

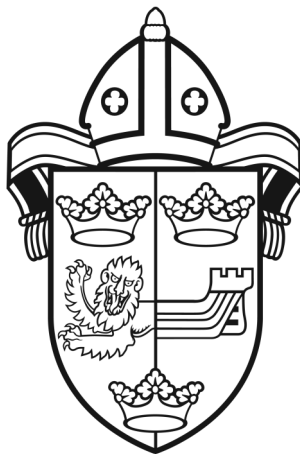
St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Called Together

Celebrating

Licensed Lay Ministry in Suffolk



Sunday 24 September 2023
3.30 pm

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A warm welcome to families, friends, parish members and all who are supporting those to be licensed and welcomed in Lay Ministry. Today's service brings together the celebration under one umbrella of Children's and Families' Ministers, Readers, Licensed Youth Ministers, Licensed Evangelists, Pioneers and Lay Pastors. *Please pray for those being licensed and for the parishes they serve, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, and that, guided by the Holy Spirit, their ministry may be richly blessed.*

Although each kind of ministry is celebrated in its distinctiveness, there is the overarching theme of all being sent out to minister from the Cathedral – 'the seat of the Bishop and centre of worship and mission' – in order to be empowered and strengthened for the work God has called us to do, and to be the people he has called us to be.

In today's service, those to be licensed and welcomed will affirm their belief in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and will make declarations and promises as they prepare for or continue their ministry in the Church.

Music today

The music for today's service is provided by the St Edmundsbury Singers and Adults of the Cathedral Choir alongside musicians drawn together from the Cathedral's *InHarmony* project directed by Richard Hubbard, Music Development Director. The organ is played by Richard Cook, Assistant Director of Music.

Everyone is warmly invited to stay on after the service, in the Cathedral nave, for tea and cake and a chance to get enjoy each other's company.

Collection for our Link Diocese in Tanzania: please use the baskets and contactless giving points to give generously to support the ministry of our sisters and brothers in our Link Diocese, Kagera. Our contactless points time/date-stamp all donations to ensure that your donation goes to the right cause.

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Those to be licensed today

*Please pray for those being licensed at the service today, and for the places they serve,
that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God.*

Children's and Families' Ministers

Lyanne Brendt

The Benefice of Ipswich, St Thomas

Sarah Parker-McGee

The Benefice of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield and Newton

Karin Stubbington

The Benefice of South Hartismere

Readers

Elizabeth Baker

The Benefice of Suffolk Heights

Katherine Drakes

The Benefice of Great Barton and Thurston

James Sephton

The Benefice of Elmsett with Aldham, Hintlesham, Chattisham and Kersey

Deborah Walker

The Benefice of Bury St Edmunds, St Mary with St Peter

Licensed Youth Minister

Katherine Cracknell

The Benefice of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby

Readers to be welcomed and licensed from another Diocese

Christopher Fry

The Benefice of Saxmundham with Kelsale-cum-Carlton

The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

After the Dean's welcome, everyone stands to sing

The Processional Hymn

During which symbols of the different ministries celebrated today are placed upon the nave altar.

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

Words: Michael Seward, 1932-2015

Music: Guiting Power, John Barnard, b.1948 – A&M 612

The Greeting

Everyone remains standing. The Bishop greets everyone and says

We meet in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Presentation

Candidates to be licensed as Children's and Families' Ministers, Readers and Licensed Youth Minister, together with those to be welcomed to the diocese, gather at the Pavement with their Sponsor, who presents them, saying

Reverend Father in God, I present [Name] to be made a
[Ministry], and to serve in [Benefice/Parish name].
[or to be welcomed and licensed for ministry in this diocese
and to serve as Reader in Benefice/Parish name.]

When the candidates have been presented, the Bishop addresses the Diocesan officers responsible for the formation and training of the candidates, saying

Bishop Are they people of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and the doctrines of our faith?

Answer They are.

Bishop Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

Answer They have.

Bishop Have those whose duty it is to know these candidates and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

Answer They have.

Bishop Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

Answer They do.

Bishop Have these candidates made the necessary declarations, and thereby affirmed and declared their belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop?

Answer They have.

The Bishop addresses the candidates, saying

Brother and Sisters, do you believe yourself to be called, chosen and equipped for your respective ministries?

The candidates reply, saying

I do so believe.

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding

Let us pray for each of these candidates, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

All remain standing as the Bishop prays

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Everyone sits for

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Everyone sits as Gail Southgate, Lead Evangelist for the Centre of Mission, reads

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord spoke to Moses: See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft. Moreover, I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have given skill to all the skilful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and the mercy-seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt-offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, and the anointing-oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you.

Exodus 31.1–11, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone remains seated as Derek Johns, Reader in Training Mentor, reads

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12.4–11, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone stands to sing

The Song

All Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:
his love endures forever.
For he is good, above all things,
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever.*

Upper voices From the rising to the setting sun,
his love endures forever.

Lower voices By the grace of God we will carry on,
his love endures forever.

All Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever. (x 2)*

*Music: Chris Tomlin arr. Richard Hubbard
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Everyone sits for

Conversations on Calling

led by
The Reverend Phil Dykes
Diocesan Mission Enabler

The Reverend Phil Dykes interviews lay ministers in the Diocese: Deborah Walker, Reader, Kate Cracknell, Licensed Youth Minister, Lyanne Brendt, Children and Families Minister, and Dawn Gillett, Licensed Evangelist. Biographies can be found on pages 18–19.

Everyone stands to sing

The Song

**Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts
to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.**

**Come, young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through ev'ry age;
our God is all in all.**

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, arr. Richard Hubbard
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Everyone remains seated for

The Sermon

**The Reverend Canon Dave Gardner
Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry**

A time for reflection follows.

The Declarations

All There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit.

All There are varieties of service,
but the same Lord is served.

All There are varieties of working,
but the same God is at work in all.

All There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call,
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.**

Bishop We gather to celebrate and to give thanks to God that our Lord Jesus Christ calls every member of the Church to minister in his name. We thank him that by his Holy Spirit he gives to his Church gifts, varied and abundant, to equip his people for their work of ministry, and to build up the Body of Christ, so that we may grow in faith and knowledge until we reach the full stature of Christ himself.

We pray for all who exercise lay ministry today. Especially we pray for those to be admitted, licensed or welcomed as Readers, Children's & Families' Ministers, and Licensed Youth Minister.

All Licensed Lay Ministers share with the Bishop and his fellow Priests and Deacons the work of proclaiming the good news of his kingdom and in the pastoral care of those whom they serve. As we come together we recognise, honour and affirm our dependence on one another and our common mission and calling to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

Candidates move with their Incumbent/Supervisor and Sponsor to the Pavement. The congregation sits.

The Bishop addresses the candidates, saying

Bishop Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Bishop Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do so accept them.**

Bishop Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you strive to proclaim and teach it?

Candidates **I believe it and will so do.**

Bishop Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Candidates **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

Candidates **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you follow the way of Christ
in your ministry,
in your relationships at work,
in the fellowship of your church,
and at home?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Bishop Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

Candidates **By the help of God, I will.**

The congregation remains seated and the candidates turn to face them.

Bishop Brothers and sisters, you have heard their declarations.
Is it now your will that they should be licensed and welcomed?

All It is!

Bishop Will you continually pray for them?

All We will.

Bishop Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All We will.

The candidates turn to the Bishop.

Bishop May the Lord who has given you the will to undertake this ministry give you the grace to carry it out.

All Amen.

To Readers, the Bishop says

Bishop N, I admit you to the office of Reader,
[welcome you to this diocese as a Reader]
in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Bishop says to all candidates

I license you as [Ministry] in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

They receive a licence to minister and are given a symbol of office by their Incumbent/Supervisor.

Reader candidates are vested by by their Incumbent/Supervisor with a Reader's Scarf, a symbol of Reader ministry.

Bishop May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and on your work done in his name, now and always. **Amen.**

The Bishop then addresses all the newly admitted candidates, saying

Bishop We welcome you as ministers of God's word.
All May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Everyone greets the new Licensed Lay Ministers warmly.

The candidates return to their seats.

The Appointment of Readers Emeriti

Everyone remains seated. Those to be made Reader Emeriti are invited to stand. The Deputy Warden of Readers presents to them Bishop, saying

Reverend Father, I commend to you Christopher Kingsbury and Elaine Miller who, having retired from active ministry as Readers, are willing to accept appointment as Reader Emeritus and Reader Emerita, and I present them to you today.

Bishop I confirm the granting of the title Reader Emeritus and Reader Emerita to those named. We thank you for your loyal service to God and his Church and pray that you may continue to know the rich blessing of God. **Amen.**

The Readers Emeriti sit.

¶ Rites of Commissioning Sending Again

All existing Readers and Licensed Lay Ministers renewing their commissioning promises stand.

Everyone else remains seated.

Bishop My brothers and sisters in Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit, you have been made a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord, members of the Body of Christ, and part of the priesthood of all believers. You are raised to new life in him, renewed in the image of his glory, and empowered to minister for Christ in word and in work. Now returning here, do you renew your commitment to him and the proclamation of his Gospel in this county and diocese and in all creation?

All Lay Ministers respond, saying

**We do, with the help of God.
God our Father, in the name of Christ
and in the power of your Spirit,
we commit ourselves anew to you
and to one another,
to live, work, and pray as one body in Christ,
to trust each other as fellow workers in your Church,
and to give ourselves with body, mind and spirit
to the ministries to which you have called us.
Give us vision, give us courage, and give us joy,
that the world may believe that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to your eternal glory. Amen.**

Bishop May God who has moved you to promise these things,
give you the grace to keep them to the end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

*Everyone sits or kneels as Emma Allinson, Growing Younger Project Support
Enabler, and Barbara Hill, Reader and Deputy Warden of Readers, lead*

The Prayers of Intercession

Lord God and Father of all, we give you thanks that we are called to your service; may we all be attentive and obedient to your calling.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give you thanks that you call some to be apostles, sent out to do your work. We pray for those immersed in the world, seeking to bear witness to the gospel in word and action, may they be continually filled with your Spirit, and empowered to follow your calling.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give you thanks that you call some to be prophets. We pray for all whom you have called to speak out and proclaim the values of your kingdom and for those who challenge injustice and apathy and untruth; may they continually be filled with your vision, and have courage in their prophetic calling.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give you thanks that you call some to be evangelists. We pray for all whom you have called to share the message of your love and for those who communicate the gospel of Christ to others from a variety of backgrounds; may they be filled with your love as they share the good news with others.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give you thanks that you call some to be pastors. We pray for those whom you have called to care for others through prayer and through service; may their lives be channels of your love and grace.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you call some to be teachers. We pray for those whom you have called to encourage adults and children to learn and grow; may they speak your truth, and help others to grow in wisdom.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, you have called each of us to serve you in your world and in your Church; strengthen and equip us by your Spirit to recognise your call to us, and give us grace and courage to fulfil that calling, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Bishop Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Anthem

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name;
will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name;
will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare –
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name;
will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name;
will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name:
let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show;
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.

*Words: John Bell and Graham Maule
Music: Kelvingrove, Scottish traditional tune
arr. Richard Hubbard*

Everyone remains standing for

The Final Hymn

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

Words: James Seddon, 1915-1983

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949

arr. Richard Hubbard

Everyone remains standing for

The Blessing

Bishop Peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

Bishop The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim
the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✕ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Dean Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop leads those who have been newly licensed through the Cathedral, and the procession moves to the west end as the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

It is a great help to the Cathedral wardens if you can replace your kneeler on the pew after the service.

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Lyanne Brendt – Children’s and Families Minister

I'm going to be serving at St Thomas the Apostle and Martyr in Ipswich, where I've been worshipping since 2009. St Thomas is an urban parish in a deprived area of Ipswich which brings us challenges and opportunities. We have families coming to Top Up Shop from Messy Church, and young people joining our Youth Group from Top Up Shop. Feeding people is always important for us, not just because Jesus told us to feed His sheep, but because we know people struggle to get enough food. Also, we love cake and sharing cake.

As I've been on Connect, I've realised the truth of Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I've seen how my experience as a single parent, as a volunteer at toddler group, as a mature student learning how to be a preschool teacher, and a parent of a child with additional needs has all given me experience to help others. Becoming licensed is another of God's plans for me, and will help me help others. It will give me more opportunities to support others in their walk with God and through life. It will also help my voice to be heard when I speak for others.

I'm looking forward to celebrating my licensing with our young people, who need encouragement to be aspirational! And with our Messy Church families - I've missed seeing them when Connect has clashed with Messy Church, and was amazed and delighted when they told me they had missed me too! I'll be carrying on the work I do with our young people on Sundays, at Messy Church and Youth Group, and looking forward us setting up a Toddler Group. That is going to be so exciting!

When I did the Growing Leaders course, I said to my mentor that my path to where God wants me to be feels like mountaineering - scary at times and making me very aware of my frailty as a human, but with an amazing destination. I'm still on that path, and I'm not getting off.

Kate Cracknell – Licensed Youth Minister

After being in school leadership for nearly 20 years, I felt called to serve God through the church and this role combined that with my love of working with young people. The training was a great opportunity to learn about leadership from a purely Christian point of view and to network with other Christian youth workers. Following licensing, I am looking forward to developing a chaplaincy role at one of the local high schools.

Deborah Walker – Reader

When we retired to Bury St Edmunds after many years living abroad we were welcomed into St. Mary's. My passion has always been studying scripture and discovering its many layered meanings, its relevance, and its challenges, and those wonderful moments when the Holy Spirit speaks to us through it in fresh ways. This is even more exciting when I can share it with others, which I have always done through homegroups and leading bible studies. My vicar suggested reader training, and gradually I realised that I could continue with this opening up of scripture through preaching and teaching. The course has been challenging but exciting and has expanded my thinking, and I look forward to discovering what God has in store for me in this new role.

Dawn Gillett – Licensed Evangelist

I have been a Licensed Evangelist at St Andrews in Ipswich, part of Mission Ipswich East for over 10 years. My area of work has been amongst all ages, recently focussing on Messy church and delivering courses for those exploring the faith. Part of my role is encouraging others in the church to reach out and point others to Jesus. Over the last four years I have also been involved with training evangelists in the diocese with the Faith Empowered course.



Vocation Conversations

Thursday 28 September
7.00 pm – 8.00 pm on Zoom

This is the first in a series of evening conversations for anyone who is thinking about the question 'how do I know what God is asking me to do?'. For the first conversation we

will be joined by Bishop Martin, who is going to share his vocation journey with us. Open to all interested in hearing Bishop Martin's story. Come and join the conversations with others about their vocational journeys. Sign up here: Vocation-Conversations-1.eventbrite.co.uk

An Adventurous Advent

Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hall Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE
Saturday 28 October
9.00 am for coffee and registration, first session at 9.30 am.
1.00 pm closing prayer.



An invitation to all Readers, Licensed Lay Ministers, elders and those in training.

The language of hope, promise and waiting is not evident in today's culture and our communities embrace Christmas at the beginning of December with the switching on of town lights and Christmas carol services throughout the month. The season of Advent, with its four weeks of waiting, is counter-cultural. We have a unique opportunity to prepare for Advent through the inspirational creativity and narrative prowess of the Revd Dr Mark Oakley - to nurture our faith and to challenge our ministry, to effect an Adventurous Advent amongst our communities this year.

Register for this free event by scanning the QR code or go to:
<https://2023-Adventurous-Advent.eventbrite.co.uk>

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InHarmony
Enriching music in worship

InHarmony is St Edmundsbury Cathedral's project to re-energise and resource parish music across the Diocese, helping churches to use a breadth of music to develop their mission in the local community.



- Workshops
- Church music consultations
- Practical resource ideas
- Video resources for worship

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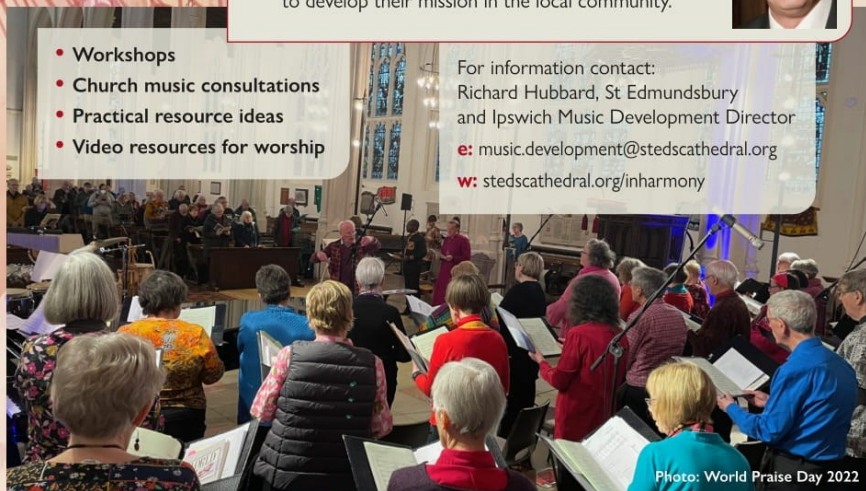


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