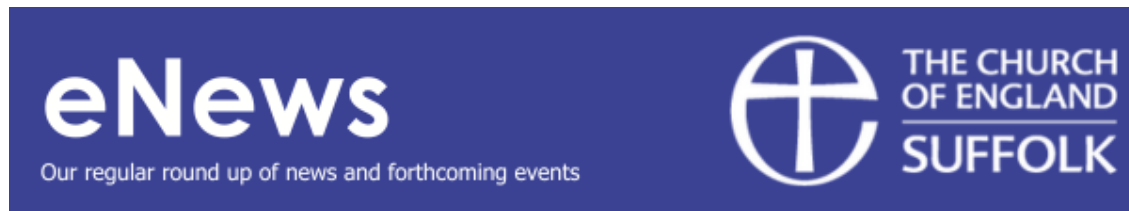


**Thursday 19 September 2024**



### Major milestone celebrated in style



A church which was saved after the community rallied to preserve it for their village and future generations has now celebrated its 550th anniversary. Grade I listed St Nicholas' Church, Denston, near Newmarket, was within a hair's breadth of closing in the 1980s until villagers rallied round and saved the building, widely regarded as the finest small late perpendicular church in Suffolk.

Bishop Martin attended Choral Evensong at the church on Sunday (15 Sept) at the finale of the anniversary celebrations. Read the full story on our website [here](#).

### Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride / Pedal and Drive 2024



On Saturday traffic on the roads of Suffolk were busier with extra bikes and 116 vintage and classic cars, while towns should have seen an increase in walkers. They were all raising money for Suffolk churches as part of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual fundraising day. The numbers of cyclists and walkers taking part will only be known later in the year when all the donations or sponsorship are handed in. Half the money raised will

then go to the church nominated by the participant, and the rest the Trust gives in grants towards restoring historic churches, or providing facilities such as toilets and kitchens. Read the full story on our [website here](#).

### First full immersion baptism for around 900 years



St Mary's Church in Capel St Mary, south of Ipswich held a full immersion baptism for Sophie and Mia in August. Although people have worshipped at the church for around 900 years there is no record immersion baptism having ever taken place. The Revd Sally Letman welcomed over 200 people into the church for the service congregation – including a large contingent

from other Christian Churches in the area. Sally said "*these two amazing young people, have made their choice. They are about to begin the hair-raising adventure, to taste the living bread, to commit their life to Christ and wash away their sins and be born again*".

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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.

**New Eco-Church Support Group launched:** We are pleased to announce that as part of our review into how our diocese supports its churches with their work to care for God's creation, we have set up a new Eco-Church Support Group. The group below have extensive experience of the A Rocha Eco-Church Award Scheme, please feel free to email them for advice. The group includes:

[Mike Turton](#) from Laxfield

[Jackie Orbell](#) from Risby

[Diane Ekins Powell](#) from Mendham

As a group we aim to:

1. Support churches who are currently working towards an award to try and complete their award by December 2024. This is particularly important, as A Rocha are introducing a new survey from January 2025.
2. Give advice and support to individual churches.
3. Provide training for people interested in working towards an award.

We hope to recruit more people to this group so we can have contacts across the diocese and if you would like to get involved please email the [Revd Alison Alder](#), Diocesan Environment Officer.

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**Building a Generous Church Conference:** Please note that this conference has been postponed until 2025. A new date will be announced as soon as possible.

## Events

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

Saturday 9 November, 9.00am, sessions begin at 9.30am  
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. A lunch will be provided. Enquiries to Sarah Brown on 01473 252829 or [sarah.brown@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:sarah.brown@cofesuffolk.org)

To book this event please register on Insight, the Diocesan resource and learning hub, Click [here](#) to register. Please use the email address that you use to receive eNews as held on the Diocesan database. Please click the boxes for your relevant roles. Once registered you will be able to find and see the event booking [here](#), to book please click on register button on the left hand side and follow the booking instructions. If you have any problems using Insight please email [lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org).

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

Saturday 21 September, 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](#).

### **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:

- 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.

### **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 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!

**Saturday 12 October at 5.00pm**

Sublime to the Ridiculous - pieces from Mozart to the singular humour of Flanders and Swann and Tom Lehrer performed by Martin Huggett and Oli King. Admission free with a retiring collection. Cream tea available from 4.00pm.

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

**Be a Chorister for a Day**

Thursday 26 September, 4.30pm to 6.45pm

St Mary le Tower, Ipswich IP1 3BE

Boys and girls in school years 3 - 8 are invited to join Ipswich's nationally renowned choristers for an evening of welcome, singing, rehearsal, a short service and pizza! Children do not require any prior musical experience. Parents and families are welcome to observe the rehearsal and attend the service.

**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 29 September, 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.lightwave@gmail.com](mailto:graham.miles.lightwave@gmail.com).

### **Fytt for thy degree: Clothing and Arming the Typical Tudor Man**

Friday 11 October, 7.00 pm  
Online Talk via Zoom

Attend an informative talk on Tudor clothing, hosted by the Medieval Dress and Textile Society (MEDATS). St Mary's Mendlesham has the only surviving Tudor armoury in any English parish church, still complete with its original arms and armour. The PCC is currently

working with Toby and other leading armour and museum experts for better conservation, display and interpretation of this unique heritage in its Mendlesham Armoury Facelift Project. All profits to go towards the project. Tickets cost £5, order [here](#).

**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 and 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 and 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](#).

**The Abbot Consort of Voices - LIGHT**

Saturday 19 October, 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Thurston IP31 3RU

Come along to an incredible concert featuring music director, Martyn Bagnall with accompanist, Dan Soper. Flor Peeters: Missa in honorem Sancti Josephi Charles Villiers Stanford: Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in C Additional works by MacMillan, Duruflé, Tallis, Lauridsen, Gjeilo and Rheinberger. The collection will be in aid of Church Funds.

**Growing Hope Accessibility Training**

Sunday 20 October, 2.00pm to 5.00pm

St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS

You are invited to attend an Accessibility Training afternoon facilitated by Jennie Prentice from the charity 'Growing in Hope'. There is a voluntary donation of £5 on the day and refreshments will be provided. Details can be found [here](#) or contact St John's Church Office at [info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk](mailto:info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk) or phone 01394 383162.

**Organ Recital by Wayne Marshall OBE**

Sunday 20 October, 6.00pm

St Mary's Church, Ixworth IP31 2HH

Come along to an organ recital by Wayne Marshall OBE. 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).

## PCC Workshops



*You are invited to join us for a series of topic-based Zoom meetings by Diocesan staff and parish 'experts'. Suitable for Treasurers, Churchwardens, PCC members, administrators, as well as clergy and LLMs. Each session will involve sharing information and knowledge with a short presentation and will include plenty of time for you to ask questions. If you have any questions, please contact [Julie Podd](#).*

DAC, Faculties and List B led by Edmund Harris, DAC Secretary | Wednesday 2 October at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)

Net Zero Carbon and the Environment led by James Rolls, Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officer | Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)

Parochial Visitations led by Archdeacon David on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 7.30pm | **Save the date**

Maintenance work and the importance of engaging appropriate contractors led by Pat Forero, The Architect Studio | Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)

Find out more about church boundary disputes, faculty jurisdiction and more led by Kevin Wilson, Diocesan Registrar | Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm | [Book 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](#).

### **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.

### **Faraday Institute Training Events**

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion puts on regular training events especially for church leaders. For more information please [click here](#).

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

#### **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](#).

#### **Diocesan Choral Festival Service**

Sunday 13 October, 1.30pm

All are warmly invited to join the St Edmundsbury Singers and the adults of the Cathedral Choir to sing this year's Diocesan Choral Festival Service. The afternoon will be led by the Cathedral's new Director of Music, Claudia Grinnell, and accompanied on the mighty Cathedral organ by Assistant Director of Music, Richard Cook. At the same service we will be giving thanks for the ministry of Diocesan Elders, so it promises to be a real celebration. Registration by Sunday 6 October is essential in order to take part in this event. Please [click here to register](#) and print your music (as there will not be any copies provided on the day).

#### **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](#).

### **Flooded!**

Friday 15 November, 6.00pm and repeated on  
Saturday 15 November 1.00pm and 6.00pm.

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](#).

### **Prison's Week Service**

Sunday 20 October, 10.30am

This year, the address will be given by the Reverend Wendy Norris, Managing Chaplain at HMP Highpoint. In the Cathedral Centre after the service, there will be an opportunity for discussion and reflection with Wendy, other prison chaplains and serving prisoners, with refreshments provided. After the discussion, there will be a light lunch for which you are warmly invited to stay. If you would like to attend, please RSVP using the [form 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**

**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)

**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](#).

**A pilgrimage to Malta and Gozo 17 - 24 November 2025**

Join an eight-day journey with McCabe Pilgrimages throughout the Maltese archipelago combining a wonderful wealth of biblical, medieval and cultural history. This cultural and historical pilgrimage gives you the opportunity to follow in St. Paul's footsteps both physically and spiritually. Brochure and details available from [revd.wake@btinternet.com](mailto:revd.wake@btinternet.com) or 01394

**Church chairs:** St Christopher's Church, Red Lodge are selling their beech framed, pink cloth and padded, inter-lockable, church chairs. These chairs are in excellent condition with very little wear, and very few other marks or stains. There are a total of 70 chairs, 10 of which have arms and 60 without. Each chair has a book rack underneath, they are stackable in 4's or 5's. The church is asking for £1000 for all of the chairs which will need to be viewed, collected and transported. (This translates to just under £15 per chair. Each of these chairs cost in excess of £100 when new). Also available are 50 steel framed red cushioned stackable chairs. All are in reasonable condition and they are available for a 'reasonable donation' only. These too would need to be viewed and collected from Red Lodge. In the first instance please contact the Revd [David Butcher](#) on 07747 816038.

**Braille Liturgy:** The Revd Canon (Emeritus) Stephne van der Toorn has available a selection of Braille Liturgy. If you know anyone who may be interested please email her for further information [here](#).

## Vacancies

[Historic Church Building Support Officer \(HCBSO\)](#) | Diocesan office | Closing date: 22 September

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

[Management Assistant to Diocesan Secretary - Governance & Information Management](#) | Diocesan office | Closing date: 27 September

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

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

[Giving Advisor | Parish Resources Team](#) | Closing date: 14 October

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

[Children's and Youth Leader | Lightwave](#) | Closing date: 20 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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