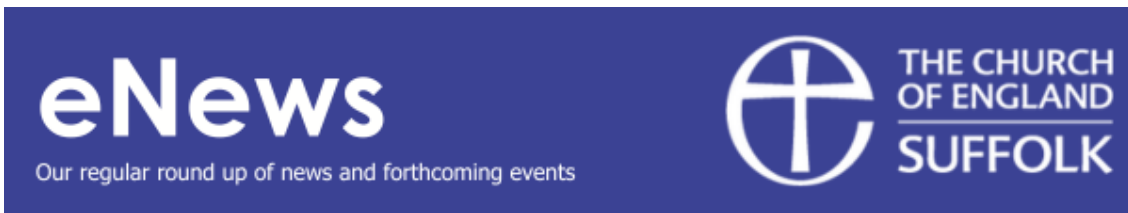


Thursday 23 May 2024



### Young people join Bishop Martin to celebrate his birthday at the Suffolk Show

Bishop Martin is President of the two-day Suffolk Show, an event that coincided with his 70th birthday. He is hoping that the county's iconic agricultural event will inspire young people to take up farming and ensure the rich heritage continues for many more decades.

Bishop Martin said: *"The show celebrates all those people who work so hard in providing food on our plates and showcases the best of Suffolk. Farming has so many opportunities for youngsters to be involved in and the diversity is on show during these two days."* said Bishop Martin. He helped organise 50 young people who wouldn't normally visit the show to attend and introduce them to agriculture as a possible career. Read the full story [here](#).



Handing out long service awards and meeting royalty were among the highlights on the second day of the Suffolk Show. Bishop Martin met Prince Richard Duke of Gloucester for lunch. A cousin of the late Queen Elizabeth II, he is a full time-working member of the Royal Family and he spent the afternoon with Bishop Martin and his wife, the Revd Canon Jutta Brueck, in a walkabout of the many varied stands at the show.

Bishop Martin also launched the Church of England in Suffolk video at the Suffolk Show. It focuses on the voices of young people as they answer key questions about faith and the challenges faced by young people today.



Let's hear the voices of young people

### 'Give to Go Green': an new exciting national funding opportunity

# GIVE TO GO GREEN

'Give To Go Green' is a national church match-funding campaign to help you double your locally-raised donations. Funding is available for churches and church halls/rooms that want to carry out small to medium-sized projects that will reduce their carbon footprint. Match-

funding is available up to £10,000, or 50% of your project costs, whichever is lower. Applications for funding are open now and will close on Sunday 28 July 2024. All the information you need is on our website [here](#).

### The Church of England's Energy Footprint Tool is now open



You can access the tool through the Parish Returns portal [here](#). The data collected from the tool will help your church understand its carbon footprint and

will mean you may be eligible for grants to help kickstart your net zero projects.

**Completing your Energy Footprint Webinar:** James Rolls is offering two webinars to help you with your Energy Footprint. Wednesday 5 June at either 2.00pm or 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to learn how to use the Energy Footprint Tool and find out your church's

carbon footprint. Book either time [here](#) to receive the Zoom link. If you have any queries or need assistance please email [James](#) or call 07394 568404.

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**Diocese Board of Patronage Election:** There is a clergy vacancy on the Diocesan Board of Patronage. Under the terms of the Benefices (Patronage) Measure 1986, this casual vacancy is to be filled by election by the elected clerical members of the Bishop's Council of "a clerk in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to any parish in the diocese." The person elected will serve until 31 December 2024.

Nominations should be emailed to the Diocesan Secretary ([gary.peverley@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:gary.peverley@cofesuffolk.org)) by Friday 7 June 2024. Candidates are invited to submit a CV (100 words) setting out their background and experience - we would welcome applications from younger clergy. The Board is responsible for the appointment of incumbents to benefices where it is either the sole or joint patron. A member of the Board attends the Section 12 meeting, the interviews and the institution service. This responsibility is shared among the Board members, usually on a geographical basis.

There will be a general election for a new six-year term for Board members, starting on 1 January 2025, this will be held in the autumn after the Diocesan Synod elections have been completed this summer.

For further information please contact David Lamming, email [djlamming@hotmail.com](mailto:djlamming@hotmail.com), or call 07968 791135.

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## Events

### **Service celebrating the 30th anniversary of Ordination of Women in Suffolk**

Sunday 2 June, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

It has been 30 years since women were first ordained as Priests in Suffolk in 1994. Since then, the county has been at the forefront of progress, with female clergy now making up half of all priests in Ipswich. Diocesan Advisor for Women's Ministry, the Revd Ali Miller, will preside at the service, with Bishop Martin acting as the Deacon of the Eucharist. Many of those ordained in 1994 will be present at the service. The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester, will be the preacher at the service. Please book using the [link here](#).

### **Too Much Information?**

Wednesday 5 June, 2.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

A talk and discussion led by Stephen Dart, keeper of the Ancient Library, and Chris Eyden, Teaching and Learning Manager at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. The invention of the printing press brought unforeseen and unthinkable changes. In modern times, the invention of the internet and digital technology has similarly revolutionised the world we live in. Centuries ago, some people asked if there was "too much information". Should we be asking the same questions now? Is there anything to learn from the past? Our ancient library contains some of the earliest books ever printed. During this session, you will have

a chance to see some of these books while participating in a conversation about where we feel we have too much information and what we might be able to do about it. This talk is free to attend, please email [ChrisEyden@stedscathedral.org](mailto:ChrisEyden@stedscathedral.org) to book.

### **Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day**

Thursday 6 June 5.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Do join this special Evensong service to mark 80 years since D-Day. The landing and airborne operations of June 6, 1944, marked the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II and is still the largest seaborne invasion in history. The Suffolk Service of Commemoration has been organised in partnership with the Royal British Legion who act as the custodians of remembrance. It will be attended by veterans and current military personnel from across Suffolk. Bishop Mike will preach and the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Clare Euston, and three military representatives will lay wreaths during the service and the Cathedral Choir will sing. The Norman Tower bellringers will join the national initiative 'Ringing for Peace' on 6 June at 6.30pm.

### **Lark Rise Retreat Days 2024**



Lark Rise Retreats in Felixstowe provides a space and time for people to relax with God. Upcoming events with the Revd Dr John Bell include:

Friday 7 June | Celtic, green and godly

Friday 7 June | Using imagination to unlock scripture

Saturday 8 June | Come and sing workshop

To book, please visit [larkriseretreats.org.uk](http://larkriseretreats.org.uk) or call 01394 284213.

### **Rooted in Prayer**

Saturday 8 June, 9.00am to 1.00pm

Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

An invitation to all Readers, Licensed Lay Ministers and Lay Elders to explore journeying in prayer to flourish faith and fellowship in communities and congregations. There will be the opportunity to share prayer resources used across the Diocese, join a workshop to create prayer activities for all ages and explore creating a prayer walk. Reserve your free space [here!](#)

### **Newmarket Jamz**

Saturday 8 June, 2.00pm - 7.00pm

The Severals Sports Pavilion, Newmarket CB8 7YN

Newmarket Jamz is a yearly event aimed at bringing the whole community together to have fun with live music, food, and drinks. This event will be an excellent opportunity to bring the community and all churches together, irrespective of denomination, to reach out with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by showing love to people as we enjoy live gospel music, food and drinks. The event is also looking for volunteers to help set up: if you are available to do this please email [debranchministries@gmail.com](mailto:debranchministries@gmail.com)

### **Open Air Service**

Sunday 9 June

Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve



Join this service offered as part of an A Rocha UK "Act for Nature" event. You are invited to join at any stage in the programme from 12.30pm for a bring your own picnic, 1.15pm Dragonfly & Damselfly ID Walks with expert guides and the 3.00pm Service, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to learn more about A Rocha UK's vision and future plans. For comfort, please bring a chair or rug. For further information, contact Andy Jowitt 07584 751093 / [andy.jowitt@arocha.org](mailto:andy.jowitt@arocha.org)

### **Caring for Creation - A Quiet Day**

Friday 14 June 10.00am

Norton Suite, St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Join Mark Prina and the Revd Canon Mark Haworth at this meeting of the diocesan group of the Society of Catholic Priests. Please bring food to share at lunch-time - drinks will be provided. Participants are welcome to stroll in the delightful gardens. Please book with Michael Wilde on 01284 767415 or email [cormack246@gmail.com](mailto:cormack246@gmail.com). A £10 donation made on the day towards costs would be very much appreciated.

### **Deanery Drop in Session**

Monday 17 June May, 3.00pm

St John's Church Hall, Saxmundham IP17 1ES

This is an exciting opportunity to meet the various teams from the Diocesan office who are there to offer advice on Children's and Families' Ministry, Youth Ministry, Giving, Grants, Discipleship, Communications, Vocations or anything else you'd like to ask – a real opportunity for us to have conversations and help people. Please [book here](#). A further date will be coming up on Monday 8 July – Church Institute, Brandon.

### **Safeguarding Drop-in & Mingle**

Please see the following link to our events for Safeguarding Officers/administrators or clergy working with a Safeguarding role. Come and have a chat, ask questions, and get to know people in a similar role. Car parking is available at each venue.

St Francis's Church, 192 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ on Wednesday 19 June, between 11.45am and 1.30pm [Book here](#)

St Luke's Church, Beccles, 61 Rigbourne Hill, Beccles NR34 9JQ on Tuesday 2 July, between 2.00pm and 3.45pm [Book here](#)

### **'Leading your Church into Growth' (LyCiG for short) is coming to Suffolk!**

Friday 5 July 2024, 6.00pm to 9.30pm | Saturday 6 July 2024, 8.30am to 2.00pm

Sunday 7 July 2024, 2.15pm to 5.45pm | Debenham Community Centre IP14 6BL



We are excited to let you know about an opportunity coming up this summer. 'Leading your Church into Growth' (LyCiG for short) is coming to Suffolk! A free

conference offering practical help to partner with God to grow your church(es), to inspire

church leaders and encourage you to feel that, in your own way, at your own pace, and with God's help you can do it! LyCiG will equip you with a straightforward and workable strategy to enable you to create (or finesse) and implement a Growing in God plan for growth.

More information has been sent directly to your Incumbent and Churchwardens, booking needs to be made as a group through them so please let them know if you are interested! Further information is available here: <https://lycig-2024.eventbrite.co.uk> or email [lycig@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lycig@cofesuffolk.org)

### **American Choir 'Stellarum' Concert**

'Stellarum', the leading San Diego-based chamber choir is to make its first ever international tour; the repertoire ranges from exquisite church music to modern interpretations of traditional songs and pop favourites. Join them at at:

St Nicholas Church, Denston | Concert | Saturday 6 July 6.30pm

All Saints Church, Rede (singing at the Morning Prayer service | Sunday 7 July 11.00am

St Mary's Church, Hawkedon (Compline) | Sunday 7 July 6.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral (Evensong) | Monday 8 July 5.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral (Special concert) | Tuesday 9 July 1.00pm.

For further information please contact: Heather Tilbury Phillips on [htapr@dircon.co.uk](mailto:htapr@dircon.co.uk)

### **Getting Started with Contactless**

Tuesday 9 July, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Discover the contactless devices and opportunities for your church to make the most of cashless-giving in this free webinar run by the National Giving Team. It will be helpful for newcomers to contactless giving, and an opportunity for all to ask questions. Please [book here](#).

### **Clergy Retreat - Led by Bishop Martin**

7 - 11 October 2024

St Andrew's Abbey, Zevenkerken-Brugge, Belgium

The best kept secret in the Diocese! Since 1960 when there was a formal link with Brugge a group of hardy clergy have braved the sea and weather to travel to the Abbey to spend time with the wonderful brothers at St Andrew's Abbey. Speakers in the past have spoken on a range of subjects from World Mission, The Psalms, and more. There are approximately 15 spaces available and you can come with spouses/partners. For more details or to book please contact the Revd David H Messer on 01964 563987 | [davidharrymesser93@gmail.com](mailto:davidharrymesser93@gmail.com).

### **Pilgrimage to Istanbul**

3-12 or 14 May 2025

The Revd Mark Hunt is leading another immersive pilgrimage into the historical and spiritual world of ancient Turkey. Starting in Istanbul, touring all seven of the churches of Revelation, and ending with an optional excursion to Cappadocia. For further information

or a brochure please contact [Mark](#) or call on 07964 941501

### Save the dates:

- Suffolk Churches '**Ride and Stride**' day, Saturday 14 September
- **Building a Generous Church Conference** Saturday 28 September, 9.00am to 4.00pm, Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3EW.
- **World Mission Conference** Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Saturday 12 October, 9.00am - 1.00pm, Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE.
- **Growing Younger Conference** Saturday 2 November, 10.00am - 4.00pm, St Michael's Church, Framlingham IP13 9BJ.

### Notices

#### 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 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 deadline is 28 June 2024. Further information is available on our [website here](#).

**Listen to Bishop Mike as he talks about [preliminary statistics](#)** published last week showing average weekly attendance at Church of England services last year rose by almost five per cent and weekly attendance by children was up by almost six per cent.

[Phil Trow - Steve Saul sits in \(26/05/2024\) - BBC Sounds](#) (at around 32:00)

[Katie Tyler on BBC Radio Oxford - 26/05/2024 - BBC Sounds](#) (from around 39:38)

[Kelly Hinch on BBC Radio Derby - 26/05/2024 - BBC Sounds](#) (from around 46:42)

**Social Media Fraud:** Please be aware of potential social media scams targeting churches. More information [here](#).

**St Mary's, Haverhill, Gap Year opportunities:** An exciting new opportunity will be starting this September to join the Future Youth scheme offering a year's work experience in Youth Ministry. The scheme is suitable for those aged between 18-30 interested in working with children, young people and families in the church and community. For more information please click [here](#).

### Vacancies

[HR Administrator](#) | Diocesan Office | Closing date: 3 June

[Associate Priest with responsibility for Chaplaincy at Debenham High School](#) | Closing date: 10 June

[Inspiring Ipswich Estates Assistant](#) | Closing date: 10 June | Interview date: 18 June  
[Rector](#) | Bacton Benefice | Closing date: 17 June  
[Priest in Charge](#) | Wickham Market & Pettistree | Closing date: 3 July  
[House for Duty Priest](#) | Lakenheath with Santon Downham and Elveden | Closing date: 10 July  
[Priest in Charge](#) | Upper Alde Benefice  
[Rector](#) | Walton and Trimley  
[River Church Opportunities](#) | Kids Pastor (full-time), Debt Centre Manager (part-time) and internships | Ipswich  
[New Opportunities in Ipswich](#) | Inspiring Ipswich

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