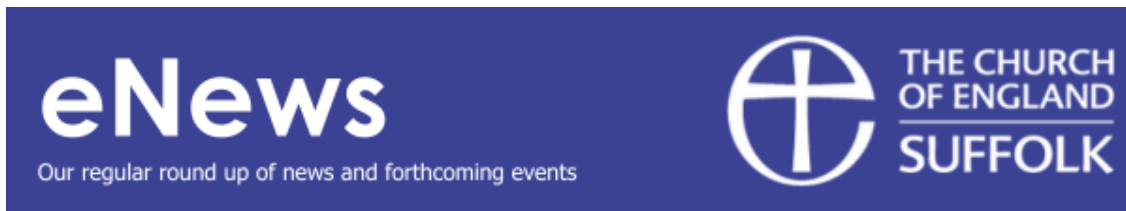


Thursday 4 July 2024



New intake of clergy to benefit Suffolk towns and villages



Men and women from all walks of life including a headteacher, a prison chaplain and a St John's Ambulance volunteer are devoting their lives to serving communities throughout Suffolk after they were ordained priests and deacons at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 29 June.

Bishop Martin ordained the following as priests: Mary Brown, the Benefice of Alde Sandlings; Joanna Gunn, the Benefice of Ipswich, St-Mary-le-Tower; Sarah Hall, the Benefice of Ipswich, St Augustine; Sarah Lock, the Benefice of Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbroke; Doreen Page, the Benefice of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby; Edith Peck, the Benefice of Framlingham with Saxtead; Lorna Penaluna, the Benefice of Ipswich, St Matthew, Triangle and All Saints; Karen Smith, the benefice of the Stour Valley; Alexandra Taylor, the benefice of Beccles, with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby; Katherine Wilson, the Benefice of the Wilford Peninsula and Lightwave Pioneer at The Place by the Water.



He also ordained the following as deacons: Robert Allinson, Martlesham with Brightwell; Phillip Allison, the Benefice of Ipswich St Helen, Holy Trinity, and St Clement with St Luke; Raul Diaz de Arkaia, Forest Heath Team Ministry; Gregory Gooch, the Benefice of Wilford Peninsula; Carole Jones, the Benefice of Bacton with Wyverstone, Cotton and Old Newton, and Wickham

Sketh; Helen Prior-Townsend, the Benefice of Ipswich St Margaret; Gregor Purdie, Ipswich St Mary-le-Tower; Simone Ramacci, the Benefice of Westerfield and Tuddenham St Martin with Westerfield; Alison Roberts, the Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland; Georgina South, the Benefice of Felixstowe St Peter and St Paul with St Andrew and St Nicholas; Amanda Tucker, S the Benefice of Saxmundham with Kelsale cum Carlton.

Read the full story on our website [here](#).

Vacancy in See

Please pray for the discernment process currently underway to find the next Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Prayer for a New Bishop of St Edmundsbury

*Heavenly Father,
send us a bishop
grounded in your love,
a shepherd after your own heart,
a follower of your Way
and a teacher of your Word.*

*Through the wisdom and direction
of your Holy Spirit
enable us so to recognise them,
that we appoint
not the one we think we want,
but the one you are calling.
Through your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Amen.*

Vacancy in See - Public Meeting

By Zoom, Wednesday 17 July, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

This online public meeting will be chaired by Bishop Mike. The Appointment Secretaries of both the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury will be present to provide a short introduction, outline the process and give details of the appointment timetable. This will be followed by a period of listening, during which attendees are invited to comment on the needs of the Diocese and the characteristics and qualities needed in the next Bishop. This is a great opportunity to be part of the discernment process. The meeting is open to all, please share this link with others in the diocese and encourage them to get involved. To register, click [HERE](#).

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Precentor lands new role at St Paul's Cathedral



After 12 years at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, the Revd Canon Philip Banks will join St Paul's Cathedral as Residentiary Canon and Precentor, with his appointment recently approved by His Majesty The King and confirmed by No. 10 Downing Street. As Precentor, Philip leads the oversight, planning and direction of the Cathedral's daily round of worship and special services, he oversees the music department, the Director of Music and choirs as well as working with the verger team on maintaining the beautiful ancient and modern building and ensuring it for generations to come.

The Very Revd Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury, said: "Philip has not only been a loving, supportive and gentle colleague, he has been an outstanding Precentor for St Edmundsbury. His work has been tireless and exceptional, but more than anything else, I have loved how easily he has laughed with colleagues, prayed faithfully, helped to keep the balance of the Benedictine virtues: stability in his hard work, mutuality of obedience in

his collegiality and the way in which one knows that he is always open to growth and change through the constant conversion of life which must be at the heart of all Christian pilgrimage. He has been a wonderful colleague; St Paul's is fortunate indeed, St Edmundsbury will miss him very much."

Philip will remain in post at St Edmundsbury Cathedral until his new role at St Paul's Cathedral begins in the autumn with a welcome service there on 5 October. [Full story here.](#)

Events

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:

St Nicholas's 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

St Benedict Week

6 to 14 July, with the feast on 11 July

The Lay Community of St Benedict (LCSB) is hosting St Benedict Week for the second year. All are really welcome to join in any of the talks, listen to podcasts, and read blogs. The key link which allows you to see what is on offer is www.lcsb.uk/st-benedict-week. The LCSB is a lay-led, inter-generational, ecumenical and inclusive community, founded 53 years ago by the monks of Worth Abbey. More information is available here: www.lcsb.uk.

Churchwarden training 2024

This event has been enormously successful in the past. The training session is aimed primarily at new or nearly new Churchwardens, but experienced ones invariably find that there is always something new to learn. The sessions are also open to anyone who might have reason to think that he or she could be a Churchwarden before long! The session covers Churchwardens' tasks and legal responsibilities, issues about building maintenance and faculties and many other related issues. There is always an opportunity for Questions and Answers. Events will be led by the Archdeacon with contributions from the Diocesan Registrar. Book here for:

[Sudbury Archdeaconry](#) | 9 July at 7.00pm at Cockfield Village Hall, Church Lane IP30 0LA

[Suffolk Archdeaconry](#) | 16 July at 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, Rigbourne Hill, Beccles

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Women's Voices event - Preaching the Women of the Bible

Saturday 6 July, 10.30am – 4.00pm

St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SP

Led by The Revd Canon Dr Liz Shercliff and The Revd Dr Kate Bruce, this event is open to all, but those who preach - lay and ordained - will find this invaluable. Liz and Kate are entertaining and enthusiastic speakers. They will deliver a number of sessions throughout the day and will finish with the first book launch of Out of the Shadows Vol 2 which will be available to purchase. Tea and coffee etc provided throughout. Bring your own lunch. This event is free, please email the Revd Ali Miller for further information:

teamvicarlvnb@btinternet.com. Please book your place [here](#).

Doggy Day: Saturday 6 July, 11.00am-2.00pm

Pet Celebration Service: Sunday 7 July, 11.00am

St Mary's Church Parish Room, Blakenham IP6 0LP

You are invited to a 'Doggy Day' celebration with lots of stalls and activities for dogs. And come along to a very special pet service on Sunday celebrating the importance of our pets, for all furry, feathered or scaly friends of all sizes! Refreshments available for all. For more details please contact Wendy Hooper on: 01473 846642 or wendyhooper@gmail.com.

Choral Evensong

Monday 8 July, 5.00pm

St Paul's Cathedral

The St Mary-le-Tower Girls Choir will be singing Choral Evensong as part of celebrating their 10th anniversary. You are most welcome to attend.

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](#).

Lark Rise Retreats



Thursday 11 July, 10.00am - 4.00pm and Saturday 13 July, 10.00am - 4.00pm

St Nicholas' Church, Felixstowe IP11 9RZ

Exploring Celtic Christian Spirituality through presence, poetry and pilgrimage. The event costs £25 per person to include a fish and chips lunch. Led by the Revd Jane Pearse. To book please email on larkriseretreats@gmail.com or phone on 01394 284213.

Come and Sing Evensong for Sea Sunday

Sunday 14 July, registration from 2.30pm

St Mary's Church, Woodbridge IP12 1DS

Join us in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church in the riverside town of Woodbridge for this service of Evensong with St Mary's choir under the direction of James Davy. You are also very welcome to lend your voice as a member of the congregation.

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

Following an opening address from Bishop Mike, the morning will take the form of presentations and discussions about the practical things we can do to protect nature, live sustainably and work for Climate Justice. To include a talk about the Church of England's commitment to achieving ambitious net zero carbon targets and how this fits into an overall vision of our care for Creation. The morning is aimed at those across the Diocese who are keen to take an active role in promoting our environmental mission in their local areas. To book your place, please [click here](#).

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.

"Churches Under the Sea" Flower Festival and Service

Festival takes place from Saturday 3 August - Monday 5 August,

Festival Service takes place on 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!

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, 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](#).

Holy Listening Course - Laude Abbey

Holy Listening is a training course run by Laude Abbey, designed for those who feel called to accompany others in their spiritual journey and to help them deepen their life with God. The two year course (beginning in January each year) provides a comprehensive program of study and experiential learning in the field of spiritual direction. It offers a unique opportunity for participants to deepen their spiritual lives and develop skills in the art of holy listening. Through in-person retreats, workshops, and practical experience, participants gain the knowledge, skills, and spiritual depth needed to serve as spiritual directors. The Abbey is seeking interested applicants to form their cohort for 2025 and 2026. Applications must be submitted by Friday 27 September, with interviews to be held on 14 and 16 October. For more information and to apply, please visit their [website here](#).

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 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 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](#).

Vacancies

[Programme Accountant](#) | Closing date: 5 July

[Administration Assistant](#) | Mission and Ministry team | Closing date: 5 July

[Rector](#) | The Brett Valley Benefice | Closing date: 8 July

[Bishop's Chaplain \(Interim, fixed term 18 months\)](#) | Closing date: 8 July

[Programme Management Officer](#) | Closing date: 9 July

[Rector](#) | South Hartismere Benefice | Closing date: 10 July

[Lead Chaplain](#) | Sizewell C | Closing date: 10 July

[House for Duty Priest](#) | Lakenheath with Santon Downham and Elveden | Closing date: 10 July

[Children's and Families' Worker](#) | Stanton Benefice | Closing date: 12 July

[Inspiring Ipswich Pioneer - Holy Trinity/St Helen's](#) | Closing date: 15 July

[Giving Advisor](#) | Parish Resources Team | Closing date: 15 July

[Associate Minister for Mission with Children, Families and Young People](#) | 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

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