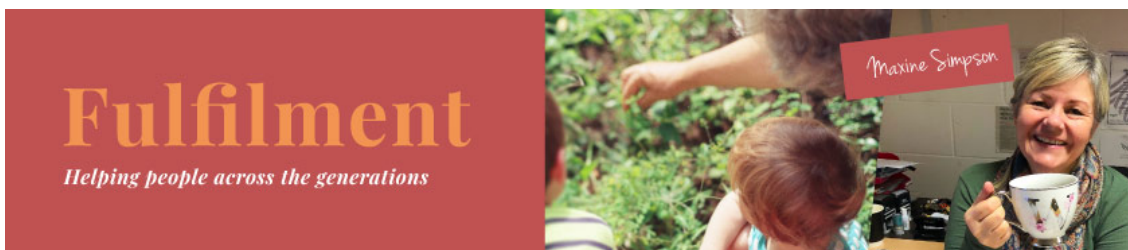


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Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike invite you to join our new campaign 'What do *you* find through church?'. We want to encourage people to find out more about the work of the church in their local community.

*"As God's Church we are also called to communicate to our world, not least God's love and truth in Jesus. And good communication is essential for our calling to be effective."* Bishop Mike.



Maxine wanted to do something useful and Lightwave seemed like the right way to do it: working in rural villages around her community, helping people across the generations. Her faith completes her life, reduces her anxiety and helps her put things into perspective.

[Find out more](#)

To read all the stories please visit our [website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#). We have produced a series of materials including PowerPoint slides for your sermons, posters, pew cards, leaflets, social media posts and these are all available on our website [here](#). To get you started and to find our more please download:

[Briefing pack and Church Toolkit](#) | PDF

## Christian Aid Giving Thanks for our Vaccines Appeal



Many of us here in Suffolk are both joyful and relieved that we have received at least one if not two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. However, as we hear in the news every day, there are many communities around the world who are suffering because they don't have access to vaccines and many of them lack the basics

they need to protect themselves, like clean water for handwashing.

Please give to help protect those who don't have access to vaccines or protection from this deadly disease. All donations will support Christian Aid's response to the coronavirus pandemic in affected communities around the world. You can read what Bishop Mike has to say about the appeal and donate [here](#).

## Events



**Thy Kingdom Come, 13-23 May and 'Catching the Fire'** on Pentecost Sunday

Join this popular global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Sign up to join in the Suffolk Prayer

marathon at [www.light-wave.org/thy-kingdom-come](http://www.light-wave.org/thy-kingdom-come) and if you are a Facebook user, join the Suffolk in Prayer Facebook Group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/360976731898621> or join [Live.Ipswichinprayer.co..uk](http://Live.Ipswichinprayer.co..uk) Sunday 23 May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm to pray for Ipswich together.

**Practising Peace**, starts Thursday 20 May 6.30pm

Six fortnightly sessions hosted by Canon Matthew Vernon and Tony Kimber, from Mindful You. With a focus on how to use mindful meditation and prayer to help us through life's journey. Full details [here](#).

**Pastoral care in the wake of the pandemic** 22 May 2021 10.00am to 12.30pm

Join the Bishops' Teaching Morning to discuss issues that we need to pay attention to

pastorally as we emerge from lockdown and the trauma of the pandemic and what resources can help equip us. To book please visit Eventbrite [here](#).

### **Sustainable Living conference, 12 June 2021 from 10.00am to 12.30pm by Zoom**

As the UK government commits to radical new targets for cutting carbon emissions and prepares to host the UN Climate Change Conference in November, five cathedrals in the east of England are preparing for their own online Sustainable Living conference. Starting with a focus on food and farming, it will look at these key aspects of life in East Anglia in the light of the Christian faith and the role that both individuals and the church can play in living more sustainably. The opening conference will be led by the [Rt Revd Graham Usher](#), Bishop of Norwich, who has recently been appointed to lead the Church of England's Environment Programme. Full details and registration links are available on the Sustainable Living Conference 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.**

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**The Diocesan film 'Flourishing Congregations'** is available on our website [here](#) and is perfect to include in your services and add to your websites, including your entry on A Church Near You. The video link is available here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh1rb7lhzb4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh1rb7lhzb4)

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**Annual Parochial Church Meetings must be completed by 31 May 2021:** as soon as practicable after the meeting, please submit the following information to the diocesan office, either by email to [alison.barker@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:alison.barker@cofesuffolk.org) or by post (Diocesan Office, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ):

- Results of Elections (this include churchwardens, lay members of deanery synod and lay members of the PCC)
- Churchwarden declarations
- Articles of Enquiry
- Electoral Roll certificates
- A copy of the annual report and accounts
- Please also submit online where at all possible, the finance parish return. If you require assistance with the online portal, please contact Alison Barker ([alison.barker@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:alison.barker@cofesuffolk.org)). If needs be, please post them to the office, or email them to [statistics@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:statistics@cofesuffolk.org)

Forms for all the above can be found on our website [here](#).

**Diocesan Synod:** with the elections to about to take place, it is vital that the office is

made aware of any changes in regards to deanery synod members. Please do let the office know asap of any elections held at APCMs this year. All information, further resources and a timeline can be found on our website [here](#), or contact [lorna.todd@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lorna.todd@cofesuffolk.org).

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### **A request from the Safeguarding Team**

A reminder to all parishes that when a new Parish Safeguarding Officer is appointed, he/she needs:

- an up to date DBS check covering both children and adults.
- to complete the Basic Awareness, Foundation and Leadership Safeguarding training modules.

Please let the Safeguarding team know of the change so that we can keep our records up to date. Any queries please contact [Karen.galloway@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:Karen.galloway@cofesuffolk.org)

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### **Vacancies**

[Assistant Administrator \(Mission & Ministry\) Part-time, Maternity Cover](#) | Closing Date: 12 May 2021

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