Communicating Good News and Making New Disciples
Together with the rest of the Church of England in Suffolk we’re working to ‘Grow in God’, to:

Grow in Depth
Grow in Number
Grow in Influence
And to Grow Younger
God has been **faithful during the last year** and there is much to give thanks for, amidst the difficulties.

Here are just a few of the many things which have been happening...
We are Growing in Depth

Prayer | Worship | Vocations | Unity | Discipleship | Leadership | Stewardship | Pastoral Care
In January our Deanery Prayer Facilitator (also Administrator), Helen, joined to help us pray.
Prayer is important to us.
Many use this **Inspiring Ipswich prayer** daily.
The amazing Dawn and Tracey (MIE) prayer-walked the perimeter of Ipswich on one of the hottest days of the year!
Our Garden-Suburb Prayer-Walkers have been praying around the area where new houses will be built.
St Francis in Chantry and others are helping the town to ‘try praying.’
Many join Bev and the Whitton team in nightly Compline.
Charlotte, Amy & Linda help Ipswich people explore their vocation in the ‘Ipswich Calling’ group.
Churches in Rushmere, St Mary Elms & elsewhere offer a peaceful place for prayer.
John, our new Deanery Organiser, is helping parishes with finances and stewardship.
Emma at St Thomas’ showing how useful contactless payment can be.
Our Churchwardens shared stories of their churches over breakfast and a summer tea party.
The Deanery gathered for the ‘Leading your Church into Growth’ (LyCiG) weekend in November.
And again in March...
Mutual Support! Father John has been helping St Mary Stoke during their vacancy. Thanks FJ!
Ongoing pastoral care is offered by our wonderful Deanery Chaplains, Catherine & Alan.
The *Missional Leaders’ Lunch* group has met most months.
The first Deanery *Growing Leaders*’ group celebrated completing the course!
We are Growing in Number

New Worshipping Communities | Opportunities to explore | Evangelism | Mission Accompaniment | Parish Plans
The Learning communities, supported by their Mission Accompaniers, have been implementing their parish plans.

No 1. Facilitate existing groups - Little Treasures(25), Men’s Group(10), Messy Church(35), Seniors(12), Youth Group(15) & Only Girls Allowed(15) to think missionally and to grow by 100% overall

No 2. Identify and facilitate 3-5 new groups, fresh expressions or missional groups to reach out to 100 new people

No 3. Encourage, build up and facilitate 100 individuals (congregation) on their frontlines to reach 5 people each

No 4. Strengthen the identity of St Matthew’s to include communicating common purpose & deepening discipleship

(New mission statement – ‘prepare all generations to impact lives for Christ’)

St Matthew’s Inspiring Ipswich Plan
Andy Chrin, Mission Enabler & Youth Worker at St Matt’s, has been helping the congregation to grow new disciples.
250 copies of this gospel booklet were distributed to help pop-up shop customers explore faith.
Green Church has been going for a year, helping all ages to explore the Christian faith in outdoor spaces.
And ‘Wellsprings’ over at St Peter’s Stoke Park has started up.

11:00 - 13:00
Wellsprings Wellbeing Hub
All ages welcome

13:00 - 14.30
Wellsprings Wellbeing Group
For adults, with optional time of worship

A place to make friends, be friends and bring friends

Where it’s OK not to be OK

Any questions, contact Alicia.Holmes@cofesuffolk.org

St Peter's Church
Stoke Park Drive
IPSWICH IP2 9TH
The monthly Spanish Church has taken off at All Saints.
Bridge Church members were sent out by St Matt’s in January 2020. Now...
They’re ready to welcome the world!
Community Repair Café

Sunday 10th October
10am – 12noon Bridge Church
St Nicolas Centre, 4 Cutler Street IP1 1UQ

Bikes  Small electricals  Tech help  Clothes/textiles

Do you have a computer in need of an update; a bicycle with a flat tyre or a jumper with a hole in it? Bring items in need of minor repairs along to our Community Repair Cafe. Our volunteers can help with minor bicycle, computer, clothing repairs and more!

Why not come along anyway to share a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake (and see what we are doing).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

@bridgechurchnipswich
A busy year for St Augustine’s – a new Vicar and two church plants, LRCC and River Church...
Lindbergh Road Community Church (LRCC) meet under their now-famous blue gazebo.
Ian and Julie (LRCC) with their balloon-art logo.
Closer to town, Amy and Matt worked with their team to get the new premises on Key Street ready for River Church.
New signage went up...
The River Church team grew!
... and River Church officially opened its doors on the 26 September!
140 came to the first Sunday service.
And many took advantage of the Selfie Board.
Alpha and Start courses continue to multiply with new disciples, like these from St Augustine’s, getting baptised.
We are Growing in Influence

Service to our local community | Pop Up Shops | Kintsugi Hope courses
Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing courses have been in demand at All Hallows (pic), St Peter’s, Chantry Academy and elsewhere.
Renew Wellbeing Cafés are also beginning to emerge like this one at St Augustine’s.
The St Francis Basic Life Pop Up Shop is now almost 5 years old and still going strong.

Pic: St Francis
Pop-up volunteers, like Dave, are now exploring faith.

Pic: All Hallows
Customers often queue for hours before the shop opens and good relationships are being built.

Pic: St Matt’s
Friendships among volunteers are deepening.

Pic: MIE
Pop-up shops are creating great community links.

Pic: Whitton
Grants from the Suffolk Community Foundation proved a God-send this summer.

Pic: Triangle Church
Pop-Up Customers are now coming to well-being courses and church.

Pic: St Peter’s, Stoke Park
And some of the Pop-up Customers at St Helen’s have started coming to Safe Harbour, a new church for those ‘battered and bruised by the storms of life’.
We are Growing Younger

Children & Families | Youth
Young Adults
The Ipswich Messy Church Family began their world tour in September after hundreds of Messy bags were given out during lockdown.

St Peter’s, Stoke Park
Ravenswood
Next year... Near you?
The first monthly Ravenswood Messy Church began in September with 45 and 15 helpers.
Children at St Francis are helping the church to fly!
Children are joined by some friends at St Andrew’s Rushmere.
The new youth space at St Francis now regularly attracts 15-20 teenagers.
Julie Daniels, Children’s and Families’ Pastor at LRCC, runs the popular and replicable ‘Games on the Green.’
Matt, Youth Worker at St Augustine’s and LRCC, reaches out to teenagers in the parish.
Kiran has been using spoken word poetry at Ipswich Academy to reach younger generations.
Linda, new University and College Chaplain, has been enjoying term with real student contact.
And a few other things happening in the deanery...
New Life in South-West Ipswich as ‘SWITM’ ended in August and 3 new parishes were born.
The new Church Army Suffolk Centre of Mission, (based at St Peter’s) has been recruiting … watch this space!
Dimitri became the new curate at St Matt’s in the summer.
Marion became Assistant Priest at Rushmere St Andrew.
Rachel and John have joined St Thomas.
Tom started at St Mary Le Tower in early October.
And coming up: Want to join the Angel’s song? Inspiring Angels are coming to town this Christmas! Do not be afraid. They bring tidings of great joy!
And there’s lots, lots more...
Do send us your stories for next time.

Thanks for watching.

If you want to show this at your church or group please contact
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‘Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory throughout Ipswich.’

Ephesians 3:20-21 (adapted!)