

# Celebrate spreads its wings across Norfolk

Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk will be demonstrating the Christian church in action at three locations across the county in June.

**C**elebrate Norwich & Norfolk will return to The Forum and Millennium Plain in Norwich city centre on Saturday June 11 with a free exhibition of over 25 Christian organisations, charities and churches, including OMF, Norwich Foodbank, Community Action Norwich, Christian Aid, Mothers Union, Christian Conference Trust, Christian Police Association, Spin Crazy, TLC, European Christian Mission, Heartbeat, Christians Against Poverty, Hope into Action, Norfolk Street Partnership and YMCA Norfolk.

There will also be a Leaders' Breakfast, a professional production of *Amazing Grace*, a combined churches choir, Messy Church activities and a youth programme from Norwich Youth For Christ. On Sunday June 12 there is a free picnic for volunteers to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and a celebration service at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist - **see pages 2 to 5**.

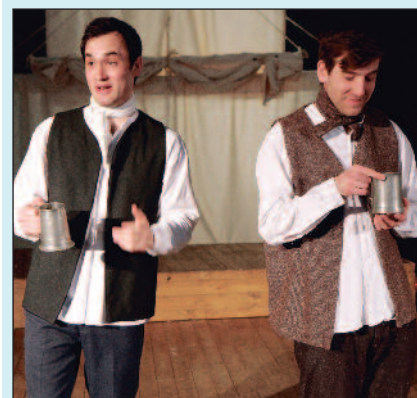
Celebrate will also take place in King's Lynn for the first time on June 11 with a free, fun-filled day for all of the family at The Walks, King's Lynn.

Various churches will gather to celebrate the town and its community and from 10am to 6pm there will be a wide variety of activities, games, sports and entertainment from the main stage including live music from rap and hip-hop artist Jelz, the Darn Funk Orchestra and the Bean Baker Band. The King's Lynn Patriots American football team will also be making an appearance.

The free event coincides with Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday and aims to fulfil her particular request to have churches join together in the celebrations - **see page 6**.

Celebrate will also be at this year's Royal Norfolk Show on June 29 and 30, where it is joining together with the Diocese of Norwich to put on an exhibition of the church in action across the region. The Diocese has doubled the usual size of its exhibition marquee and a whole host of Christian groups and organisations will come together under the Celebrate banner to join in.

Features will include Forest Church, a prayer space, cinema, toddler area, Messy Church, café and the Christian projects exhibition - **see page 8**.



## True story of *Amazing Grace*

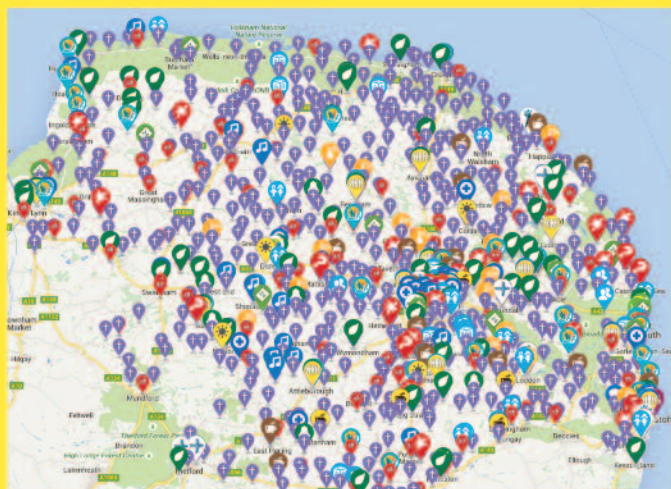
■ The true story of John Newton turning from a slave trader into a church leader and writer of hymn *Amazing Grace* can be enjoyed at St Stephen's church in Norwich at 7pm on Saturday June 11 as part of the Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk weekend.

John Newton - *Amazing Grace* is Saltmine theatre company's portrayal of the life story of the slave trader turned church leader and hymn writer. It has been enjoyed by audiences throughout the UK.

Press-ganged into the navy at 19, flogged for desertion and torn from the girl he loves, John Newton feels he has nothing to live for. Making his way into the harsh world of the eighteenth century transatlantic slave trade, he earns his living as an abusive trafficker of human flesh.

He is a man beyond redemption, making enemies of all he meets, on his way to hell. Then, one stormy night, with his ship going down, he faces certain death... and nothing is the same again. This is a powerfully moving story of slavery, freedom and the remarkable power of love and grace to transform a life.

The performance takes place on Saturday June 11, from 7pm at St Stephen's Church, Norwich, NR2 1QP and is suitable for those aged 12 and above. Tickets: Adults £10, students and seniors £8, young people £5, Book online at <http://bit.ly/1UevPSW> or call 01603 617697.



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## Exciting year for Celebrate

**John Betts**, director of **Celebrate Norwich and Norfolk**, looks at an exciting year of growth for the Christian charity.



Church has been fantastic.

Alison Hill has pioneered Celebrate King's Lynn, also being held on June 11, and Gordon Darley from the Diocese of Norwich has pioneered a partnership with Celebrate Norfolk at the Royal Norfolk Show with a much enlarged Christian marquee, thereby increasing the breadth and depth of our own ministry.

It is a privilege to be celebrating the role of volunteering throughout the event in Norwich. Our exhibitors will be advertising volunteer opportunities on Saturday. On Sunday, in line with Her Majesty the Queen, we will be honouring the volunteers who work with the large number of Christian charities across Norwich and Norfolk, with a sponsored picnic in the Narthex at St John the Baptist Cathedral.

This will be followed by our Celebrate service of worship in the Cathedral. Our speaker will be Julian Bryant, Regional Co-ordinator, for Christian Aid.

We praise God for the opportunity to celebrate the work of His Kingdom and the amazing diversity of Christian ministries in Norwich and Norfolk. We pray that there will be many fruitful outcomes as a result of the faith and commitment of all who take part.

**W**hat an exciting year it's turning out to be. We are celebrating the growth and development of Celebrate Norwich and Norfolk. We have experienced growth in the team, with new people who are contributing their gifting and bringing inspiration to our work. Because of this we are breaking out in new ways.

In Norwich we shall begin the day on June 11 with a Leaders Breakfast and end it with a drama "Amazing Grace", the story of John Newton, two new ventures. The support of Rev Matthew Hutton and St Stephen's

## Panel to talk about Christian leadership

**A** panel of Christian leaders from the church, charity sector and the NHS will talk about Christian Leadership in Today's World at a free breakfast seminar staged by Celebrate Norfolk in Norwich on June 11.

The panels of speakers are: Rev Madeline Light, Vicar of St Stephen's Church, Dr Robin Heij, Consultant Anaesthetist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn and Tim Sweeting, CEO, YMCA Norfolk. Their presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

The breakfast will take place at 8am on Saturday, June 11 in St Stephen's Church, Rampant Horse Street, Norwich, before the annual Celebrate Norfolk exhibition opens at 10am at the nearby Forum.

Celebrate Project Director, John Betts, said: "We are very excited about the opportunity for attendees to meet and listen to Christian leaders from across Norfolk and the possibilities which may arise from doing so.

"There will be opportunity to network over breakfast with fellow church leaders and charity reps from our Celebrate Exhibition and the official opening of our Forum and Millennium Plain Exhibition is at 10am which participants are invited to join."

Churches and Christian organisations from across Norfolk are invited to send one of their leadership team to the breakfast. There is no charge as the costs have been covered by sponsor New Hope Christian Centre.

If you would like to attend, please email [celebrate@networknorfolk.co.uk](mailto:celebrate@networknorfolk.co.uk). Places are limited and will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis.



The panel of speakers from the top, Tim Sweeting, Rev Madeline Light and Dr Robin Heij.

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# Norwich programme of events

## Saturday June 11

### ■ 8am: Leaders Breakfast

Invitation-only breakfast for Christian leaders with a panel of speakers on: Christian Leadership in Today's World. St Stephen's Church, Norwich

### ■ 10am: Official opening of Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk

Official opening, attended by civic dignitaries, leaders, exhibitors and visitors. Speaker, Rev Madeline Light. At The Forum.

### ■ 10am - 5pm: Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk Festival

Christian Social Action and Services Exhibition in The Forum and on Millennium Plain. Including:

■ 10am-4pm: Quiet Prayer and Hospitality - St Peter Mancroft Church.

■ 12.30pm: Midday Office with The Community of All Hallows - St Peter Mancroft Church

■ 10am to 1pm: Messy Church activities for all ages with Anna Walker - Millennium Plain.

■ 10am-5pm: Youth Activities from Norwich Youth for Christ

■ 12 noon and 2pm: Norwich Combined Churches Choir, 20 minute-performances of Gospel music - Millennium Plain.

■ 1pm: Amazing Grace, ten-minute taster performance by Saltmine Theatre Company - Millennium Plain.

### ■ 7pm: Amazing Grace

Performance by Saltmine Theatre Company at St Stephen's Church (tickets from £5)

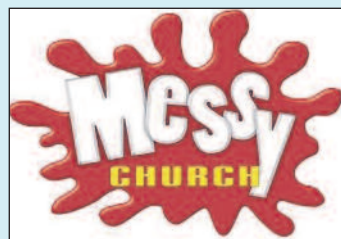
## Sunday June 12

### ■ 3pm: Celebrating Volunteers picnic.

Traditional tea and children's activities. Invitation only. At the Narthex and gardens, St John the Baptist Cathedral

### ■ 4.30pm: Celebrate Closing Service

Worship, prayer and stories of what has been happening across the Celebrate Festival, at St John the Baptist Cathedral, Earlham Road, Norwich.



## In brief

### ■ A Question of faith

If you could ask God any one question, what would it be? Come along and put any question about the Christian faith that's troubling you. You may not get a simple answer, but you will get a friendly & thought-provoking response and a good discussion.

### ■ A point of information

There will be an information stand inside The Forum where you can find out anything you want to about Celebrate, talk to members of the team or buy tickets where necessary. There will also be a video display of some of the Christian organisation and groups who are exhibiting thanks to the generosity of Snellings

### ■ Oyez, oyez, oyez

Bob Lloyd the deputy Town Crier, will be at the official Celebrate opening at 10am and the new Lord Mayor of Norwich has been invited.

### ■ Gospel music treat

At 12 and 2pm on Saturday June 11, visitors to Celebrate in Norwich will be treated to a performance of Gospel music outside The Forum on Millennium Plain.

Groups from different Norwich churches have been rehearsing the music separately and will meet on the morning at St Peter Mancroft to put it all together in joyful harmony!

For any more information, or if you can sight-sing and would like to join in, please

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## Come and join in with Messy Church

■ Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults of all ages that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality, and it will be on display at Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk.

Anna Walker, from the Diocese of Norwich, said: "Messy Church is a very successful model of church which promotes opportunities for people to encounter Jesus, grow closer to him and grow together as part of a church family. Messy Churches are found across the UK with over 70 active groups across the Diocese of Norwich offering a welcoming place of fun, friendship and faith in the local community. "Come and join in at Celebrate Norfolk and

Norwich where we'll be highlighting the work of Messy Church across the Diocese," said Anna.

"Find out where your local Messy Church is and join in with some messy activities for all ages including celebrating God's creation by making some bugs and beasts, creating a community collage, hanging prayers of thanks or request on our prayer tree and more.

"You can also complete our stamper trail in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday and design and write your very own postcard to wish her a happy birthday!"

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# Christian Services

The Celebrate Norwich and Norfolk Christian Services and Projects Exhibition will take place in the Forum and on Millennium Plain, Norwich from 10am to 5pm on Saturday June 11.

■ **Belsey Bridge Christian Conference Centre:** located in Ditchingham on the Norfolk/ Suffolk border, the centre specialises in residential and day conferences for up to 110 delegates. Part of the Christian Conference Trust.

■ **OMF International:** is a Christian mission agency that serves the church and seeks to bring the gospel to all the peoples of East Asia. It helps to place Christians to share the love of Christ with East Asians worldwide.

■ **Norwich Foodbank:** A Christian crisis foodbank project to offer free emergency food parcels to needy families across Norwich.

■ **Good News:** Good News aims to share the good news about Jesus Christ throughout the towns and villages of Norfolk.

■ **Community Action Norwich:** Meeting the needs of people through a programme of community care in the Lakenham and Tuckwood areas of Norwich.

■ **The Norfolk Postal Bible School:** Uses the resources produced by Bible Educational Services to run correspondence schools through the postal system, and to supply groups, Bible classes, schools and Sunday schools.

■ **Community of All Hallows:** An Anglican Religious Community offering a programme of retreats at two retreat centres in South Norfolk and Norwich.

■ **Christian Aid:** Reaching out to help the poorest communities around the world and has a local office in Norwich. We exist to change hearts in the rich world and change lives in the poor world. We help churches to pray, act and give to reduce poverty in some of the most deprived areas of the world.

■ **St John's Cathedral:** The Roman Catholic Cathedral of St John the Baptist is a beautiful building and a place of prayer, open to everyone and free to enter with Tower Tours and views from one of the highest spots in Norwich city center. It also includes the Narthex visitor centre with conference facilities, the Garden Café and the Cathedral Shop.

■ **Mothers Union:** In the Diocese of Norwich there are 47 branches and 900 members, many of whom volunteer in their parishes and beyond. Activities include parent and toddler groups, church services, community cafes, knitting projects and relationship workshops.

■ **Diocese of Norwich (Church of England):** Explore our interactive map to see church activities and engagement in the community near you; find Messy Church, Café Church, children & young people groups, holiday clubs, prayer spaces and more! Discover resources and ideas for your church to promote their activities in your local area.

■ **Paraclete Education:** A recently established business from Norwich-based teacher and education expert Julie Bright, to produce and write quality UK Christian home-schooling

## Church history walk and talk

A free historical walk and talk about the Christian faith and churches in central Norwich is being offered as part of the Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk event.

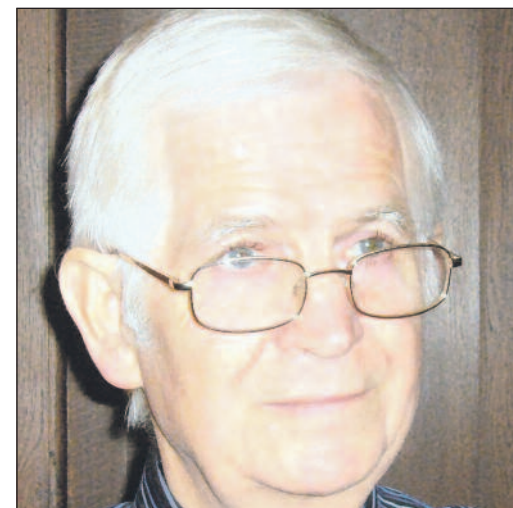
Author and historian Ted Doe will be leading the one-hour walk which starts outside The Forum at 11am on Saturday June 11 during the Celebrate event.

There is a limit of 25 on the walk and it is first come, first served, so please register with Jenny Drake at [celebrate@networknorfolk.co.uk](mailto:celebrate@networknorfolk.co.uk).

Ted said: "For much of its history Norwich was a commercial centre and the second city of England. It contained a high proportion of literate, thinking citizens, accustomed to taking responsibility for their various commercial enterprises and demanding also to take responsibility for all other areas of their lives. Hence, as we consider the religious history of our city, we see a kaleidoscope of ideas and practices.

"Our leisurely walk, starting at the Forum and lasting about one hour, will remind us of Rome and the Reformation, in both its mainstream and more radical manifestations; of monks and friars; of men and women who were prepared to die for their faith; and of the important role that women played in the life of the city.

"The story stretches from the Norman Conquest until the present day and gives us plenty to think



Author and historian Ted Doe.

about. There is much to praise God for, alongside darker moments which we might want to forget but will be wise to remember."

For the past ten years Ted has given talks and led walks, on both Christian and secular themes, during the city's annual Heritage Weekends. He is the author of Who Do You Think You Are? a history of the Baptist Church in Norwich.

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■ **Christian Police Association:** aims to encourage and support Christians in the Police Service, and help them to communicate, in words and action, the truth, message and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to colleagues and the communities they serve and build bridges between the Christian community and the police.

■ **European Christian Mission:** (ECM) is an international and interde-

nominal mission agency. ECM aims to plant churches in Europe currently through about 160 workers in 17 different countries. ECM always works together with existing churches.

■ **Spin Crazy:** was founded by Samuel Goffe as part of his final major project at college, where he designed his first spin art machine. Today we travel to many different events taking our spin machines, armed with paint, allowing people of any age to have a go to express their inner creativity.

■ **TLC:** is a Great Yarmouth-based team of Christians from different denominations with a heart to show the love of God in the community. They run a number of projects including 1-to-1 Family Support, Baskets and Banter, Christian Craft Nite, Knit or Natter, Life's a Puzzle, Street Evangelism Team, Street Presence Team.

■ **Heartbeat Ministries:** is a Norfolk-based servant ministry that seeks to strengthen people to become healthy and active members within the Body of Christ. It has monthly meetings plus occasional conferences and events bringing in anointed men and women to minister to the wider region of East Anglia.

■ **Hope Into Action:** Provides homes for the most vulnerable in society in partnership with local churches. It works with six churches in and around Norwich, providing homes for 14 people in five houses.

■ **Eckling Grange:** A Christian Care Home and Sheltered Accommodation provider set in beautiful, well maintained grounds on the outskirts of Dereham in Mid-Norfolk. It offers four types of care within its six-acre complex.

■ **Christians Against Poverty:** is a free debt counselling service, providing a holistic service that supports clients until they are released from the burden that debt brings. The service is available to all regardless of age, gender, background or belief. This nationally recognised charity is now partnering with a number of churches across Norfolk.

■ **Wycliffe Bible Translators:** Wycliffe believe that the Bible is the best way for people to come to know and understand who God is. Its vision is that by working with churches, organisations and individuals from around the world all people will have access to God's word in a language that they truly understand.

■ **Norfolk Street Partnership:** NSP runs street and prayer teams with the aim of providing a calming presence on the night-time streets of the clubland areas of Norwich city centre.

■ **YMCA Norfolk:** Works with disadvantaged young people and families in Norfolk who are at a point of crisis in their lives, including those who have been affected by homelessness, and support them towards a brighter future

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## Lots of activities for young people

■ As part of the Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk event, Norwich Youth For Christ, in partnership with a variety of local church youth groups, will be delivering a youth outreach event during the afternoon outside the Forum.

Taking a multi-activity approach, there will be something for everyone including a Gladiator tournament inflatable, outdoor workshops, competitions, a recording sound booth and performances from youth groups. There will also be a football cage.

Young people will take a central role, running some of the activities and joining in the fun of the event.

Also included is a cohort of young people from NYFC's 'Mission Academy' project. The project teaches young people how to do mission projects to reach out to others and several of the groups will engage in this at Celebrate.

NYFC's Director, Nick Blanch said: "Someone told me that there is a danger that an event like this can displace young people who usually congregate



at the Forum on a Saturday. We really want to turn that around and engage with young people and promote the many different youth groups being provided by churches around the city."

NYFC are appealing for more youth groups to get involved. For more information, or to discuss getting involved, contact Nick Blanch at [nblanch@norwichyfc.co.uk](mailto:nblanch@norwichyfc.co.uk)

  
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The King's Lynn Patriots American football team will be making an appearance at Celebrate.

# Celebrating in King's Lynn

Celebrate has arrived in King's Lynn. It will be a free, fun-filled day for all of the family. There will be something for all ages on Saturday June 11 at The Walks, King's Lynn.

**V**arious churches have gathered to celebrate the town and its community. The day, from 10am to 6pm, will be full of fun and exciting activities including stalls such as hoopla, wellie throw, hand/arm massage, psalm giveaway, Human Hungry Hippos, Giant Jenga, Hook-a-Duck, Ping Pong Bowls, face painting, crafts, balloon modelling and much more.

There will also be fun sporting activities including a bouncy castle, sumo wrestling, The Eliminator, The Caterpillar for under-fives, and a giant inflatable slide.

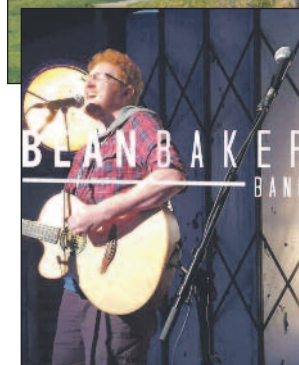
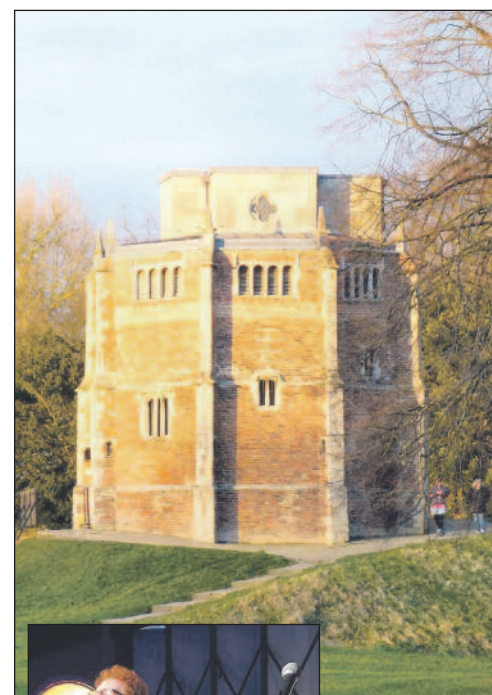
Throughout the day there will be a variety of entertainment coming from the main stage including live music from talented UK artists, including rap and hip-hop artist Jelz, the Darn Funk Orchestra and the Bean Baker Band.

A refreshment tent will be providing free tea/coffee and cakes. A youth tent will be available for the young people to relax and enjoy "Minute to win it games" with a small PA for those musicians who would like to plug in and play.

The 'Key to Life Experience' will be entertaining younger children as Kevin Baldwin from Counties brings a state-of-the-art lorry into The Walks to share Bible stories in a unique way. The God Squad and The Christian Motorbike Association will be interacting with the crowds as they showcase their motorbikes. Last but not least, Sally Beadle will be sharing her balloon-twisting talents with a variety of ages.

Celebrate is a Christian-based event, which coincides with Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday celebrations and we are excited to be fulfilling her request to have churches join together for this fabulous day.

Churches that are taking place in Celebrate King's Lynn are: The Gateway Church; North Lynn Methodist Church; King's Lynn Baptist Church; King's Lynn Christian Fellowship; St



The Bean Baker Band will be at Celebrate King's Lynn on The Walks (above). Picture by Richard Humphrey.

John the Evangelist; Terrington Parish Church; Church of the Nazarene; King's Glory Church.

The community and church projects being represented at Celebrate include: Alpha, Messy Church, Christians Against Poverty, King's Lynn Foodbank and Job Club.

King's Lynn Patriots American football team are making an appearance to show the people of King's Lynn how the game is played at various times throughout the day.

So come and join us for what we believe will be an enjoyable day for all of the family.

Parking is available at the nearby, town centre multi-storey car park. For more details contact [alisonhilluk@gmail.com](mailto:alisonhilluk@gmail.com) or visit [www.celebratekingslynn.com](http://www.celebratekingslynn.com)

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# Queen says Jesus is her inspiration

People across Britain and the Commonwealth have been celebrating the life and service of the longest-serving British monarch – Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her 90th birthday and Celebrate Norfolk will be paying its own tribute on Sunday June 12.

**A** national service of thanksgiving will be held at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday June 10; the traditional trooping the colour ceremony to mark the Queen's official birthday on Horse Guards Parade will take place on Saturday June 11; and a massive street party for 10,000 people will take place on The Mall on Sunday June 12.

A special book has also been brought out to commemorate the Queen's life, which has been devoted to her people, called **The Servant Queen - and the King she serves**.

The beautifully illustrated short book uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role in her life of her trust in Jesus Christ.

In her 2014 Christmas broadcast, the Queen said: "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek

to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

The book tells the story of a remarkable woman who became Queen at the age of 25 in February 1952, following the death of her father King George VI. She was crowned in June 1953 at Westminster Abbey.

During her 63 years on the throne she has been adviser and confidante to 12 British Prime Ministers, she is the most famous woman in the world and says that she prays every day.

Her strong faith in Christ does not lead her to exclude people of other faiths but rather to embrace them and to accord them the same respect and dignity she does to those who share her own beliefs.

So what is the secret to the Queen's extraordinary contribution to the nation and the Commonwealth?

In 2002 she answered the question herself, saying: "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God. I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

■ Copies of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* are available in packs of 10 at £1 a copy (plus p&p). Visit [www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen)

■ 200 free copies will be given out during the Celebrate Norfolk weekend thanks to the generous support of Good News for Norwich & Norfolk.

## Free picnic marks Queen's birthday

■ Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk will be marking Her Majesty The Queen's official 90th Birthday on Sunday June 12, with a free picnic to honour local Christian volunteers, followed by a Celebration service at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich.

Christian charities and organisations from across Norwich and Norfolk have been invited to nominate a volunteer and their family to attend the free picnic and fun afternoon at the Narthex visitor centre and its gardens at the St John the Baptist Cathedral, on Earlham Road.

The theme of Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk this year is "Celebrating Volunteers" in line with the Queen's intention to do the same in London and across the country.

Invited volunteers will enjoy a free traditional afternoon tea, prepared by the Garden Café team at the Narthex. There will also be games and activities to keep younger children amused including a bouncy castle.

Celebrate director, John Betts, said: "It will be a great opportunity for volunteers to relax, mix with other like-minded people and enjoy being appreciated for the volunteering they do."



"It's our aim to make this a joyous occasion as we celebrate the magnificent work which is done by volunteers from across the spectrum of local Christian charities and to thank them for what they do 24/7, 365 days a year."

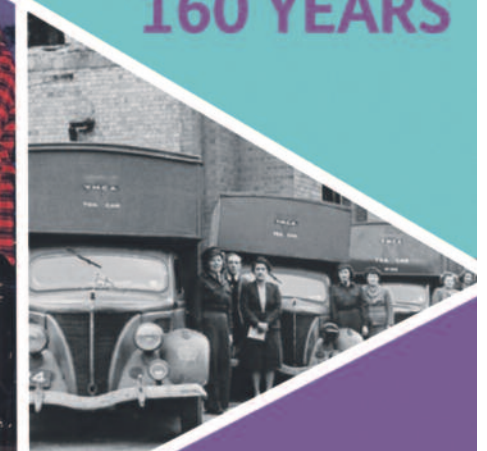
The free picnic will be followed by a service of Celebration in the St John the Baptist Cathedral from 4:30pm to 5:30pm to mark the end of the Celebrate weekend, to which all are welcome and no invitation is needed.

The speaker will be Julian Bryant East of England Regional Co-ordinator for Christian Aid and the service will include worship, prayer and stories of what has been happening over the Celebrate weekend.

2016 marks the 160th  
anniversary of  
YMCA Norfolk



YMCA NORFOLK  
1856-2016  
160 YEARS



Join us as we celebrate

- ▶ Royal Norfolk Show, 29th-30th June
- ▶ Lord Mayors Procession, 2nd July
- ▶ Charity Ball, 9th September
- ▶ Anniversary Celebration, 9th November

We will be launching an exhibition about the history of the YMCA in Norfolk at the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell in September 2016. If you have any stories or memories to share please get in touch. Find out more at [www.ymcanorfolk.org](http://www.ymcanorfolk.org)

# Church in action at Royal Norfolk Show

Thanks to a joint initiative between the Diocese of Norwich and Celebrate Norwich & Norfolk, a number of Christian organisations, charities and churches will be demonstrating the church in action at the Royal Norfolk Show in June.

**F**or many years, the Diocese of Norwich has had a large presence at the Show, which attracts 90,000 visitors, to highlight the local church in action.

At this year's event – held on June 29-30 – their marquee will be expanding significantly in partnership with Celebrate to include many more Christian groups. The stand is number 286 and can be found on avenues 8 & 9.

Exhibitors include:

**YMCA Norfolk** – celebrating their 160th anniversary opportunities to explore what the YMCA has been doing in Norfolk since 1856.

**Norwich Anglican Cathedral** – providing a space to find calm, reflect and unwind, the Cathedral will be offering free hand massages

**Norwich Youth for Christ** – enter a



**Celebrate is partnering with the Diocese of Norwich in a joint marquee at the Royal Norfolk Show.**

recording studio experience with a chance to win 'Singer of the Day'!

**Rafiki Creative Ministry** – have a go on their interactive spin art paint machines

**The Matthew Project** – highlighting its work and opportunities available for people to be support and get involved

**Mothers' Union** – pedal on their exercise bike to raise money for two special projects as they celebrate their 140th anniversary

Other exhibitors include: the **Christian Conference Trust**, **Traidcraft**, **Rural Ministries**, **Revelation Bookshop**, **Norwich FGB**, **Network Norfolk**, the **Horstead Centre** and **Premier's Christianity** magazine.

Speaking about the vision, Gordon Darley, Marketing & Communications Manager for the Diocese of Norwich, said: "The Royal Norfolk Show is an amazing opportunity to highlight what God is doing across Norfolk through Christian organisations working together in local communities. Through a vibrant, colourful and engaging presence we want to give just a taste of the love God has for all."

At the centre of the marquee will be a large café area for those wanting refreshment or a place to stop and relax as well as a toddler and crèche area for parents. They'll also be a demonstration area where school choirs, gospel choirs and others will be performing.

In the cinema area, Billy Graham's 'The Cross' short film will be playing with free popcorn for visitors! There are also interactive areas on prayer, music and the Bible, as well as a walkway journeying through a prayer space and forest church experience.

Everyone is welcome. For more details contact Angela George on 01603 880853 or [angela.george@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:angela.george@dioceseofnorwich.org)



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**VISIT US AT THE ROYAL  
NORFOLK SHOW**  
**STAND 286, AVENUE 9 29-30 JUNE 2016**



- **Watch** Billy Graham's *The Cross* short film in our **cinema**
- **Rest** in our **large cafe** serving good tea and coffee
- **Explore interactive areas** on prayer, music and the Bible
- **Join in** Messy Church **crafts**
- **Play** in our **toddler** zone
- **Journey** through a **prayer space** and forest church
- **Listen** to school **choirs**
- **Relax** with a **hand massage**
- **Receive John's Gospel**



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**EXHIBITORS** partnering with us  
in this year's marquee include:

