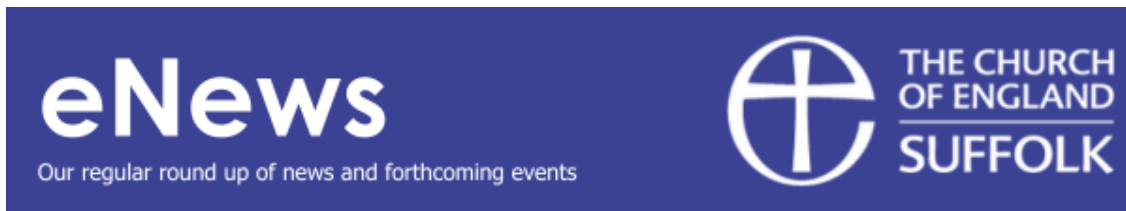


Thursday 26 September 2024



New youth worker for Ipswich church set up under a gazebo in a garden!



Lindbergh Road Community Church was set up in 2020 in the front garden of the home of the Revd Ian Daniels and his wife Julie. The church has just appointed Lauren Crisp-Hihn as their new youth worker - and has recently launched the first Kick Academy programme in Suffolk.

Lauren is setting up a host of activities for children and young people in the community, including Suffolk's first [Kick Academy](#). Lauren said: *"I'm absolutely loving it here, it's brilliant. Kick Academy was set up in London as a way to provide much-needed PE for children and has grown and grown – it's brilliant it is coming to Ipswich. Each session has a focus on one of the fruits of the spirit, while helping young people to be active and learn some new sporting skills."* To read the full story [click here](#).

Priest at newly merged benefice wants to encourage more young people to church



The new priest in charge of what is set to become one of Suffolk's largest benefices says she wants to see the congregation "grow younger and in number".

The Revd Helen Grover was the curate at Cockfield in Suffolk, her first post after being ordained in 2021. She started her new role on Thursday 19 September as Priest in Charge of a newly merged Suffolk benefice, a combination of the parishes of North Hartismere and Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls.

The Revd Grover said she was very excited to start her new role. *"On one hand it's very sad to leave Cockfield – it was such a privilege to be part of such an incredible community, building amazing relationships with the people in the area,"* she said. Read the [full story here](#).

The Faith Award - for a voluntary community faith group

The Suffolk Community Awards celebrate the shining stars in our communities. This year's award ceremony was held on Tuesday and hosted by former BBC Radio Suffolk presenter, Mark Murphy MBE. The Faith Award provides recognition to a faith group that has worked for the benefit of the community and this year it was presented by Tim Holder,



Diocesan Director of Engagement on behalf of Bishop Martin. The winner of the award for 2024 is Just42 which was established almost 22 years ago. Just42 supports local children and young people in the Woodbridge area of Suffolk. They currently offer clubs for children in five local primary schools and run four youth clubs, together with running a project in Woodbridge called Creative Thursdays. Their schools work, offered in both Farlingaye and Kesgrave High Schools, offer a mentoring project called Compass Mentoring and two drop-in lunch-time support groups in each school. These projects have supported over 1,800 young people.

Growing Younger Prayer meetings: You are invited to join the Growing Younger prayer group. 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.



Insight: Insight is the new learning and resource tool developed by the diocese and we are excited to invite you to visit, register 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.

To register, please visit Insight [here](#) and click on the register link on the top right hand side. Please register using the email address that you use to receive this eNews, as held on the Diocesan database (CMS). You can choose to tick all the roles you hold – this will give you access to the items relevant to your roles. If you don't have a role, don't worry you can still register - just don't tick any boxes! You will be asked to provide a password to create your account and you will be up and running.

Once registered you can start exploring the content immediately, just click on the Insight logo to reach our [home page](#) which lets you select from the themes and sub-categories. You can also search for courses, resources and events using the search facility, browse using the '[Learning and resources](#)' button or click '[Calendar](#)' to look for courses and events by date or use the search facility. If you have any technical support questions, please email insightsupport@cofesuffolk.org

Minor Repairs and Improvement Grants



Minor Repairs Grants: The Church of England has a Buildings for Mission initiative and recently provided funds to our Diocese. The funds will focus on small-scale but urgent works and 'stitch in time' projects that could save larger sums in the long-term. The fund will also be able to help cover the cost of essential improvements for the mission and ministry of a church.

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

New Environment Network:

Following the Care Into Action Environment day in the summer, the Diocesan Environment Group has launched a new network for Deanery Environment Champions (DEC) and others keen to take an active role on Environment matters in their church. The aims of the network include:

- Equipping the DECs for their role in the deaneries
- Sharing good practice and good news across the deaneries
- Identifying common difficulties across the deaneries
- Offer support and encouragement to the DECs
- Plan Diocesan or county wide events

The network will also link up with the work of the Diocesan World Mission Officer and our Kagera Link Diocese to ensure there is a global context and climate justice is embedded in all we do. Meetings will be held four times a year with at least two of these held virtually. If you are interested in joining this network, please email the Revd Alison Alder, Associate Priest, Blyth Valley Churches and Diocesan Environment Officer at environment@cofesuffolk.org

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, Lay Ministers, Ordinands, AOP and Lay Ministers in training 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 Clergy, all licensed ministers and ministers in training, 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

To book this event please register on Insight - see above. Once registered you will be able to see the event booking [here](#), to book please click on register button on the left hand side and follow the booking instructions. **Please note:** if you are not booked onto this event we will not be able to make the necessary catering provisions. If you have any problems using Insight please email lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org for more help.

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.

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 by Ninya Mikhaila with Dr Tobias Capwell, 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 Tobias 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](#). For more information see the St Mary's website [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](#).

Elders Celebration Service

Sunday 13 October, 3.30pm

We are delighted to invite all Elders and their family and friends to a Celebration of Elder Ministry taking place in the afternoon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday 13 October. As before, this will be a joint service with the Diocesan Choral Festival Service guaranteeing a wonderfully uplifting service. We will email you more details next week, including how to book. If you know anyone who would like to explore the possibility of Elder ministry, why not invite them to come along too. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Please [click here to register](#) and print your music (as there will not be any copies provided on the day).

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 or phone 01394 383162.

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's & 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 is 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

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. Please note the Thursday 28 event is now fully booked and a new date has been added Friday 29 November in Metfield.

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. Lectures are free to attend all information and booking is available [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. 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). At the same service we will be giving thanks for the ministry of Diocesan Elders, so it promises to be a real celebration.

Prison's Week Service | Sunday 20 October, 10.30am

This year, the address will be given by the Revd Wendy Norris, Managing Chaplain at HMP Highpoint. After the service, there will be an opportunity for discussion and reflection 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](#).

Banana Blush | Friday 25 October at 7.30pm

A very special performance 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! 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. Flooded! will allow us to reflect on our world today with the climate emergency and migration so often making headlines. 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 or 01284 748722.

Notices

Churched Targeted Burglaries and Crime: There has been rise in rural burglaries across Suffolk - with some churches falling victim to having sheds broken into and valuable power tools stolen. We would like to remind you that if your churches store valuable items onsite then it is worthwhile investing in the proper safety precautions - heavy duty locks and shed alarms.

Vacancies

[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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