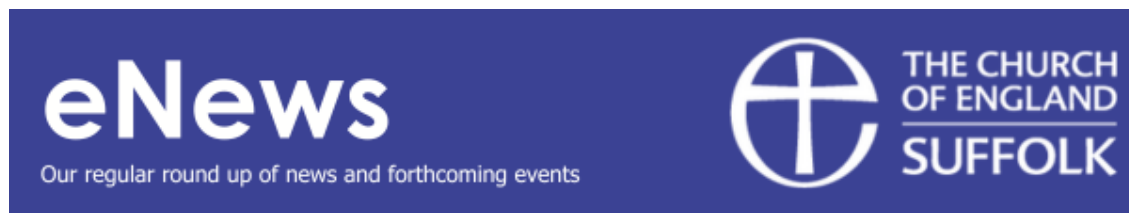


**Thursday 8 August 2024**



**Message from Bishop Martin**



"On my visit last month to Kagera, accompanied by seven others including four teenagers, we made a significant step forward, extending our partnership to the two dioceses that were created out of the original Diocese of Kagera.

The relationship between the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich was set up in 1995 with the original diocese which covered the territory between the Rwanda border in the west and Lake

Victoria in the east, with Uganda providing the northern border.

Over time, as their churches grew, that diocese was carved into three, but the relationship with us had not been extended to the two new dioceses, of Lweru and Biharamulo. This year, with the enthusiastic support of our Bishop's Council, we agreed to remedy this. So on this visit we signed an agreement that all four dioceses – us and Kagera, Lweru and Biharamulo – are committed to a partnership of mutual prayer, friendship and sharing of experience and resource.

It was a joyful moment, and what I realised during this visit was what the two newer dioceses were asking for was connection, a relationship, "so we don't feel on our own." That feeling is mutual too. We are enormously enriched by this partnership, not least in learning how to live with very little, and always with gratitude for what we do have. So a real connection, a bond, exists between us, founded on mutual prayer, friendship and sharing. Long may it flourish. There will be more news on this visit, and the links we made with young people as well as with the cathedral in Kagera, after the summer holidays.

This of course was my last visit as bishop. All who visit the Kagera dioceses have learned and received far more than any of us can say. The relationship has shaped the ministry I exercise, my understanding of the wider world, and my faith. For that I thank God. To find out more about the visit and to see lots more photographs please visit [Facebook](#)".

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*Picture, left to right: Bishop Vithalis of Biharamulo, Bishop Martin, Bishop Godfrey of Lweru and Bishop Darlington of Kagera.*

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### Insight reminder:



Insight is the new learning and resource tool developed by the diocese and we 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. You can 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).

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### Give to Go Green

# GIVE TO GO GREEN

Suffolk churches were selected to take part in '**Give To Go Green**', a national church match-funding campaign to help double locally raised donations. We are delighted that St Mary's Church in East Bergholt is taking part in the programme as they seek to raise funds specifically to help save money on heating costs, which last year totalled over £2,000. The plan is to reduce the draughts coming from the two main church doors by fixing rails and hanging heavy, fire-retardant curtains in the porch and in the West End meeting room, which should keep the warm air in and keep the cold air out. The church is organising a series of events in to fundraise for six weeks, and any donations raised during the campaign will be match-funded by the Church of England.

Saturday 7 September at 7.00am, Men's breakfast, tickets £6. Join us for bacon butties, tea and coffee and listen to our speaker Malcolm Lawson, Secretary of Hadleigh Men's Shed, about the community initiative helping to combat loneliness.

Saturday 14 September at 7.00pm, Classical guitar and accompaniment, tickets £10. Come along and listen to Tim Pells, a well-known local classical guitarist and composer, playing music by Vivaldi, Purcell and Bach and more. He will be joined by celebrity friends!

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!

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.

## Events

### **Mary Sumner Day: Mothers' Union Celebration**

Friday 9 August, 12.00pm

Southwold Pier, North Parade, Southwold IP18 6BN

Friday 9 August is the day we celebrate the life and work of Mary Sumner, who founded the Mothers' Union in 1876. In 2001 a plaque celebrating 125 years was put on Southwold Pier but with the recent renovations, the plaque appears to have 'gone missing'. Join us for an afternoon supporting the MU 'Summer of Hope' campaign and the search to find the plaque! Bring a picnic or grab some fish and chips nearby, bring your family and friends and perhaps a blanket, cushion or a folding chair. At 2.45pm the Royal British Legion Band will play familiar pieces of music with a seaside theme, and at 3.00pm we will hold a short Christian service of Worship and Thanksgiving for all that the Mothers' Union has, and is, achieving. For more information about the Mothers' Union contact Linda Ginn on 01728 648772

### **Beowulf**

Friday 9 August, 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland CO6 4QU

Quill and Inkling will be performing a family-friendly interpretation of Beowulf, complete with fire-breathing dragon. The play includes movement, poetry and puppetry to bring this great Anglo Saxon tale of bravery, honour and loyalty to life. Tickets will be available on the door and online. Tickets cost £15 each, or £10 for children, those over 60, students and people with disabilities. A discounted family ticket for two adults plus two children is available for £45. [Book here.](#)

### **Let all Mortal Flesh**

Saturday 10 August - Holy Trinity, Blythburgh

Sunday 11 August - St Mary's, Woodbridge

Tuesday 13 August - St Peter and St Paul, Aldeburgh

Wednesday 14 August - St Bartholomew, Orford

Thursday 15 August - Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich NR2 2PA

Join the Luceat 2024 Choir tour around East Anglia. The choir was founded in 2017 primarily to give young singers the opportunity to perform in some of Britain's most beautiful spaces, the choir has gone from strength to strength, and now brings together some of the finest young voices in the country. Tickets available in advance from [www.luceatchoir.co.uk/events](http://www.luceatchoir.co.uk/events) or on the door via donation.

### **Mendlesham Summer Festival**

Friday 16 August, 7.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, Mendlesham IP14 5SF

Come along to the Patronal Festival of the Assumption of Our Lady at St Mary the Virgin Church in Mendlesham. Enjoy a Sung Mass, fireworks (weather permitting) and a beer tent and BBQ. Featuring the 14th limited edition of Mendlesham's own Real Ale! All are welcome. For more information please [click here](#).

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

### **Suffolk in Prayer weekend for schools**

6 - 8 September

Suffolk in Prayer is a movement of Christians committed to praying for God's blessing on this beautiful county and its people. They would like to invite you to participate in a prayer weekend for teachers and children as they return to school after their summer break. Please share your prayers for schools, education and teaching by emailing [suffolkinprayer@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkinprayer@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Annual Ecumenical Pilgrimage Walk: Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich**

Sunday 8 September, 3.00pm

St Peter-at-the-Quay Ipswich, IP4 1BF

All are invited to join this pilgrimage walk with Bishop Peter Collins. The walk follows Wolsey's original route and ends at St Mary Elms, the home of the modern shrine. It lasts about an hour and is followed by tea at the Elms.

### **Heritage Open Days**

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Step into history and explore the Ancient Library on Fridays 6 and 13 and Saturdays 7 and 14 September at various times. Discover the wonders of the treasured collection and delve into the stories behind the books with knowledgeable Library Guides. Various 30-

minute sessions are available but spaces are limited so please book [here](#).

Discover the Norman Tower on Saturday 7 September at various times. Find out information about the bells and hear about the art of bellringing, including a demonstration! There are timed visits lasting 45 minutes. Spaces are limited so please book [here](#). There will also be opportunity to 'drop in' on Thursday 12 September between 2.00pm – 5.00pm (no booking required).

Twilight Talks about the Cathedral's tower and stained glass. Light refreshments are included in the tour price. Thursday 19 September, Horry Parsons will share 'More Stories from the Tower' and on Thursday 26 September, Pippa Blackall will share 'How to Make a Stained Glass Window'. Book for these talks [here](#).

### **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.

### **Permission to Preach**

Course training dates for 2024-25 are on Saturdays, 10.00am to 1.00pm, 14 September 2024 | 14 December 2024 | 1 March 2025 | 12 July 2025



The Church of England ensures that all those who preach in public with its authorisation are appropriately discerned, trained and supported with ongoing reviews. Clergy and Readers are trained at a high level to national standards to enable this ministry, and in addition, a bishop can give permission to preach for those who are under the authorisation of the Incumbent and have the support of the congregation via the PCC. If you have a commissioned role such as Elder or licensed ministry such as Evangelist, Pioneer, Children's & Families' Minister or Youth Minister you can gain authorisation to preach (up to six times a year) for three years. For the full details about the discernment process and requirements please visit our website [here](#). To apply and for more information, please contact your Incumbent or email

[lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org).

### **Suffolk Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive**

Saturday 14 September

Join this annual sponsored 'Ride and Stride', a national event when cyclists and walkers raise money for their local county Churches Trust. Also happening is the Pedal and Drive - a rally with a difference! The owners of five of Suffolk's most beautiful and important historic houses have very kindly agreed to open their gates and to act as the assembly and start points including Euston Hall near Thetford, Heveningham Hall near Halesworth, and Crowe Hall in Ipswich. From there you will set out on a tour across Suffolk taking in lovely countryside and remarkable churches as you tackle a fiendish church quiz. And finally end up for teas and prizes at the grand rally where the five teams of cars will all gather together. For more information please visit the SCHAT [website here](#).

### **Harvest-themed Choral Concert**

Saturday 14 September, 5.00pm

St Mary's Church, Barking with Darmsden IP6 8HJ

Come along to a fantastic harvest-themed Choral Concert by the Suffolk Churches Singers. Preceded by refreshments from 4.30pm, in aid of the Church Fabric Fund. Tickets cost £10 from 01473 658583 or are available at the door.

### **Great Glemham Quilt Exhibition**

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, 10.00am - 4.00pm

All Saints' Church, Great Glemham IP17 2DA

Come along and see a bright array of quilts. There will be a sales table as well as delicious refreshments. Entry costs £3. All funds raised will go to All Saints' Church. A good place to stop by and take a break if you are on the SHCT Ride and Stride.

### **Building a Generous Church Conference**

Saturday 28 September

Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3EW



This is a fantastic 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. 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)

### **Bishop Mike's Final Service**

Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

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 3.00pm. 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 2 and 30 October and Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

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](#).

### **County Harvest Festival**

Sunday 6 October, 11.30am, service starts 2.00pm  
Suffolk Showground, Trinity Park, 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.lighwave@gmail.com](mailto:graham.miles.lighwave@gmail.com).

### **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](#).

### **Banana Blush**

Friday 25 October at 7.30pm  
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

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, Betjeman's work remains beloved by countless readers. This performance 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.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

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](#).

### **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.

**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**

**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 before 29 August to be included in our next meeting to review applications in September.



**Develop a daily connection with God - new app launched:** Connect with God with the new Everyday Faith app launched by Church of England and Church House Publishing. The app responds to overwhelming demand for an app that delivers inspirational reflections year-round rather than focussed on seasonal content for example during Lent and Advent. The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme. Everyday Faith is now available to download for iOS: download [here](#) and Android: download [here](#).

**Please note: there will be no issue of eNews on 22 August 2024.**

## Vacancies

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

[Bishop's Chaplain \(Interim, fixed term 18 months\)](#) | Closing date: 14 August

[Associate Priest](#) | St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich | Closing date: 19 August

[Children's and Families' Worker](#) | The United Benefice of Stanton | Closing date: 31 August

[Associate Priest](#) | Debenham High School | Closing date: 18 September

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

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

[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. All Saints' Church, Wetheringsett are also looking for a new volunteer Treasurer, please contact [Tim Rowe](#) for more information.

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