



Thursday 29 October

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Growing in God



Information and guidance for churches during the Covid-19 pandemic is regularly updated. Please visit the Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information.

Host a 'Generosity Week.' in your church

The Church of England's Giving Team have produced a new series of week-long resources (Sunday to Sunday) to encourage people to live generously.

A core part of the material is eight daily podcast reflections exploring generosity in the Bible through a verse of scripture followed by a reflection by a range of contributors from across the country. Contributors include Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Revd Harry Steele, Rachel Mander, Phil and Dani Knox, Fr Paul Thomas, Hazel Lynch and Robin Peake.

Generosity Week can be adapted for all traditions of The Church of England and all the materials are free and available to download from [Parish Resources](#).



Raising funds in All Saints', Rede



As with so many churches, All Saints', Rede is facing some extremely tough challenges due to Covid-19, with all 2020 fundraising opportunities cancelled and the on-going impact into 2021 impossible to gauge.

In an endeavour to be creative and come up with something that might help, Freddie the Border Terrier hatched up a plan to walk to 50 churches during October (appropriately wearing his dog collar!), all within 12 or so miles of All Saints', Rede. He did this by grouping the 50 churches into 12 separate cross-country public footpath walks and had many happy hours 'pawing' over OS Maps to

find the paths that would link the churches in the best possible way.

To make this a fundraising adventure, Freddie started looking for sponsorship and set up a Just Giving page, he sent out over 80 emails, far and wide, keeping his paws firmly crossed for some response.

Freddie did his first walk on Thursday 1 October and reached his target of visiting the 50 churches on Friday 23 October. He covered just under 70 miles, so it was probably a good thing he didn't work that out before he started! Despite this, his legs seem no shorter than at the outset, but the one thing that is certain is that he now has more energy than ever. His followers are not quite so sure they feel the same!

Freddie has had the most extraordinary support and thanks to the generosity of so many he has raised an astounding £1,860 with donations still coming in. You can imagine the huge difference this will make to All Saints'.

Never one to miss an opportunity, Freddie asks that if anyone feels inspired to support him by making a donation they should go to his Just Giving [page](#).

If anyone would like to know more about the walks please do let Freddie know by e-mailing simonpratten@outlook.com and he would also be very happy to supply individual maps of any of the walks, for a small donation of course!

No Bribes Please – We're British!

Free Lunchtime Business Webinar
Thursday 12 November, 1.00 - 2.00pm

At our next lunchtime business webinar, guest speaker Grant Smith will share about business life in the UK and East Africa.

Grant Smith is founder and CEO of Hand in Hand Group, a company set up to fight poverty through commercial business, primarily in East Africa but with values that apply



everywhere. A quantity surveyor by profession, with over 30 years' experience in the industry, he has created some wonderful employment opportunities and an innovative construction business in Kenya. He is also the author of "The Accidental Social Entrepreneur" with fantastic stories to tell of how business can and does change lives in the most difficult of places. Sign up now: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/no-bribes-please-were-british-tickets-124400225423

Rediscovering Prophecy with Bishop Mike and Ceri Harris

Free workshop on Zoom
Saturday 14 November, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Jesus said that his followers would "hear his voice." The apostle Paul tells us to "eagerly desire the gift of prophecy." So how do we learn to listen, and what does it mean to listen together?

Join us for a taster workshop in learning to listen and in building a prophetic culture that is healthy and wholesome in our churches. Remember, prophecy is a gift to encourage and we all need that! To sign-up to this free workshop please visit: www.rediscoveringprophecy.eventbrite.co.uk

Power of Prayer week

15 – 22 November 2020

Through the pandemic the number of people searching for information on prayer on the internet has been enormous. If you are curious about prayer and would like to learn more about praying then the 'Power of Prayer week' could be for you! Multi-denominational church leaders in Suffolk will be offering a short daily video clip on teaching and reflection on a line from the Lord's Prayer. There will be at least one prayer event also taking place each day – why not join in?

For more information head over to the Suffolk in Prayer [Facebook group](#), where the videos will be posted, along with prayer resources and details of prayer events taking place. If you would like to be involved in leading a prayer event during the week please get in contact with Kathy Wilson at thefarmbythewater@gmail.com.

The week will end with a county-wide Ecumenical celebration at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 22 November 2020, which will be livestreamed from the Cathedral Facebook page [here](#).

Be a Chorister

Saturday 21 November 2020 2.00pm - 5.00pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A fun afternoon for boys and girls aged 6-11. This is an action packed singing afternoon with activities, games and pizza and each person will receive a special Cathedral goodie bag!

For a full listing of events at St Edmundsbury Cathedral please click [here](#), events include Arrow for St Edmunds, Organ Festival Recitals, All Saints and All Souls Remembrance Sunday, An audience with Vanessa Redgrave CBE and Terry Waite CBE, St Edmund Day and more.

Bishops' teaching morning

Saturday 28 November 10.00am - 12.30pm

Mark's Gospel - the earliest, punchiest, shortest of the gospels and the one which has centre stage for the Sunday readings for the Church's year from Advent 2020 to 2021. Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike will be taking a look at the distinctive nature of this gospel, considering how Mark portrays Jesus and highlighting some of the major themes and characters Mark emphasises... all from the comfort of your own house, by Zoom. Free of charge, but please register on Eventbrite: <https://bishops-teaching-morning-nov-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>

The Last Things - Advent series with Bishop Mike

Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.00pm

By Zoom

This four-part Advent series will look at themes of death, judgement, heaven and hell. Advent has traditionally been a season associated with awaiting Jesus Christ's coming again "in glory to judge the living and the dead". While the traditional scripture readings have preserved this emphasis and with it a focus on the 'last things' - death, judgement, heaven and hell - there has in recent times been little reflection on such themes, with the ever increasing stress on Christmas and preparations for Christmas tending to overshadow Advent. These sessions are ideal for individuals or Advent study groups. Free of charge, but please register for each session on Eventbrite:

[Tuesday 1 December - Death](#)

[Tuesday 8 December - Hell](#)

[Tuesday 15 December - Judgement](#)

[Tuesday 22 December - Heaven](#)

Advent Vigil - Hope and Light

Sunday 29 November 4.30 – 5.30 and 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Rehearsals at 3.15pm.

St Mary-le-Tower, Tower Street, Ipswich IP1 3BE



Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. Join the choir in singing chorale music from across the century. Conducted by Christopher Borrett with musicians from St Edmundsbury InHarmony Project.

For further information download this [poster](#), and for booking details for all St Mary-le-Tower events please click [here](#).

Also look out for the St Mary-le-Tower Christmas Tree festival from 26 November to 2 December with fun activities for all ages.

Notices

Small grants available for your church's Christmas festivities! - Final call for the Diocesan Growing in God Growth Fund which is offering small grants to help your church reach out creatively to its community this Christmas time. More details such as eligibility requirements and the application form are available [here](#).

APCMs - Please note that the deadline for holding APCMs is 31 October 2020.

Annual Report and Accounts - We would be very grateful if you could submit your Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 as soon as possible to julie.podd@cofesuffolk.org or post them to: Julie Podd, Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ.

Electoral Roll Certificate - We would be grateful if parishes could complete the Electoral Roll certificate by 31 October 2020 and return by email to alison.barker@cofesuffolk.org or by post to Alison Barker, Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ.

Sunday's Bible readings - The Revd Canon Tim Jones has produced a series of Bible readings in a word search for you to use. These will be available weekly, please download this [word search](#) suitable for Sunday 1 November.

Calling all Editors! - Would you like some extra content, advice and inspiration for your church magazine, plus the possibility of meeting up with other editors to exchange ideas and discuss problems? The Association for Church Editors is a not-for-profit organisation aiming to help church editors of all denominations improve their magazines. Visit www.churchmag.uk for some free help and find out what membership can offer you and your team for only £10 a year?

Which magazine is best? The search is on for Britain's best church magazine. Entries are now invited for the annual competition run by the Association for Church Editors.

For the coming 2021 competition, which closes on 1 February, awards will be made for any sized church magazine, excluding A5, and printed in colour. The prize-giving is open to everyone, to be held, hopefully, at Westminster Central Hall on 19 June 2021. The event will include a lecture and workshop on effective magazines. To enter the competition please visit: www.churchmag.uk

Vacancies

[Parish funding and grants advisor](#) | Closing date 4 November 2020

[Part-time Mission Assistant \(Helping Hands\)](#) | Closing date 2 November 2020

[Part-time Mission Assistant \(Administration\)](#) | Closing date 2 November 2020

[Children's and Families' Worker/Pastor for Lindbergh Road Community Church](#) | Closing date 12 November 2020.



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