to 1991, Helen Geake now works as an Anglo Saxon and early-medieval finds adviser to the Portable Antiquities Scheme in East Anglia, a post she has held for 25 years. Since 2005 she has been with 'Time Team' alongside Tony Robinson, working both as an expert and as a presenter, and has been closely involved in the recent re-boot of this popular tv series. Helen has also appeared in *Britain's Secret Treasures*, presented by another Time Team veteran, Bettany Hughes. Helen is going to talk about her work with 'Time Team' and how people, objects, ideas and raw materials moved around early-medieval Western Europe showing how human imagination has always been inspired by remarkable objects. The event is being held in aid of Hitcham Church funds. Tickets cost £7.50 on the door or at Hitcham Post Office. For more information contact [RNFCurrie@gmail.com](mailto:RNFCurrie@gmail.com).

### **Give to Go Green Events**

St Mary's Church in East Bergholt is taking part in the Give to Go Green programme as they seek to raise funds specifically to help save money on heating costs, which last year totalled over £2,000. The church is organising a series of events to fundraise, and any donations raised during the six week-campaign will be match-funded by the Church of

England, come and join us:

**Saturday 14 September at 7.00pm** Classical guitar and accompaniment, tickets £10. Come along and listen to Tim Pells, a well-known local classical guitarist and composer, playing music by Vivaldi, Purcell and Bach and more. He will be joined by celebrity friends!

**Saturday 21 September at 7.00pm** Da Capo singers, tickets £10. The theme for the evening will be Dreams, and expect some community singing!

**Saturday 28 September at 7.00pm** tickets £6. Join Francis Franks for a demonstration of the range of music offered by ringing handbells, and there may also be the opportunity to have a go.

**Saturday 5 October at 7.00pm** Brass and Ivories, tickets £10. Finally, back by popular demand, join Tia Eagle and Joel Cooper who have played at and for St Mary's on a number of previous occasions. Miss them at your peril!

To reserve your tickets please email: [stmarysebfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysebfundraising@gmail.com). Payment will be taken on the door. If you would like to financially support the initiative but are unable to attend the events, please contact Jackie Reeves 01206 299973 or Fiona Trott 01206 298205.

### **Late Summer Concert**

Sunday 22 September, 2.00pm  
All Saints' Church, Drinkstone IP30 9SW

Come along to a late summer concert to hear music spanning three centuries including work by Vivaldi, Mozart, Schubert, Fauré, Delius and Nigel Hess. Performed by local singers and instrumentalists. Drinks and nibbles will be included, and donations are very much welcomed.

### **Lessons from Noah - the First Conservationist**

Sunday 22 September, 3.00pm  
Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve - what3words: charm.dragonfly.townhouse

Come along to this open air service featuring speaker Professor James Pearce-Higgins, Science Director for the British Trust for Ornithology. To be followed by refreshments, please bring along a chair and a mug. For more information please contact Sarah on [sarah.leedham@arocha.org](mailto:sarah.leedham@arocha.org) | 07810 141234

### **Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches**

Saturday 28 September 2024, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
St Peter's, Cringleford, Norwich NR4 6UE

This day is aimed particularly at leaders and worshippers in smaller local churches (typically 15-55 worshippers on a regular Sunday). We will encounter God afresh, renewing our confidence in the inextinguishable power of biblical hope. We will also have time to worship, to reflect, and to wrestle together with the practicalities of living hopefully

in our own little local and 'ordinary' churches. For further information and to book a ticket please [click here](#).

You can also sign up to find out more about their ministry and upcoming events at [www.resourcingrenewal.org](http://www.resourcingrenewal.org).

### **Tribute Concert to the late Jill Ganzoni**

Sunday September 29 at 4.00pm (with a reception at 3.15pm)  
St Mary's Church, Great Bealings IP13 6NY

Jill's ashes, together with those of her brother, Lord Belstead, are interred in the churchyard. Locally-born Rosemary Hinton, violinist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, was able to embark on her career thanks to Jill's benevolence. Jill's philanthropic spirit benefitted many organisations and individuals across the county, with the Church and the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich being particularly close to her heart. Tickets cost £10, payable on the door and should be reserved by emailing Norman Porter on [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk). Refreshments and a tribute booklet will be included in the price of the ticket, and you will be able to spend a bit extra by participating in a raffle in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

### **Enhancing Worship**

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 October and 6 and 13 November 2024 , starting 7.30pm  
Earl Stonham Village Hall, Forward Green IP14 5HJ

A six-session course to deepen your understanding of worship that will encourage you to live out your faith in everyday life. No matter what your tradition or preferred style of worship, this course offers an opportunity to learn from each other and the different strands of our Anglican Community. The course applies to both existing and new worshipping communities, Charismatic, Catholic, Choral and Contemporary, we are all part of the rich tapestry we offer as we express our devotion to God in different ways, young and old alike!

This course is free of charge and aimed at Readers in training, Elders, AOP trainees and everyone else! All welcome and booking is available through our [website here](#).

### **County Harvest Festival**

Sunday 6 October, 11.30am, service starts 2.00pm  
Trinity Park, Suffolk Show Ground, Ipswich IP3 8UH

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Lightwave and the Suffolk Agricultural Association are delighted to invite you to the County Harvest Festival for 2024. This hugely popular biannual event is held at Trinity Park and includes food, bar, live music, craft and produce stalls, as well as an opportunity to meet the animals. It's a special year as Bishop Martin, President of the Suffolk Agricultural Association, will be leading the 2.00pm worship. If you would like a stall please contact [graham.miles.lighwave@gmail.com](mailto:graham.miles.lighwave@gmail.com).

### **World Mission Conference: Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

Saturday 12 October, 9.00am -1.00pm  
Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

As Christians we are called to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13.2). How can we best do

this? Our speakers will offer an insight into the refugee and asylum seeker issue on a global scale and in our own county, with practical suggestions as to how your church can become involved in welcoming and supporting those from overseas. More information and booking [here](#).

### **Healing & Wholeness – Developing and Deepening Ministry where you are**

Saturday 19 October, 9.30am

Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

A workshop for lay and ordained ministers to develop or deepen the ministry of healing and wholeness in their parishes (organised by the Diocesan Healing & Wholeness Group) Featuring keynote speaker Mr Steve Coles, Chair of the Guild of Healing & St Raphael. Admission is by donation of a minimum of £5 at the door, please do [register here](#).

### **Organ Recital by Wayne Marshall O.B.E**

Sunday 20 October, 6.00pm

St Mary's Church, Ixworth IP31 2HH

Come along to an organ recital by Wayne Marshall O.B.E. Programme will include classical and contemporary pieces, plus refreshments. Tickets cost £15 to include wine and canapes, free admission for 12 years and under. To purchase tickets please contact [rgvicat@gmail.com](mailto:rgvicat@gmail.com).

### **Clergy and Lay Ministers Day**

Saturday 9 November 2024

Framlingham College, Framlingham IP13 9EY

An invitation from Bishop Martin: *This day is for all licensed and commissioned clergy and lay ministers, and is an opportunity for us all to be together to celebrate the ministry in which we share before I retire!*

There is ample parking at the college. Registration and refreshments will be from 9.00am, sessions begin at 9.30am. A lunch will be provided. For more information and to book onto this day, please [click here](#). Enquiries to Sarah Brown on 01473 252829 or [sarah.brown@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:sarah.brown@cofesuffolk.org)

### **Chaplaincy Gathering**

Tuesday 26 November, 10.00am - 3.30pm

St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

This day is for chaplains across all sectors and an opportunity to network with others. There will be input from Ceri Bryant, Occupational Health and Wellbeing manager for Sizewell C and some of our diocesan team. A sandwich lunch will be included. No parking at St Nicholas Centre - please use local car parks. To register, please [click here](#).

### **Lark Rise Retreats: Speak Lord, your servant is listening - An Advent Quiet Day**

Thursday 28 November or Saturday 30 November 10.00am-4.00pm

230 Ferry Road, Felixstowe IP11 9RU

We invite you to a quiet day led by Sarah Wallington-Smith: before the pre-Christmas rush,

spend time resting in peace and reflecting as Advent approaches. The day includes refreshments, cake and a fish and chips lunch. To book, please [click here](#) or call 01394 284213.

**Save the date: Chaplains' Gathering:** Advance notice of a day conference for all involved in chaplaincy from all sectors across Suffolk. Tuesday 26 November 10.00am-3.00pm. Details of venue, programme and booking will be shared soon.

### Events held in St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

#### Heritage Open Days

Step into history and explore the Ancient Library on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 September at various times. Discover the wonders of the treasured collection and delve into the stories behind the books with knowledgeable Library Guides. Various 30-minute sessions are available but spaces are limited so please book [here](#).

Find out information about the bells and hear about the art of bellringing, including a demonstration! There are timed visits lasting 45 minutes. Spaces are limited so please book [here](#). There will be a opportunity to 'drop in' on Thursday 12 September between 2.00pm – 5.00pm (no booking required).

Twilight Talks about the Cathedral's tower and stained glass. Light refreshments are included in the tour price. Thursday 19 September, Horry Parsons will share 'More Stories from the Tower' and on Thursday 28 September, Pippa Blackall will share 'How to Make a Stained Glass Window'. Book for these talks [here](#).

#### On Voice: Speech, Song, Silence: Human and Divine

Thursday 12 September 2024 beginning with Mass at 11.00am

A joint meeting of the Society of Catholic Priests and Affirming Catholicism, beginning in the Cathedral with Mass. Mass will be followed by a talk in the Edmund Room by Victoria Johnson on her recent book *On Voice*, published by Darton, Longman and Todd. Copies will be available for sale. Lunch will be served in the Edmund Room at 12.30pm. Price: £10 for two courses, wine and coffee. Please RSVP by email [cormack246@gmail.com](mailto:cormack246@gmail.com) or call Michael Wilde on 01284 767415.

#### Royal Hospital School, Holbrook - RCO Study Day & Organ Recital

Saturday 21 September 2024, 2.00pm - 5.15pm

The Chapel, Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich IP9 2RX

Join Nicholas Danks (Director of Music at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge) for an afternoon exploring the art of hymn and psalm accompaniment. The afternoon includes: a comprehensive masterclass on the accompaniment of hymns and psalms, including consideration of appropriate tempi, metre, introductions, registration according to type of organ, dimensions and acoustic of building and size of congregation, a workshop on pre- and post- improvisations on hymn tunes and innovative ways to reharmonise last verses and add stunning climaxes to festal hymn playing, refreshments, and a recital by Nicholas Danks of C S Lang's Prelude & Fugue in G Minor (Op. 84) and Stanford's Sonata No. 2

'Eroica' in G Minor (Op. 151). To book your place, please [click here](#).

### **Bishop Mike's Final Service**

Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm

Everyone is warmly invited to St Edmundsbury Cathedral as we say farewell to Bishop Mike as he leaves to become the Bishop of Exeter. The service will be followed by Devon cream teas and fizz. For catering purposes, please use this link to RSVP so we have an indication of numbers: <https://forms.gle/7Byys8vNYtMTqQF99>

Bishop Mike will be enthroned in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 2 November at 3.30pm. Tickets for the service will be available via Exeter Cathedral's website in due course. We will send out the link when they become available.

### **Big Issues: The Edmund Lectures 2024**

Wednesday 9 and 30 October and Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A series of lectures by internationally renowned experts on big issues that challenge our lives as we continue to navigate the 21st century. Dr Ed Kessler will explore the tensions, positive as well as negative, between religion and civil society, both in the UK and around the world. Mark Russell will address the number of British children living in poverty and how we contribute to a society which cares for our children and young people better; and Professor Rachel Warren will discuss how climate science can help us to think about our planet and how we can safeguard its future. Lectures are free to attend but please book a space [here](#).

### **Banana Blush**

Friday 25 October at 7.30pm

We are very lucky to be welcoming a very special performance in its Golden Anniversary year, of Sir John Betjemen's Banana Blush! Broadcaster and writer Zeb Soanes will bring the much-loved verse to life alongside the dazzling virtuosity of the Chris Warner Ensemble. Set to the delightful toe-tapping score by Jim Parker, four times winner of the BAFTA for Best Original Television Music, this event is not to be missed! A unique blend of wit and charm, with a deep appreciation for the English landscape and its history, Betjemen's work remains beloved by countless readers. Get tickets now [here](#).

### **Festival of Remembrance | Long Melford Silver Band**

Friday 8 November at 7.30pm

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Clare CO10 8PB

Long Melford Silver Band, together with The Military Wives Choir Wimbish present a Festival of Remembrance in St Peter & St Pauls Church in Clare. Come and join us for an evening of music to pay tribute and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. To book, please [click here](#).

### **Flooded!**

Friday 15 November, 6.00pm and repeated on

Saturday 15 November 1.00pm and 6.00pm.



St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Flooded! is a theatre, opera and song extravaganza combining The Fools' Flood by Neil Clayton, a new play about an historic flood in Bury St Edmunds, and Benjamin Britten's family opera, Noye's Fludde. Supported by Arts Council England and partnering St Edmundsbury Cathedral, 15 local schools, Britten Pears Arts, Suffolk Music Service, and multiple community groups, the production is the largest arts project undertaken by the Cathedral in recent times and will involve over 200 locals and professional creatives. As well as being full of beautiful music and fast paced action, Flooded! will allow us to reflect on our world today with the climate emergency and migration so often making headlines. With a set made almost entirely from recycled materials and with many costumes decorated by the children themselves, the production is a space for the community to come together, listen to, and create a wonderful evening of theatre and music together. Tickets and more information are available [here](#).

### Parish Visits from the Dean

The Dean's 2025 diary is now open for Parish Visit requests. Dean Joe would very much like to preach and/or preside at churches across the Diocese, particularly those he has not yet had the pleasure of visiting yet. For further information or to request a visit, please contact his PA Erin at [deanspa@stedscathedral.org](mailto:deanspa@stedscathedral.org) or 01284 748722.

### Notices

**Government's VAT grant scheme:** This scheme gives grants to refund the VAT on repairs or alterations over £1000 to a listed place of worship. The official name of the scheme is the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. The scheme is currently set to run only until the end of March 2025. As you may know, the government is looking very carefully at expenditure in the run up to the late October budget. **If you, or anyone you know, has used the grant scheme, and thinks it worth retaining, would you consider taking five minutes to send an email in its support? - by noon this Friday.** Please send your email to The Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, ([lisa.nandy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lisa.nandy.mp@parliament.uk)). You can also copy your own MP (find their email address at [here](#)). Include in your email: the name of the scheme in the title, clearly ask for the scheme to be extended, if you have concrete experience of the scheme, briefly explain what your project is/was for, and why the VAT refund is/was important, also do say if your project was funded by gifts and donations. Please also forward a copy of your email to [hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk).

**Minor Repairs Grants:** The Church of England has a Buildings for Mission initiative and recently provided funds to the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The funds will focus on small-scale but urgent works and 'stitch in time' projects that could save larger sums in the long-term. Full information on the grants programme, key dates, eligibility, how to apply and the application form are all available on our website [here](#). If you require further information please contact Toby Hart by email: [toby.hart@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:toby.hart@cofesuffolk.org)

**Insight reminder:** Insight is the new learning and resource tool developed by the diocese and we are excited to invite you to visit [insight.cofesuffolk](https://insight.cofesuffolk) and start exploring the

content available. The purpose of Insight is to make finding interesting courses, events and resources that are relevant to you, as easy as possible. We have created a handy leaflet to help you register for Insight and start to set up your personalised preferences - download it [here](#). If you have any technical support questions, please contact [insightsupport@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:insightsupport@cofesuffolk.org).

**Faith Tour of North India:** Open to all and will take place from the 4 to the 18 March 2025. It will visit Delhi, Amritsar, Dharamshala, Varanasi, Sarnath, Agra and Mathura – where we will spend time visiting Christian, Muslim, Bahai, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh, holy sites and spend time with the local communities there. For additional information or to book a place please [click here](#).

## Vacancies

[Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer and Training Coordinator](#) | Closing date: 13 September

[Associate Priest](#) | Debenham High School | Closing date: 18 September

[Historic Church Building Support Officer \(HCBSO\)](#) | Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Closing date: 22 September

[House for Duty Priest](#) | Lakenheath with Santon Downham and Elveden | Closing date: 24 September

[Vicar | Christ Church Felixstowe](#) | Closing date: 29 September

[Rector | Bacton Benefice](#) | Closing date: 2 October

[Priest in Charge](#) | Wickham Market and Pettistree cum Loudham | Closing date: 15 October

[Rector](#) | South Hartismere Benefice | Closing date: 23 October

[River Church Opportunities](#) | Kids Pastor (full-time), Debt Centre Manager (part-time) and internships | Ipswich

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