



### CHURCH LAUNCHES YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH DROP-IN

The Pillar Space officially launched this month at St Win's Church, Totton. This initiative will offer a weekly after school drop-in focusing on young people's mental health. Congratulations to all involved in making it happen!

### ECUMENICAL RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

The ecumenical 'Season of Creation' coalition has produced resources based on this year's theme: 'Let Justice and Peace Flow like a Mighty River'. These can be found on the Season of Creation website.

### GROWING RURAL PARISHES PROJECT FUNDING

Many churches in our diocese are eligible to apply for a grant through our Growing Rural Parishes programme, aimed at helping our rural churches develop and grow through extra support and resource. The application can be found in the Resources section of our website.



### ESTATE MINISTRY BLESSES LOCAL COMMUNITY IN SOUTHAMPTON

EDGE+ ('Every Day God Encounters'), a missional community linked to Ascension Church Southampton, held fun days at the end of August, to bless local people with some free fun, and to demonstrate God's abundant love.

# NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP

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### BISHOP DEBBIE TO BE THE NEXT BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH

Bishop Debbie Sellin will be the next Bishop of Peterborough, to be installed in early 2024. Bishop Debbie has recorded a special video message for our diocese - a place where she has "encountered beautiful people and beautiful places", which can be found on our YouTube channel.

### CHURCHES TAKE PART IN RIDE+STRIDE

Several churches in our diocese took part in this year's Ride+Stride, whether that involved opening their doors to riders and striders, or the parishioners taking part themselves.

### CHRISTIANS IN HEDGE END ORGANISE MARCH AGAINST POLLUTION

St Luke's Church in Hedge End held a 'Make Polluters Pay' march this month, shining a light on an urgent topic.

### BISHOP DEBBIE VISITS NEW YEAR 7S

The Autumn term is now underway and the holidays are a distant memory! Bishop Debbie paid a visit to the new starters at The Bishop of Winchester Academy, taking part in a 'Welcome and Worship' service.



### COLLEGE OF CANONS MEETS TO ELECT BISHOP PHILIP MOUNSTEPHEN

On 12 September, the College of Canons at Winchester Cathedral gathered to elect Philip Mounstephen - the first step in the formal process of him becoming the next Bishop of Winchester.



The next two important dates in the process are:



**10th October 2023** - The Confirmation of Election service held at St Mary-le-Bow, London

**13 January 2024** - Service of Welcome at Winchester Cathedral