THE SHAPE OF THE CHURCH TO COME

We often hear gloomy reports that the church is in decline, with numbers of worshippers falling. But there are other signs of growth and vitality. In Great St Mary’s this Christmas we had record numbers at our services, and had to close the doors at two services because we could not fit anyone else in, even standing. There’s certainly change, but what kind of change?

This series of talks explores faith, society, and church. It seeks to understand what’s going on; explains the mission plan of Ely Diocese; and tells stories of how the church is changing and growing.

If you care about your church and your society – then this series of talks will help you grasp some of the changes taking place.

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