

NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP



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WINCHESTER DIOCESE MU SUPPORTS FAMILIES AFFECTED BY IMPRISONMENT

Working with the charity Spurgeons, who provide support services to prison families, the Winchester Diocese Mothers' Union donated Christmas presents to children visiting parents at HMP Winchester.

BISHOP PHILIP'S SERVICE OF WELCOME

On 13 January, we formally welcomed Bishop Philip into our diocese at a moving service at Winchester Cathedral. Many people from the parishes, schools and civic life of our diocese gathered to celebrate and hear Bishop Philip preach a message of heritage, healing and hope.



INTRODUCING THE NEW DEPUTY WARDENS TO LLMS

We're delighted to introduce four enthusiastic and committed Licensed Lay Ministers who'll be championing licensed lay ministry in our diocese, building networks amongst ministers, and supporting Bishop David in his task as the Warden of Readers: Su Brakewell, Bruce Viney, Stuart Bailey, and Mark Ward.



BISHOP PHILIP'S MAIDEN SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Bishop Philip delivered his Maiden Speech on 11 January in a debate on the UK's contribution to international development. Bishop Philip spoke on the importance of holding globalism with localism and tackling Freedom of Religious Belief and climate change together.

BISHOPS' STAFF JOIN SCHOOLS FOR EPIPHANY CHALKING

At Epiphany, the ritual of marking doors to symbolise God's blessing is becoming increasingly popular. Schools across the diocese celebrated Epiphany this year, chalking doors and several welcomed some special visitors from the Bishops' Staff Team.



GROWING RURAL PARISHES

The Diocese's Growing Rural Parishes' programme works with rural churches to develop their resources, using national church funding. We are delighted to announce that the successful benefices for the current round of funding are: Thorngate and Blackwater, Sherfield on Loddon, Brightwater, and Overton.



CLERGY CONFERENCE 2024

Thank you so much to all those who came to the Clergy Conference at High Leigh. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, learning and rest, as well as an opportunity to hear from Bishop Philip and other speakers.