



ANNOUNCING THE NEW BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

We are delighted to announce that Revd Theresa Ricketts will be the new Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester. She says: "I am excited to be able to serve both Bishop Philip and the Diocese of Winchester in this role, and am looking forward to meeting and working with new people, both in the central team and the parishes across the diocese."

DIOCESAN TEAM VOLUNTEER AT SCRATCH SOUTHAMPTON

The diocesan Parish Support Team enjoyed a Christmas visit to SCRATCH in December. SCRATCH is a Christian charity which works to relieve the effects of hardship, disadvantage and poverty for people living in Southampton and the surrounding area.

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FROM OUR BISHOPS

Over the last few weeks, we have marked Advent with the help of churches from around the diocese, who have all sent videos containing some beautiful prayers leading us through the Christmas scriptures. [Our bishops join with these prayers](#), asking God for His blessing on us all this Christmas.



BISHOP PHILIP'S SERVICE OF WELCOME

Plans have been finalised for Bishop Philip's Service of Welcome on Saturday 13th January at 2pm at Winchester Cathedral.



ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF OUR CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION!

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Christmas card design competition: Elmer, from Copythorne Infant School won first place with his Magi design, and the runner-up design was created by Gaby from Charles Kingsley School.



STORIES FROM OUR DIOCESE OF MOTHERHOOD AND MINISTRY

In this season of Advent as we reflect on the experience of Mary, the mother of Jesus, we hear the stories of three women in our diocese who have been ordained deacon or priest in the past two years and who are also mothers to young children, juggling the demands of both ministry and parenthood.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

We are very pleased to welcome Revd Sam Scott to the Parish Support team as Diocesan Environment Officer. This is a role funded by the national church as we seek to become a greener, more sustainable diocese.



'BOBBY BEARS' PRESENTED TO HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

It was a wonderful to welcome representatives from Hampshire Constabulary to Winchester Cathedral, where they were presented with a selection of 'Bobby Bears' knitted by members of the congregation.

Bobby Bears are given by police officers to children involved in incidents of domestic abuse, helping to break down barriers that can exist when police attend after a domestic incident.