

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN SUFFOLK



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
SUFFOLK



Letter from Bishop Martin

This year we are very much looking forward to the UK and Commonwealth celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As the Church of England in Suffolk, we are ready to play our part in bringing communities together for these national celebrations, joining in with the Festival of Suffolk, an initiative to celebrate our Queen and our County.

We know the blessings God pours upon us, and in turn we seek to be a blessing in the lives of others through love and service.

The national celebrations will take place over the four-day Bank Holiday weekend which ends on Pentecost Sunday.

Events of the Festival of Suffolk will take place between May and September, offering opportunities that will include highlighting the work of our churches in our communities.

I would encourage everyone to get involved.

We have chosen the theme of #SuffolkBlessing for our part in these celebrations. We hope that you will join in as we celebrate the blessings we receive and share with others through worship and service.

In this booklet, you will find details of events and opportunities to get involved on a wider scale, together with some ideas for parish and local activities, and links to resources for your use.

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SUFFOLK JUBILEE PRAYER

Gracious God,

We give you heartfelt thanks for our Queen as we celebrate this year of her Platinum Jubilee.

We thank you for her life of faithful service to you, to the people of this nation, and to the Commonwealth.

Help us, the people of Suffolk, to live lives of faithful service.

Bless all who live and work in our beautiful county.

Bless our communities, our villages and towns.

Bless our land, our rivers and our coast.

Bless our Queen, and all who call upon your name,

And help us to be a blessing to others.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.



#Suffolk Blessing

In Suffolk we would like to take the opportunity to get involved and bless those around us.

This can be part of our services of thanks in our churches for those who have supported our communities.

It could be sharing the Suffolk prayer at your services, during school assemblies and while joining communities' Jubilee-themed activities.

We have produced a series of graphics to help you engage in the #suffolkblessing and these are available to download from our website.

We would like to hear from you... if you are interested in having some printed #suffolkblessing prayer cards, please email: communications@cofesuffolk.org



This booklet includes some of the key resources and activities going on, outlining the key national events, local festivals and signposting you to the latest Church of England-supported resources.

There is a lot on offer so please do take your pick of ideas that will suit your community.

PICK YOUR ACTIVITIES

- Host a Jubilee tea party
- Celebrate with a big community lunch
- Hold a local archive exhibition
- Join in with your local beacon lighting
- Follow and support the Suffolk torch relay
- Support bell ringing in your area
- Support Suffolk in Prayer
- Support the Festival of Suffolk
- Create a new prayer station
- Plant a tree
- Use Thy Kingdom Come resources
- Use HopeTogether resources
- Find out who is organising events in your community and offer to join in, and bless your local community as they celebrate
- Seek out opportunities where you could bless your community
- Use the #suffolkblessing resource materials
- Share your ideas on our new Jubilee Facebook page (see link on the back cover)
- Decorate your church with crocheted or knitted 'Growing in God' leaves
- Join your local school's assembly or street party
- Incorporate the Jubilee theme to your existing church activities such as the church fayre or flower festival
- Hold a Jubilee Pentecost Service.



KEY EVENTS

- 'Suffolk Garland for the Queen' book launch date: 5 May
 - Newmarket race day: 14 May 2022
 - Festival torch relay: 16 - 27 May 2022
 - Suffolk Show: 31 May and 1 June 2022
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Thursday 2 June 2022

- The Queen's Birthday Parade - Trooping the colour
 - Lighting of beacons – around the country and Commonwealth
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Friday 3 June 2022

- Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral
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Saturday 4 June 2022

- The Derby, Epsom Downs to be attended by members of the Royal Family
 - Platinum Party at the Palace – a concert broadcast from Buckingham Palace
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Sunday 5 June 2022

- Pentecost Sunday services in churches around the country
 - Platinum Jubilee Street Parties / Big Jubilee Lunch – around the country
 - The Platinum Jubilee Pageant on The Mall
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Sunday 12 June 2022

- Suffolk Jubilee Cathedral Service 11.00am to 12.00pm - on this date so you can attend after enjoying your local events on 2 - 5 June. An order of service will be available to adapt for your use, so you can offer a similar service in your setting.

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



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- Aldeburgh Music Festival: 3 - 26 June 2022
 - Royal Hospital School Festival of the Sea, ball and fireworks: 11 June 2022
 - Festival of the Sea: 17 June 2022
 - Suffolk Day: 21 June 2022
 - Suffolk Community Games: 9 July 2022
 - Let's Rock Festival at Trinity Park: 10 September 2022
 - Aldeburgh Food and Drink Festival: 24 - 25 September 2022

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The Queen's Green Canopy is inviting people from across the United Kingdom to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'. The aim is to create a network of trees, tree avenues and woodlands to enhance our environment and landscapes to thank the Queen for her exceptional service. The Church of England is proud to be a partner for the Queen's Green Canopy and is encouraging tree planting in schools and churchyards.

The Woodland Trust is supporting churches, schools and community groups by offering over three million saplings in tree packs, available on a first come, first served basis. Information on how to apply for the free saplings is available through the Woodland Trust website: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

If you wish to mark the occasion with a commemorative plaque, please visit the commemorative plaque page for more details: www.queensgreencanopy.org

For further details on tree planting, tree wardens, recording your planting, donating, faculties and more, please visit our website: www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/church-buildings-accessible-to-all/queens-green-canopy.



ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES



JUBILEE COMMUNITY PRAYER SPACES

As part of blessing our county, Christians in Suffolk are creating hundreds of Prayer Spaces; not just in churches but in schools, libraries, pubs, churchyards and so on, the sorts of places that inspire people to linger and want to pray, even if they don't usually. You'll find links and resources to help you find creative and attractive ways of creating prayer spaces at www.suffolkinprayer.uk as well as the opportunity to register your community prayer space and put it on the map.

SUFFOLK IN PRAYER

We are excited to be planning the first Suffolk-wide prayer walk for the weekend of 22-24 April, with people from different Christian denominations and streams working together.

We are looking for walkers, runners, cyclists and home prayers to join us in praying for God's blessing on communities across Suffolk. To find out more about getting involved please contact: suffolkinprayer@gmail.com

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Find out if the Jubilee torch is visiting your parish and bless the route.
- Create a prayer space and register it with Suffolk in Prayer.

Please visit: www.suffolkinprayer.uk for further information.

As a key part of the Jubilee celebrations, Lady Clare, Countess of Euston and H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, is leading a county-wide celebration called the 'Festival of Suffolk'. This will bring generations and diverse communities together, connecting networks and organisations for the better. The Festival will be inclusive and welcoming to all.

Lady Clare said "The Festival of Suffolk will bring together all people and communities in joyful celebration, and create a powerful legacy to increase the visibility of our county and improve local lives for many years to come. Together, we will shine a spotlight on Suffolk, opening up opportunities, connections and improvements for everybody."

- Featured at the Suffolk Show with a Jubilee pageant and exhibition
- Festival torch will be carried around the county, to celebrate local communities and to honour local heroes
- Beacon lighting across the county setting Suffolk ablaze in celebration
- Building a sustainable environment in Suffolk and to support the Queen's Canopy - planting over 775,000 trees – one for every citizen.
- Celebrating enterprise - Business Expo with ten exhibitions representing all business sectors
- Living healthier lives and building resilience and well-being including youth games, marathon and park runs.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Use the Festival of Suffolk logo on your advertising
- Add your event to the website - a great opportunity to advertise your event
- Report your legacy fundraising - so your impact on Suffolk can be measured.



FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (26 May) and Pentecost (5 June) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Thy Kingdom Come is perfectly timed to lead your services up to the Jubilee. Thy Kingdom Come have joined their resource materials to link into the Jubilee and are working with Hope Together to produce a selection of materials adaptable for your setting.

Events of all shapes and sizes take place during Thy Kingdom Come, including 24-7 virtual prayer rooms, family prayer, online church gatherings and more.

Daily Prayer led by Archbishop Justin Welby will be available.

Further worship resources are available on the Church of England website here:

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/liturgical-resources-hm-queens-platinum-jubilee



The 'Cheeky Panda' resources including films, apps, songs and a book for schools, children, homes, church and community events.



Please visit: www.thykingdomcome.global for further information.

HOPETOGETHER

HopeTogether is working with a wide range of partners to help churches around the Commonwealth mark this special occasion and, in particular, to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.



Key materials include:

- A beautifully illustrated book, an ideal gift to help your community appreciate the Queen's Christian faith
- The Commonwealth singing a new anthem
- 70 Acts of Service – an invitation to communities to celebrate by serving others with 70 community service ideas, drawing on Stewardship's 40 Acts
- A 'Street Party Planner' – ideas and plans for fun-packed community events developed in collaboration with the Methodist Church and Big Lunch
- Banners, posters and other Platinum Jubilee branded resources will be available from www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee
- Jubilee celebration of faith and service logos.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Download the street party planner
- Share the national anthem and invite local choirs to learn the new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve'

HOPE Together

PLATINUM JUBILEE **70**
Celebration of Faith & Service

Please visit: www.theplatinumjubilee.com for further information.

WHAT NEXT?

FUNDRAISING

Grants are available from the Growing in God Growth Fund to help your church reach out creatively during the Jubilee visit: www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/growing-your-parish/growth-funding-opportunities

There are also grants available from Suffolk Community Foundation, you can apply here: www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants

Merchandise will be available - coming soon.

PROMOTING YOUR EVENTS

Let us know where your events are happening by sharing your news on our Jubilee Facebook group page: [suffolkblessing](https://www.facebook.com/suffolkblessing) - Queen's Jubilee.

We would love you to take photographs and videos of your events. These will be great for your archives and your social media channels but do share them with us too. Perhaps nominate a volunteer to be your photographer for the day!

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