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Community Engagement

A prayerful Christian presence
Shaping outward facing engagement in the community.

Coffee, cake and community helps villagers through tough times



A fortnightly café in St Mary's Church in Combs, is helping local people - through the power of community.

The 'Meet up Monday' morning café is run at the church hall by the Revd Alison Lay and a team of volunteers and it attracts new people almost every week. Alison said:

"The café has grown considerably as we advertise with posters and on social media. People come along to be themselves, have a coffee, cake and a chat with a friendly face – and they often help each other." Read more [here](#).

Suffolk town 'buzzing' at inaugural autumn fayre



St Peter and Paul Church in Eye was "buzzing with energy" as it hosted its first ever autumn fayre in the October sunshine alongside the town's art exhibition and craft fayre. Activities on offer included a scarecrow competition, a dog show and a catwalk inside the church. Town rector, the Revd Dr Guy Sumpter (pictured), also played his 20 keyless street organ as

part of the celebrations. Father Guy said "It was wonderful to see everyone come together. Large numbers of people explored the church inside and out as we welcomed everyone to relax with a coffee and cake, and I am most grateful to all who helped and supported the event in so many different ways."

General Synod Elections

We are delighted to announce that this diocese's representatives on General Synod for next five years (2021-2026) are:

House of Clergy representatives:

- The Revd Canon Andrew Dotchin
- The Revd Leslie Siu
- The Revd Virginia Williams

House of Laity representatives:

- Tony Allwood
- Andrew Gray
- Jeanette Appleton

We hope they enjoy their experience as they represent our views, ideas and concerns.

Events

Communion in Fresh Expression of Church

Thursday 21 October, 9.00am to 1.00pm

St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

Want to offer communion in your Fresh Expression of Church? This morning looks at the heart of holy communion - its biblical and historical roots and how the service continues to be contextualised for new situations and cultures. We will look at your situation and equip you to lead your congregation in designing a celebration to fit your context and community. Book your place [here](#). There is no charge for Lightwave groups, but general admission tickets are £10.00. For more information please contact nina.seaman@cofesuffolk.org, or tel. 07394 559889.

Prisons Week service

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Sunday 17 October 10.30am

St Edmundsbury Cathedral will hold a special service at to mark Prisons Week. The service will include prayers for prisoners, victims and staff, and involves prison governors and chaplains from HMP Highpoint, HMP Warren Hill and HMP/YOI Hollesley Bay. Bishop Martin will preside at this service of Holy Communion. The address will be given by Catherine Todd, Chaplaincy HQ Advisor and Quaker Faith Advisor. Following the service there will be a Q&A session with Catherine, the Revd Deacon Alan McMahon, Managing Chaplain at Highpoint, and the High Sheriff, Mr Edward Creasy. All are welcome to the service. No pre-booking is required.

Living in Love & Faith Forum

Stowupland Village Hall, 3 Church Road, IP14 4BQ

Saturday 30 October, 2.00pm

Please join this forum for an open, honest and gracious listening, learning and discussion

of what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change. Presented by Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury, and Sally Gaze, Archdeacon for Rural Mission, who will share their different convictions and hope it will inform your thinking and participation in the discernment of ways forward in our church at this time. Please book by Friday 22 October by emailing: deanspa@stedscathedral.org or phone 01284 748720.

Bishops' Teaching Morning - Introducing the Gospel of Luke

Saturday 6 November 9.00am to 12.30pm

The Salvation Army Hall, 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

The gospel readings for 2021-22 follow Luke's Gospel so, in preparation, the bishops will be looking at it and considering its main themes. Free of charge, but please register on Eventbrite [here](#).

Growing in God in the Countryside Discernment

Saturday 6 November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm (free lunch will be served at 1.00pm).

Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

Join Lightwave for an opportunity to be part of the discernment to discover how the Lightwave Community should explore God's vision for the future. The session will include: Worship, Bible and testimony, Where have we seen God at work? What scriptures have spoken to you in relation to Lightwave? End-visioning and Prayer, worship, collecting cards and sharing in large group. Please book [here](#) or contact nina.seaman@cofesuffolk.org for more information.

Building a Better Future: Re-imagining the Social Contract

12 November between 9.30am – 4.30pm

St Mary's London, York Street, London W1H 1PQ (online streaming tickets are available)

Christian Aid Salt Business Network has joined with the Church of England's Faith at Work campaign to deliver a programme of inspirational, pioneering and courageous lessons from transformational leadership, designed to boost your impact in the workplace and across your spheres of influence. You will be inspired, resourced and informed how to re-imagine the social contract and become a transformational leader. Whether you are a business, church or organisational leader, or feel called to the workplace this conference is for you. Please click [here](#) to book.

Series of webinars from CPAS

CPAS has local church mission at its heart. As an Anglican evangelical mission agency, they believe that the message of the gospel is relevant to all people, and that effective local church ministry is the key to seeing men, women, young people and children come to faith in Christ. They are offering a series of November training events for church leaders, which may be of interest to ordained and lay leaders:

PCC Tonight | Online | 4 November 7.00pm - 9.20pm | Book [here](#).

Leadership Webinar | Online | 17 November 10.00am - 11.00am | Book [here](#).

Leading with Courage | Online | 25 November 9.15am - 12.30pm | Book [here](#).

Sight Loss Friendly Church Tasters

Every six minutes someone in the UK starts to lose their sight. Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC) from Torch Trust, the UK Christian sight loss charity, are pleased to announce further dates of their popular 30 minute Zoom Taster sessions which offer the opportunity to hear all the benefits of SLFC, meet the SLFC team and ask your questions. Session dates are: Wednesday 10 November at 2.00pm | Tuesday 16 November at 11.00am | Wednesday 12 January at 2.00pm | Monday 24 January at 2.00pm.

To register please visit [here](#) or for more information please email SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk

Pilgrimage Iona - 30 September - 7 October 2022

The Revd Canon Mark Haworth is leading a pilgrimage to the sacred Scottish island of Iona (as featured in Ben Fogle's new BBC documentary series) and would welcome anyone interested in joining to contact him at mhaworth50@hotmail.com or by phoning 07932 160009 for details of transport, itinerary and accommodation.

Notices

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

Healing ministry course video series: If you are interested in healing ministry, are part of a healing ministry team or want to set up a healing group then this series of videos is for you. Each video is taken from a course delivered by Bishop Mike and Jackie Sears who are part of the diocesan Healing and Wholeness group. The topics covered will include foundation in prayer, faith and discipleship; helpful skills and attitudes; problems, difficulties and questions; developing a healing team; and good practice in healing ministry. A recording of each session will be posted online as they become available [here](#).

Chancellor's Rule on Live-Streaming Cameras

The following works may be undertaken without a faculty, and work may be done via List B application to the archdeacon, provided that in each case, the conditions set out below have been satisfied:

The installation of live-streaming cameras and other equipment for the purpose of transmitting and recording live images via electronic means:

1. The DAC has been consulted and has recommended the installation
 2. The PCC has resolved to proceed with the installation
 3. Where anything is to be fixed to the fabric of the church, the details of the fixings shall be approved and the installation shall be overseen by the church's architect or surveyor so as to minimise damage and visual impact.
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Anti Slavery Day on Monday 18 October: Please do all you can to raise awareness of Modern Slavery. There are apps and liturgical resources available on the Clewer website [here](#). On Monday, Bishop Mike will be speaking with students at the University of Suffolk between 12.00 and 2.00pm. And the Cathedral will be lit up red to convey the need to STOP Modern Slavery.

Vacancies

[Mission Focussed Team Minister](#) with a focus on children, families' and youth ministry | 0.5 | Open to lay and ordained people | Closing date: 5 November.

[Youth Worker \(Part-Time\)](#) | Bridge Church | Closing date 25 October 2021

[Children & Families' Pioneer Worker \(Part-Time\)](#) | Bridge Church | Closing date 25 October 2021

[Lead Evangelist](#) | [Lightwave Pioneer Evangelist](#) | [Pioneer Evangelist](#) | We are looking for the right candidates to fill positions in the new Suffolk Centre of Mission, a hub for evangelism in our diocese.

[Organist and Director of Music](#) | St Mary's Woodbridge & Great Bealings | Please contact fnprior10@gmail.com Tel. 01394 610424.

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