

NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP

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CHILDREN FROM OUR DIOCESE RECORD AUDIO FOR TOM WRIGHT'S FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK

Four members from St Francis Junior Church were asked to help record the audio version of Tom Wright's first ever children's book and also got to record a special interview with the renowned theologian afterwards.

ST MARY'S SOUTH STONEHAM WINS NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST 'FRIENDS' AWARD

At an awards ceremony on 6 November, it was announced that St Mary's South Stoneham won the National Churches Trust 'Friends' award - a special grant of £10,000 to go towards their roof restoration.



THE DIOCESE SAYS GOODBYE TO BISHOP DEBBIE

At a Thanksgiving Evensong Service at Winchester Cathedral on 26 November, clergy, civic leaders, family and friends gathered to say farewell to Bishop Debbie as she moves on to become Bishop of Peterborough.

ACTING BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON

The Synod recently approved a motion to make Bishop Geoff Annas the Acting Bishop of Southampton. Bishop Geoff was the Vicar of St Christopher's Church, Thornhill, Southampton, and then Bishop of Stafford in the Diocese of Lichfield.



ADVENT PLANS AROUND THE DIOCESE

As we enter the season of Advent, churches around the diocese have planned a huge range of services and activities throughout December, from carol services, to crib services, to Christingle services.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICES ACROSS THE DIOCESE

During the season of Remembrance, churches across our diocese gathered many people from their communities to commemorate those who served in the two World Wars and in other conflicts.



THE NEWLY CREATED PARISH OF FOUR SAINTS,

On 1 October, the parish of Winton, Moordown and Charminster merged with the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Charminster, to create the Parish of Four Saints - a lot of careful work went into the merger, resulting in a successful partnership!



FEMALE CLERGY GATHER TO THANK BISHOP DEBBIE

On 13 November, female clergy from around the diocese came together for food and fellowship, an event that Bishop Debbie instituted in 2021. It was an opportunity to thank Bishop Debbie for her ministry amongst us and to pray for her as she moves on to her new role.