



NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS CHURCHES SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH FREE MEALS

Churches in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice have been sharing the love of God by offering free meals to people who are lonely or those struggling with the cost of living. More than 400 meals have been served up since the project was set up nearly two years ago.

CELEBRATING THE NEW PARISH OF NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE

There are big changes taking place for the North West Hampshire churches! The parishes of Ashmansworth, Crux Easton, East Woodhay and Woolton Hill have joined together to form one parish, and they are also celebrating the arrival of a new rector.

CHURCHES FIND NEW WAYS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The national church has set a bold vision to double the number of children and young people in church by 2030, and churches in our diocese are finding ways to flourish in their work with children, young people and families! We've taken a look at three projects in our diocese - Weston Church Youth Project, Andover Parish's Life Bus, and Kings Worthy's After School Drop-In - to see how they're connecting with young people in creative ways.



MILESTONE CELEBRATION FOR SOUTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

Southampton Street Pastors have just celebrated 15 years of offering help, care and a listening ear to people in the city. A celebration service took place to mark the anniversary, led by Bishop Geoff, who has been involved in the initiative from the start.

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THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

From 1 August, Diocesan Synod will start a new triennium, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank those stepping down, those continuing in their role, and new members of Synod.



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP:

It is with great sadness that I have to share the news that Canon Gary Philbrick died on Tuesday afternoon after a short illness. Gary was very greatly loved in the Diocese of Winchester and will be very greatly missed. But his hope was in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and it is into that hope we now commit him. Please do pray for Craig his son, and all his family. Funeral details will follow. May Gary rest in peace, and rise in glory.

BISHOP PHILIP BLESSES NEW PILGRIMS' SHELL ON THE WAY OF ST JAMES

On 11 July, Bishop Philip blessed the newly installed Pilgrims' Shell at The Hospital of St Cross, providing a guide to pilgrims along the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St James. The Camino de Santiago is an extensive network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe.



ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN TO VISIT THE DIOCESE, 25-27 OCTOBER

We are delighted that Archbishop Justin and a team from the College of Evangelists will be visiting the diocese in October, with the intent of joining us in witnessing joyfully to the life transforming love of Christ Jesus.

PHOTOS FROM THE DEACON AND PRIEST ORDINATIONS 2024

On Saturday 29 June and Sunday 30 June, two services were held at Winchester Cathedral to ordain the new priests and deacons of the diocese. Please do pray for these individuals who have committed themselves wholeheartedly to serving God's church as they continue in their ministry.

