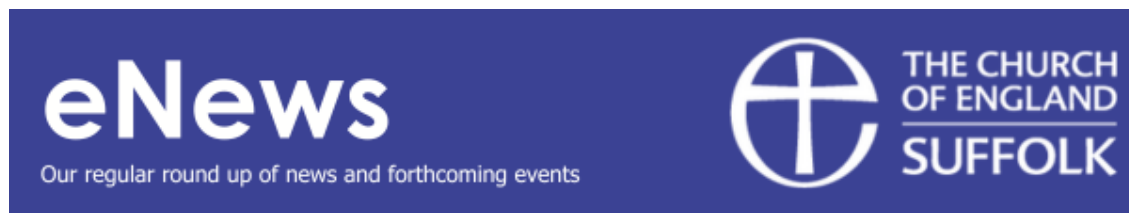


**Thursday 18 July 2024**



### **Introducing 'Insight' - our new learning and resource platform**



Insight is the new learning and resource tool developed by the diocese . 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. Insight integrates into our website and you will notice some changes over the summer as we continue to connect our website with Insight. Benefits of Insight include:

- Easy to register and log in
- It is easy to use and everything is gathered in one place
- The search function makes finding content easy
- Once registered it will link to your role in the diocese, if you have one
- You can select areas of interest and Insight will recommend content relevant to you
- Your Learning Plan will track your recent activities, which courses you have attended and keeps your downloads together in your personal library for easy access.

A key element of Insight is that you can create your own Learning Plan by choosing topics you are interested in, as well as topics relevant to your role. Topics include leadership; children; families and young people; community engagement; creation care; everyday faith; leadership; living generously; new worshipping communities; parish support and vocations.

Create your own user account using the email address the Diocese already uses to contact you (for example, to send you eNews) – for those with a ministry of any sort, this will be stored in our Contact Management System (CMS) and typically also used for things like eNews. This will ensure your Insight account is linked to our Diocesan records and can identify relevant events and record training for you.

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). If you have any questions regarding the resources, courses and events listed, please contact [lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org).

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## Building a Generous Church Conference



You are invited to the second conference on *Building a Generous Church* on Saturday 28 September at the Bridge Community Church in Bury St Edmunds. This is an excellent 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. Our three keynote speakers are leading on:

**Grant Forrest, CEO of the Parish Giving Scheme** 'Living Life Generously' As followers of Jesus, we are called to be generous. But what is generous discipleship? How can we cultivate a culture of generosity in our personal lives and our churches? In this session, we will explore what it means to be a generous disciple and a generous church and introduce the Parish Giving Scheme, which can help churches encourage regular giving. Join us as we explore how we can live a more generous life, as God has called us to.

**Canon Jonathan de Bernhardt Wood, Director of Giving at the Church of England's National Giving Team** 'Living Generously' Introducing a new discipleship resource on the different ways we can live generously, inspired by the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet.

**Judi Newman, CEO of St Elizabeth's Hospice** 'Generosity in a Civil Society' Judi has been a charity fundraiser and philanthropy advisor for over 30 years. What defines a civil society? What does generosity look like in a civil society? There are strong themes of service, values and compassion but philanthropy is not a one-directional flow of wealth. Those involved in philanthropy or community fundraising are often surprised by the richness that they receive through their investment of time and a willingness to look afresh at complex challenges. We will look at Compassionate Communities and consider a society that is braver in having tender conversations and is willing to build a culture of generosity in all its forms. [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](http://insight.cofesuffolk.org/building-a-generous-church-conference)

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## Understanding Youth Leaders - Survey

The national 30k Project has commissioned some research to understand how churches are preparing young leaders (volunteers who are under 18 years old) for outward-facing mission work, like a café or food bank. What safeguarding checks and training do they do? What safer recruitment steps are they using? How are they looking after them over time? The findings will help shape new resources for churches which will be added to the toolkit of [JOIN resources](#). The research is being carried out by Styles and Faal Safeguarding who are an independent safeguarding business. **Get involved** - the survey is for church volunteers, young people under 18, and parents/carers to answer an anonymous survey to

provide information about their experiences and views on the recruitment and training of young leaders in the Church. The survey can be accessed [here](#) and the deadline is 31 July.

## Events

### **'Care into Action': How to live out our faith by protecting God's Creation**

Saturday 20 July, 9.30am

Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE



This is part of the Bishops' Teaching Mornings series and will start with an opening address and worship led by Bishop Mike, then a lively programme of speakers:

**'Care into Action':** The Revd Alison Alder, Diocesan Environment Officer, on our environment vision and the exciting projects already happening, including partnerships with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and local parish and town councils.

**'Threads Through Creation'** The Revd Judy Miller, Associate Priest and member of Waveney and Blyth

Environment Group, will focus on worship and reflection, including an opportunity to exchange ideas and good practice.

**'Climate Justice and our Christian faith'** The Revd Richard Stainer, Net Zero Carbon and World Development Adviser, will look at why tackling the negative impacts of Climate Change and working for Climate Justice are fundamental to living out our Christian faith.

**'Why the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon targets matter'** James Rolls, Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officer, discussing the Church of England's commitment to achieving ambitious Net Zero Carbon targets.

Workshops and group discussions about Eco Church and the award areas: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle - the practicalities, available support and Q&A session.

The morning is open to all, particularly environmental advocates and deanery champions, people interested in sustainable, fair living and anyone looking to deepen their faith through action. To book your place, please [click here](#).

### **Pimm's and Praise**

Sunday 21 July, 3.30pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, High Street, Debenham IP14 6QN

Come along for a glass or two of Pimm's and a good sing-a-long of everyone's favourite hymns and songs. Everyone is welcome. Free entry but Pimm's by donation!

### **Westleton Wildflower Festival and Craft Fair**

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July, 12 noon to 5.30pm  
St Peter's Church, Westleton IP17 3BD

This year the spectacular wildflower arrangements in the Church will depict the effects of Climate Change. There will also be craft and plant stalls with refreshments in the Village Hall. Entry is free with donations welcome to support the Church and the Village Hall.

### **Flower & Beer Festival**

Friday 2 August - Sunday 4 August, starting from 2.00pm  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kedington CB9 7NN



Come along to a fantastic Flower and Beer Festival in St Peter & St Paul's church. Taking inspiration from the cathedral, the church will have a lovely selection of flowers and beers to peruse. The church will be welcoming the floristry students from West Suffolk College as they are using the church to display their end of term arrangements - for which they are very grateful!

### **"Churches Under the Sea" Flower Festival and Service**

Flower Festival takes place from Saturday 3 August - Monday 5 August  
Festival Service, Sunday 4 August at 10.00am  
St James' Church, Dunwich IP17 3DX

Come and enjoy a wonderful display of flowers in church, visit the cake, plant and book stalls, and relax over tea and cake. There will also be a Festival Service on the Sunday at 10.00am. All are welcome, do come along!

### **Awake Sleeping Hearts**

Tuesday 6 August, 7.30pm  
Hitcham Church, Ipswich IP7 7NR

Hitcham's Lewis Hammond and his professional singing friends are giving an evening of a cappella music ranging from Renaissance madrigals and French chansons to English folksongs. A summer programme to soothe the soul. Tickets cost £10 or £5 for students and can be [booked here](#). For more information call 07988 948227.

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

Thursday 5 September, 10.00am - 4.00pm  
St Nicholas Church, Felixstowe Ferry IP11 9RZ

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

### **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.

### **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](#).

### **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 Rd, Felixstowe, IP11 9RU

We invite you to spend time, before the pre-Christmas rush, resting in peace & reflecting as Advent approaches at a quiet day led by Sarah Wallington-Smith. 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**

**Spam telephone calls:** We are aware of a church community being targeted with some convincing scam phone calls requesting financial help. If you receive any suspicious phone calls please record the telephone number (if available), hang up and call the police

on 101.

**Love Latitude:** On the weekend of 25-28 July 2024, the fields of Henham Park near Blythburgh become the site of the annual Latitude Festival. The Town Pastor family will assemble once again and the team will once again joyfully gather to serve, care, listen, patrol and pray for the 40,000 attendees and staff throughout the weekend. At the heart of Town Pastors and Festival Pastors is prayer. If you would like some more information or would like to be added to the list of people praying for the ministry of the Festival Pastor team, please contact Clare, Festival Pastors Coordinator, at [felixstowetownpastorscoordinator@outlook.com](mailto:felixstowetownpastorscoordinator@outlook.com).

**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 now as our next meeting to review applications is in September.

**Return of Parish Finance:** Many thanks to all parishes who have already submitted their form. Completing your Return of Parish Finance provides your benefice and our Diocese with valuable information and data. The results of your efforts are collated by the National Church and used to report key trends and features of parish financial activity. Returns are to be submitted on the Online Parish Returns System, if you require login details or any other assistance regarding the online portal, please contact [statistics@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:statistics@cofesuffolk.org) by email. **The online deadline has been extended to 31 July 2024.** There will be no further extension. Further information is available on our [website here](#).

**Give to Go Green:** Last chance to apply for match funding from the national church. Deadline 28 July 2024. All application details available [here](#).

**Energy Footprint Tool:** the deadline is 31 July 2024 - make sure you complete yours. Find out more information on our website [here](#).

## Vacancies

[Historic Church Building Support Officer \(HCBSO\)](#) | Diocesan Office | Closing date: 24 July

[Associate Minister for Mission with Children, Families and Young People](#) | St Margaret's Church, Ipswich | Closing date: 9 August

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

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

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

[Associate Priest with responsibility for Chaplaincy](#) | Debenham High School

St Peter's Church, Westleton is looking for a new Treasurer, Please contact, [David Blencowe](#) or [Jeremy Branch](#) if you are interested.

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