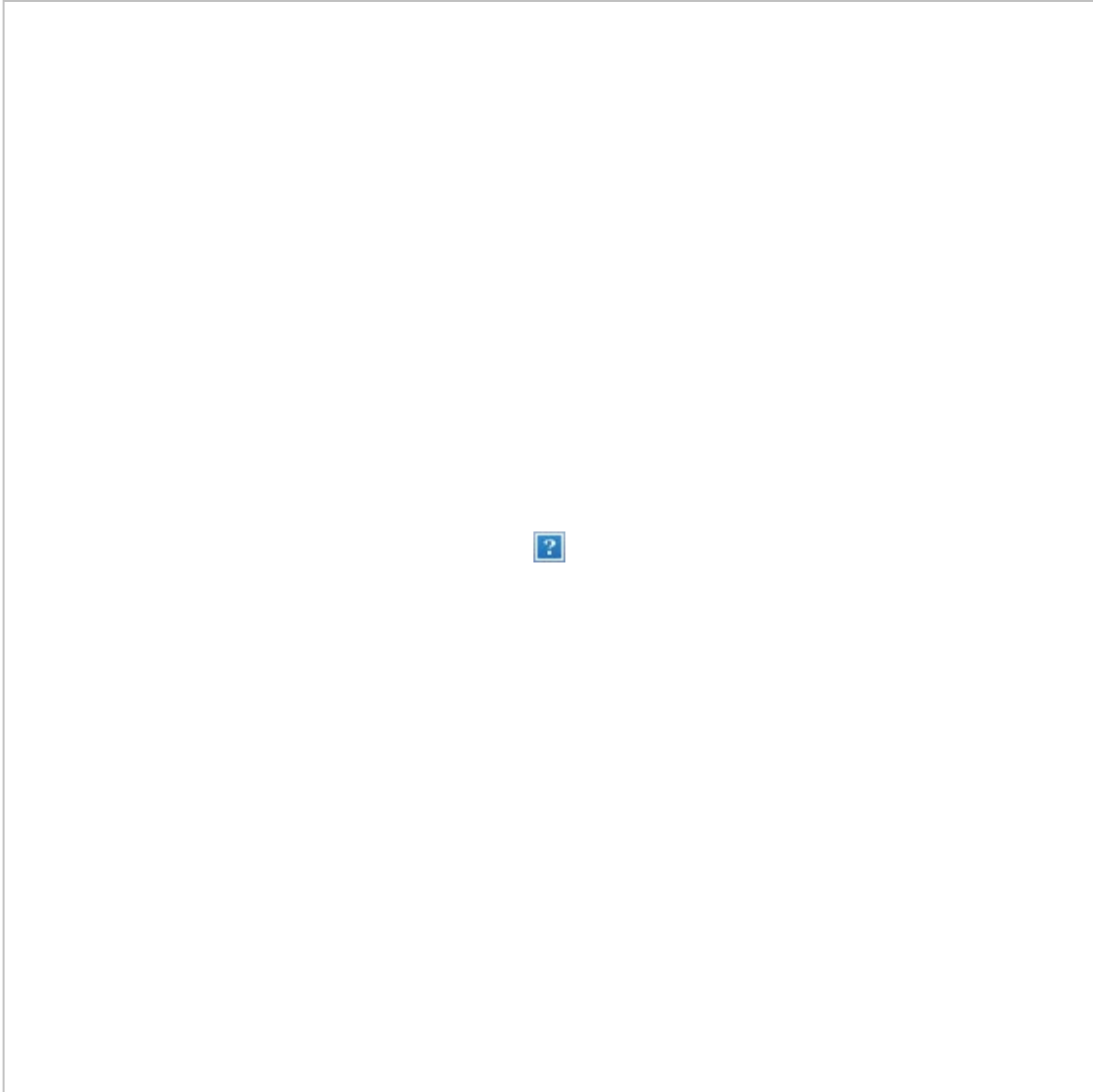
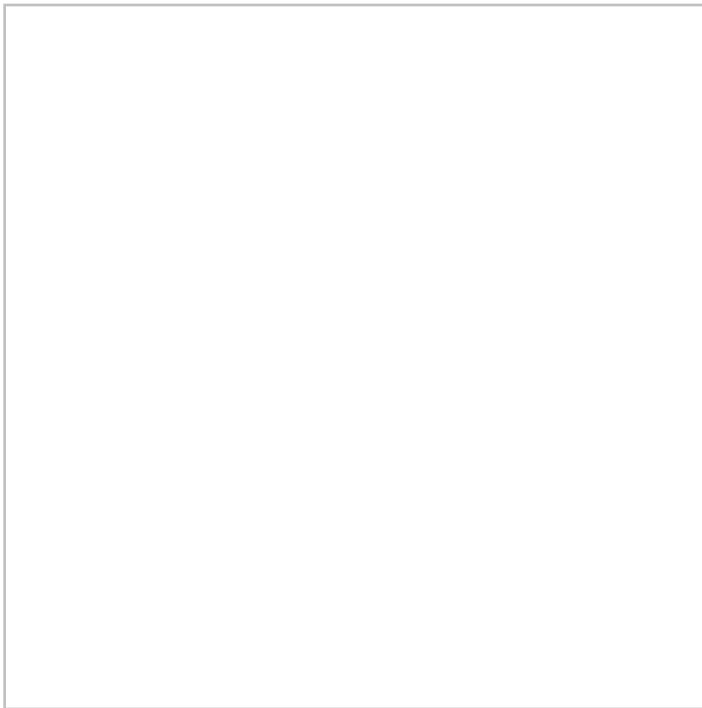


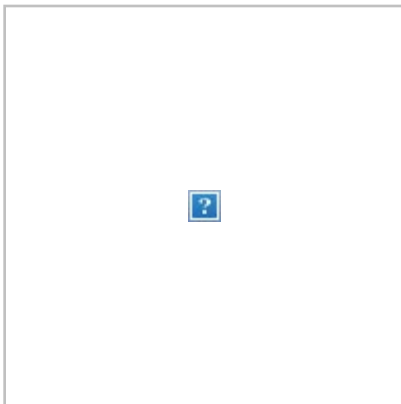
Our regular round up of news and forthcoming events from our diocese [View this email in your browser](#)



Thursday 30 September



Contactless giving comes to Suffolk as part of national scheme



Through the Church of England pilot scheme, last week we handed out contactless donation devices to 30 churches in the diocese, equipping them with either a Payaz Giving Station or CollecTin More machine.

Tom McKenny (pictured), Deanery Organiser and Treasurer in Stoke by Clare said: *"I am very pleased to receive one of the contactless payment terminals for our church. Allowing people to donate in a way that is convenient for them is important for both us as a church and for our local community. Churches like us up and*

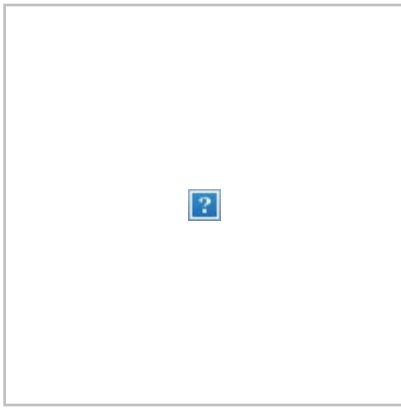
down the country have really missed our visitors during the Covid-19 pandemic and allowing them the opportunity to donate digitally is so important."

Unsurprisingly perhaps, significant shifts towards digital donations, away from cash, have been seen across the Church of England. Many churches offer congregations the option to give online, via QR codes and through the Parish Giving Scheme (direct debit).

For more information on contactless giving and the "Generous Churches" scheme, please click [here](#).

Take part in Home for Good Sunday this November

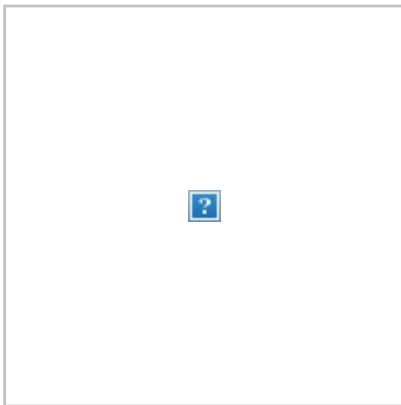
40,000 children enter the UK care system every year – as tiny new-borns, children, teenagers and more recently as asylum seekers. All need a safe place to call home,



love and support. Home for Good: Suffolk is a Christian charity working to raise awareness of the need for more foster carers and adopters in Suffolk. Learn more about them and how they are encouraging churches to get involved and take part in bringing God's love to these children and those caring for them. Sign up now to order your free video and resources using this link [here](#). For more information contact Coordinator, Melissa Naish

hello@homeforgoodsuffolk.org.uk or 07434 462860.

CYM Sahara Desert Trek raising funds for the Vauxhall Farm Hall



Josh Ambrose, Matt Cross and the Revd Rob Hinsley (former South West Ipswich Team Ministry and now Vicar Designate in Leicester), walked through the Sahara Desert in brutal heat for five days with only what their four camels could carry. They were walking on behalf of CYM Ipswich (a Christian charity that works with children and young people in Ipswich) to raise funds for Vauxhall Farm Hall, a residential centre for schools and young people. The fundraising aims to help equip the centre to deliver the very best experience and opportunities for all. A video about Vauxhall Farm Hall, can be found

[here](#). Josh, Simon and the team would love to be invited to tell you and your church about their vision, passion and motivation for the exciting plans for the Farm and can be contacted via josh.ambrose@c-y-m.org.uk. Full description of the trek and fundraising details are available [here](#).

Events

Upcoming Church of England webinars in October

Join a free webinar to learn how to improve giving and generosity in your church. October sessions include:

- 5 October, 11.30am: [Using audio-visual to share your worship online](#)
- 25 October, 11.00am [Online grant enquiry session](#)
- 26 October, 2.00pm: [Why people give \(and why some don't\)](#)
- 28 October, 12.00pm: [Getting started with Contactless Giving](#)

[Explore more webinars from the Church of England.](#)

Christianity and Climate Change

Shire Hall, Market Hill, Woodbridge IP12 4LP

Wednesday 6, 13, 20 October and 3, 10 November 7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Join St Mary's Woodbridge for this Tearfund film series with accompanying discussion, questions and actions. For further information please visit www.stmaryswoodbridge.org

Race Ahead – a series of events for Black History Month

Black History Month campaign is being led by David Akinsanya, ICS Health Equity Lead who is keen to uncover and share hidden history and previously untold stories. This could be the story of a relative, colleague, friend or neighbour whose achievements have so far been unrecognised working in the NHS, social care or voluntary and community sector. Please share your local stories or information that can be followed up by our project historian with claire.hunte2@nhs.net or to discuss the project further contact either Claire or David at david.akinsanya@nhs.net. The campaign will run throughout October with least twenty stories by the end of the month available on www.sneeics.org.uk. Key lectures include:

- Wednesday 29 September 2021, 11.30am | NHS England & Improvement's Big Conversations on Race.
- Monday 4 October 2021, 2.30pm | How Talking Honestly about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organisations with Robert Livingstone, Harvard University.
- Wednesday 13 October 2021, 5.30pm | A Curious Conversation with Afua Adom an award-winning journalist and a leading voice on diversity in Britain.

To register for these events please email: england.equalityeoe@nhs.net.

World Mission Conference

Saturday 30 October, 9.00am - 3.30pm

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

This year's conference focusing on 'Modern Day Slavery' will be opened by Bishop Mike with a time of prayer and reflection followed by three excellent speakers:

1. Ryna Sherazi, from the Antislavery Organisation
2. Emily Kenway, former adviser to the UK's first Anti-Slavery Commissioner and author of 'The Truth About Modern Day Slavery'
3. The Revd Dr Dan Pratt, founder of The Together Free Foundation, and anti-slavery co-ordinator for the Southend Against Modern Slavery Partnership and the Eastern Baptist Association.

NGOs will have stalls for people to look at during the lunch break and there will be plenty of time for discussion. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. The conference is open to everybody and costs £5, please book [here](#).

The Faraday Institute Lectures

Not Forgotten: Meeting Dementia with Pastoral and Spiritual Care | 6 November 2021 online | An opportunity to develop understanding and think through a Christian response to dementia with spiritual and pastoral care with Westminster College. See faraday.institute/dementia

Communicating Science and Faith | 26 – 28 November | Cambridge | A course for Christians wishing to develop their science-faith communication skills for schools, churches and beyond! See faraday.institute/comms21

Faith and Science in the Local Church | 7-8 January 2022 online | This workshop will cover contemporary topics in the dialogue between Science and the Christian Faith, including Artificial Intelligence, Bioethics, Creation Care, and Mental Health. See faraday.institute/churchleaders

Faraday are hosting further online lectures and events for a full list please visit their website [here](#).

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.

General Synod elections

The voting period for General Synod elections ends at 11:59pm on Friday 8 October. For those who can (all deanery synod members), please remember to cast your vote. You will have received an email to do this online. Please contact [Lorna Todd](#) if you have any problems voting. Further information is also available on our website [here](#).

Vacancies

[Mission Focussed Team Minister](#) | 0.5 Team Vicar | Open to lay and ordained people | Closing date: 5 November.

We are looking for the right candidates to fill positions in the new Suffolk Centre of Mission, a hub for evangelism in our diocese. Please click [here](#) for job specifications and application form:

Lead Evangelist | Closing date: 5 October

Lightwave Pioneer Evangelist | Closing date: 12 October

Pioneer Evangelist | Closing date: 19 October

[Priest in Charge](#) | St Francis and St Clare, Chantry and Pinewood, Ipswich | Closing date: [Rector](#) | 0.5 post | St Mary Stoke, Ipswich | Closing date: 3 October

Director of Music | St Mary's Woodbridge | Please phone Nigel Prior, Rector on 01394 610424

Inspire Counselling | Development Manager | Closing date 4 October | To find out more contact: contact@inspirecounselling.org.uk or phone on 01473 217694.

Suffolk County Council are recruiting for two enthusiastic and capable individuals to support Afghan families who have arrived in the UK through the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP). For more information please visit their website at www.suffolkrefugee.org.uk/current-vacancies/

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