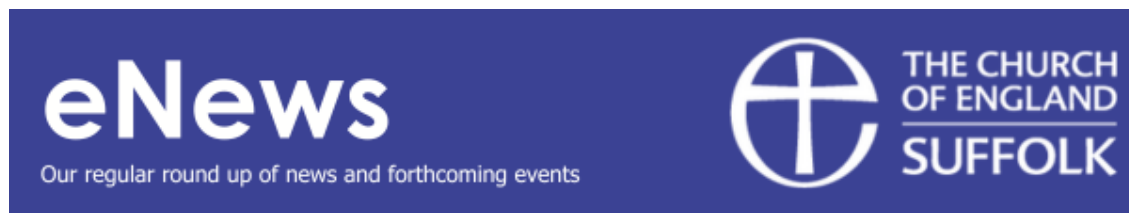


**Thursday 15 August 2024**



### **New Ordinands - Class of 2024-25**



We are delighted that all 13 of the candidates we put forward to national Stage 1 and Stage 2 panels have been recommended and start their training as ordinands in September. This year is the first year that we sent our potential Auxiliary Ordination Programme candidates to panel as 'Locally Deployed Ministers' so we are especially pleased. For more information on AOP please visit our website [here](#).

In total we sent 13 candidates to the Stage 2 panels this season and we are very pleased to report that all 13 have been recommended for training, including:

1. **Robin Aldeia** from River Church, Ipswich, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
2. **George Allin** originally from Haverhill, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
3. **Scarlett Blacker** from St Edmundsbury Cathedral, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
4. **Jonathan Boast** from the Blackborne Team, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
5. **Emma Bourne** originally from Sudbury, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
6. **Simon English** from St Edmundsbury Cathedral, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
7. **Charlotte Kalinsky** from Haverhill, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry
8. **Karen Lawson** from St John's Woodbridge, recommended for Locally Deployed Ministry - AOP
9. **Nicky Lawson** from Chadbrook Benefice, recommended for Incumbent level Stipendiary Ministry - Pioneer
10. **Teresa Lester** from Brett Valley Benefice, recommended for Locally Deployed Ministry - AOP

11. **Andy Little** from Combs and Finborough Benefice, recommended for Locally Deployed Ministry - AOP
12. **Peter Plummer** from St John's, Woodbridge, recommended for Locally Deployed Ministry - AOP
13. **Emma Steadman** from the Benefice of Wickham Market with Pettistree, recommended for Locally Deployed Ministry - AOP

Also joining AOP will be Charlotte Harkness from Chadbrook Benefice who deferred last year, Maria Price from Sancroft Benefice and Ann Hastings-Payne from the Benefice of Hundred River and Wainford.

We are particularly delighted as four of our ordinands recommended this season are classed as 'young ordinands' i.e. under 32 and one is 32 this year. This is real progress as we journey together on our programme of Growing in God - Growing Younger.



### **70 Children learn about God's Love at Barham Church Holiday Club**

In August the J-Team Holiday Club was held for the 36th year in Barham Church. Apart from one year's break for the Covid pandemic, this 3-day event for primary school-aged children has run every year since 1987. The early J-Team attendees are now sending their own children and reminiscing on their own time at the holiday club as a youngster.

The benefice is hugely grateful to all those who organised and ran the J-Team holiday club this year and the additional people who turned up to help set up and clear up.

A total of 70 children aged between 5 and 11 attended, and were organised into three separate age groups. The children came from all across the Claydon Benefice and beyond.

The Church, the hall, the newly constructed terrace and two large marquees in the Churchyard were all occupied and bustling with children enjoying the activities on offer. These included art and crafts, Bible stories and videos, singing, baking, treasure hunts, games and more, all based on the theme of *God's Love*.

Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor in the parish, every child and leader was able to enjoy a Magnum ice cream at the end of a mini-Olympics in the Churchyard on the Friday afternoon. The week ended with a "show and tell" celebration in Church to which the parents and family members arrived in large numbers, filling up the church.

### **Getting ready for Christmas**

The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024 is Follow the Star: Calm and Bright, drawing on the beloved carol, *Silent Night*.

Throughout Advent resources will focus primarily on how to find **Calm** during this busy period, with reflections offering people a chance to pause during the busy season and tips on how to prepare for a calm Christmas. Then through Christmas, the campaign will focus



particularly on **Bright**, with a series of joyful reflections from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January) including tips for a bright Christmas.

The campaign will encourage children's choirs across the country with a highly accessible and adaptable new *Calm and Bright* song inspired by *Silent Night*. Further information is available at [cofe.io/CalmAndBright](https://cofe.io/CalmAndBright).

Please sign up to attend the **Follow the Star: Calm and Bright** webinar on Wednesday 4 September at 3.00pm, to learn about the resources available to help you plan services, events and online content on Wednesday 4 September at 3.00pm. [Find out more and register](#). Or, learn **how your church can engage with children and young people this Christmas** on Saturday 17 September at 11.00am. [Find out more and register](#).

### Connect Course



Are you working with children and their families in your church? Do you see the church growing through engagement with children and young people?

Join us over ten Saturdays 2024/5, either online or at Woolpit Institute, IP30 9QH, to expand your personal skills to enable you to be a visionary Family Ministry leader. The dates are: 5 October and 23 November 2024, and 18 Jan, 22 Feb, 29 March, 24 May, 21 June and 19 July 2025. For more information please contact Emma Allinson on [emma.allinson@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:emma.allinson@cofesuffolk.org)

### Events

#### Mendlesham Summer Festival

Friday 16 August, 7.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, Mendlesham IP14 5SF

Come along to the Patronal Festival of the Assumption of Our Lady at St Mary the Virgin Church in Mendlesham. Enjoy a Sung Mass, fireworks (weather permitting) and a beer tent and BBQ. Featuring the 14th limited edition of Mendlesham's own Real Ale! All are welcome. For more information please [click here](#).

#### Lark Rise Retreats: Exploring the Story of Ruth

Thursday 5 September, 10.00am - 4.00pm

St Nicholas's Church, Felixstowe Ferry IP11 9RZ

Exploring the story of Ruth and its relevance today, led by the Revd Penny Brinkley. The day includes refreshments, cake and a fish and chips lunch. To book, please [click here](#) or call 01394 284213.

#### Suffolk in Prayer weekend for schools

6 - 8 September

Suffolk in Prayer is a movement of Christians committed to praying for God's blessing on this beautiful county and its people. They would like to invite you to participate in a prayer weekend for teachers and children as they return to school after their summer break. Please share your prayers for schools, education and teaching by emailing [suffolkinprayer@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkinprayer@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **St John's Church Coffee Morning & More**

Saturday 7 September 10.00am

St John's Church, Orwell Road, Felixstowe IP11 7PW

Everyone is invited to this eventful coffee morning, with craft stalls, tombola, raffle, bric a brac sales and more. Entry costs £3 and includes tea or coffee and a cake. Proceeds to go to Felixstowe Friends of St Elizabeth Hospice.

### **Annual Ecumenical Pilgrimage Walk: Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich**

Sunday 8 September, 3.00pm

St Peter-at-the-Quay, Ipswich, IP4 1BF

All are invited to join this pilgrimage walk with Bishop Peter Collins. The walk follows Wolsey's original route and ends at St Mary Elms, the home of the modern shrine. It lasts about an hour and is followed by tea at the Elms.

### **Heritage Open Days**

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Step into history and explore the Ancient Library on Fridays 6 and 13 and Saturdays 7 and 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](#).

Discover the Norman Tower on Saturday 7 September at various times. 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 also be 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

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

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, followed

by departure. Price: £10 for two courses, wine and coffee. If you would like to attend, please email [cormack246@gmail.com](mailto:cormack246@gmail.com) or call Michael Wilde on 01284 767415.

### **Living Hope**

13 - 15 September

St Augustine's Church, Ipswich IP3 8TH

Three days focused on sharing God's living hope with our local community. 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.

### **Permission to Preach**

Course training dates for 2024-25 are on Saturdays, 10.00am to 1.00pm, 14 September 2024 | 14 December 2024 | 1 March 2025 | 12 July 2025

The Church of England ensures that all those who preach in public with its authorisation are appropriately discerned, trained and supported with ongoing reviews. Clergy and Readers are trained at a high level to national standards to enable this ministry, and in addition, a bishop can give permission to preach for those who are under the authorisation of the Incumbent and have the support of the congregation via the PCC. If you have a commissioned role such as Elder or licensed ministry such as Evangelist, Pioneer, Children's & Families' Minister or Youth Minister you can gain authorisation to preach (up to six times a year) for three years. For the full details about the discernment process and requirements please visit our website [here](#). To apply and for more information, please contact your Incumbent or email [lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org).

### **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 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](#).

### **Harvest-themed Choral Concert**

Saturday 14 September, 5.00pm

St Mary's Church, Barking with Darmsden IP6 8HJ

Come along to a fantastic harvest-themed Choral Concert by the Suffolk Churches Singers. Preceded by refreshments from 4.30pm, in aid of the Church Fabric Fund. Tickets cost £10 from 01473 658583 or are available at the door.

### **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 in to fundraise for six weeks, and any donations raised during the campaign will be match-funded by the Church of England:

**Saturday 7 September at 7.00am**, Men's breakfast, tickets £6. Join us for bacon butties, tea and coffee and listen to our speaker Malcolm Lawson, Secretary of Hadleigh Men's Shed, about the community initiative helping to combat loneliness.

**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.

### **Being Anglican**

16 September, 6 January and 7 April, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Online by Zoom

Join us to explore the essential aspects of Anglicanism together in an informal learning style. This six-session course will be delivered partly on Zoom and also in-person as we visit places of particular Anglican interest on 12 October, 18 January and 5 April, 10.00am - 4.00pm This course will be particularly valuable if you would like to explore your rich Anglican heritage. The sessions are free of charge and all are welcome, please book through our [website here](#).

### **Building a Generous Church Conference**

Saturday 28 September

Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3EW

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear keynote speakers, attend workshops and meet staff to give you help and support to increase generosity and giving in your parish. This is a chance to network with others throughout the Diocese and access the information and resources on offer. Please download and share this poster [here](#).



For more information and to book your free place, which includes lunch, please visit

Insight: [insight.cofesuffolk.org/building-a-generous-church-conference](https://insight.cofesuffolk.org/building-a-generous-church-conference).

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

Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St

Edmunds IP33 1LS

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 3.00pm. 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 2 and 30 October and Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

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](#).

### **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! Guest speakers will include:

1. Gail and Stephen Southgate of Pilgrims Together, members of the Iona Community and part of Lightwave
2. Andrew Gosden, who leads a contemporary worship band and sings in a four-part choir
3. Richard Hubbard, Director of InHarmony

#### 4. Stuart Batten, Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

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 The Revd Dr Gillian Straine, CEO of the Guild of Healing & St Raphael. Admission is by donation of a minimum of £5 at the door, please do [register here](#).

#### **Banana Blush**

Friday 25 October at 7.30pm  
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

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. This performance is not to be missed! Get tickets now [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](#).

**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 in September.

## Notices

**Insight reminder:** Insight is the new learning and resource tool developed by the diocese and we 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).

**Growing in God Growth Fund:** This fund can provide money to help your church engage creatively in sharing faith in word and deed, and as a result grow the church in number and younger. You can apply for up to £1,500 to support an outward-facing initiative to develop your church's mission to the wider community. Applying is easy and the application form can be completed in moments. All the information, eligibility and the application form are on our website [here](#). Apply before 29 August to be included in our next meeting to review applications in September.

**Develop a daily connection with God - new app launched:** Connect with God with

the new Everyday Faith app launched by Church of England and Church House Publishing. The app responds to overwhelming demand for an app that delivers inspirational reflections year-round rather than focussed on seasonal content for example during Lent and Advent. The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme. Everyday Faith is now available to download for iOS: download [here](#) and Android: download [here](#).

**Please note: there will be no issue of eNews next week - 22 August 2024.**

## Vacancies

[Associate Priest](#) | St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich | Closing date: 19 August

[Children's and Families' Worker](#) | The United Benefice of Stanton | Closing date: 31 August

[Chaplain](#) | HMP Highpoint | Closing date: 9 September

[Rector](#) | Horringer Benefice | Closing date: 11 September

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

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

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

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

[Gap Year opportunities](#) | St Mary's, Haverhill

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