



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## What do you find through church?

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.

Our campaign tells the stories of four Suffolk residents, starting with René.

## Peace

That hour on a Sunday morning is a point of peace in the week.



René rediscovered church in his 30s, and was nervous. What would he find behind those big oak doors? He received a warm welcome and loves the

routines and reflection that this church allows in his increasingly pressurised life. That hour on a Sunday morning is a point of peace in the week. [Find out more](#)

Bishop Mike said: "We are looking to create awareness and engagement with the work we do as we emerge from the pandemic, especially where such awareness may be lacking in the wider community. We hope that the stories will resonate with others and perhaps even stimulate new or fresh engagement with local Christian communities.

To read all the stories and to follow our campaign please visit our [website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).



To help you and your church engage with the campaign 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 out more about our campaign please download:

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

### Briefing webinar by Zoom

Bishop Mike also invites you to a briefing session to learn more about the campaign. Please join Lena O'Shea, Account Director from the creative agency, Spring, and Leonie Ryle, our Diocesan Communications Manager, to discuss how you can engage with the campaign and receive the materials first hand. To book your slot on Thursday 6 May at 2.00pm please visit Eventbrite [here](#).

## EVENTS

### **Thy Kingdom Come 2021**



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. From 13 to 23 May 2021.

In Suffolk, you can get involved by clicking on the link below, which takes you to the online prayer marathon starting on 13 May. Please encourage others to join in praying. Go to [www.24-7prayer.com/signup/6a2f18/](http://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/6a2f18/) to sign up to pray or for more information head to [www.light-wave.org/thykingdom-come](http://www.light-wave.org/thykingdom-come).

## 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.

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. Video link available here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh1rb7lhzb4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh1rb7lhzb4)

**World Mission** - Government cuts to foreign aid budget: There was a robust discussion in the Commons on Monday and the full text of the debate can be read [here](#). For further information and support writing to your MP regarding this matter, please email: [richard.stainer14@gmail.com](mailto:richard.stainer14@gmail.com).

## Vacancies

[Political Enabler - Volunteer](#) | Expressions of interest: 30 April 2021

[Senior Property Team Administrator including Pastoral Secretary](#) | Closing date: 5 May 2021

[Strategic Programme Manager](#) | Closing date: 6 May 2021

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

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