

## LENT REFLECTIONS 2024

Over Lent, the Bishop's Staff Team have been reflecting on Lenten themes in short teaching videos to encourage and challenge individuals and communities.

### NEW VIDEO ABOUT THE ROLE OF A CHURCHWARDEN

To help parishes in their efforts to recruit and inspire church wardens, we have created a new film featuring voices from across the diocese about what the role of a churchwarden involves and how rewarding it can be!

# NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP

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### A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP FOR HOLY WEEK

Bishop Philip filmed a video message for the diocese from the Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre at Winchester Cathedral, where the 12th century wall paintings speak powerfully of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the light of Christ dawning in a dark world.



### BISHOP GEOFF REPRESENTS THE DIOCESE AT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT EVENT

Bishop Geoff, Acting Bishop of Southampton, recently attended an event organised by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Faith and Society. It spotlighted the work of the ecumenical group Love Southampton and their work supporting food aid and redistribution efforts in the city.

### REFLECTIONS 30 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST ORDINATIONS OF WOMEN AS PRIESTS

On 12 March 1994, the first 32 women were ordained as priests in the Church of England at Bristol Cathedral. From our own diocese, Dean Catherine Ogle and Canon Peggy Jackson were amongst the first women to be priested that year. They reflected on the privilege of being part of such historic change, and the continued journey of women in ministry.



### CARBON NET ZERO VIDEO FROM THE NATIONAL CHURCH

The National Church has shared a new inspirational video about the goal of being carbon net zero by 2030. It's particularly encouraging to see a church from our diocese, St Denys Church in Southampton, and its vicar Revd Sera Rumble, featured for taking some small steps that can make a big difference!



### ST LUKE'S GAINS SILVER ECO CHURCH AWARD THROUGH CAREFUL CHURCHYARD MANAGEMENT

St Luke's Church Sway has been working hard to achieve a Silver Eco Church award, through things like building wildlife habitats and making changes to their churchyard. Now that they have won the Silver, they are aiming for Gold!

### ST MARY AND ST MICHAEL, STOKE CHARITY, FILM THE NATIONAL ONLINE SERVICE

We were delighted to see the Revd Dr Rob Rees leading our diocese's first ever offering to the National Online Service on Sunday, gathering around the Lord's Table for the Third Sunday of Lent. Well done to all the team in the Dever Benefice!

