

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN'S VISIT

25-27 October 2024



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Archbishop Justin Welby is coming to the Diocese of Winchester on 25-27 October to join us on our journey of faith and mission. For one weekend, he will be walking alongside us...

- Sharing his story about the life-transforming love of Christ
- Hearing our story about the faithfulness of God in this place
- And encouraging us to see a vision of how these stories fit within God's big story!



Throughout the Bible, particularly the gospels, we encounter people journeying and telling stories about God and faith: think of the two disciples and Jesus recounting recent events as they walk along the road to Emmaus, or Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch as they travel together and share experiences about God. Jesus himself was one of history's best storytellers, using parables to illustrate his message - even telling the woman at the well her own life story back to her!

Telling and hearing personal stories is a natural and yet powerful way to engage people with the love of God, and a starting point for sharing the greatest story of all – the story of Jesus's death and resurrection and how this truth can change our lives forever.

Over the weekend in October, Archbishop Justin will be visiting churches and projects around the diocese. Some churches will also be hosting outreach events with support from the College of Evangelists, an Anglican community that works under the presidency of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to encourage, connect, and develop the ministry of evangelists across the Church of England. The hope is that the whole diocese will use this opportunity to join together, to pray for more people in our communities to come to know Jesus, and to share old and new stories about God's goodness and love.

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There are four strands to the Archbishop's mission-focused visit:

1. Spirit Led

We pray for ++Justin as he travels across our diocese from 25-27 October, sharing his story about the life-transforming love of Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give ++Justin words of encouragement to share with those he meets.

2. Locally Led

We pray for all the local churches at the heart of ++Justin's itinerary - in the urban areas of Bournemouth, Southampton, Winchester, Andover and Basingstoke, and with the rural parishes across the diocese.

3. Humbly Focused on Mission on the Fringes

We pray for ++Justin as he joins in with missional activities across the diocese that are helping people on the margins to hear about God's love and grace.

4. Boldly Focused on Going One Step Beyond

We pray for courage and boldness to fuel our mission as we share our stories of Jesus' good news. We pray that the fruitfulness of ++Justin's visit will be far-reaching and long lasting.



WHAT'S ON?

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

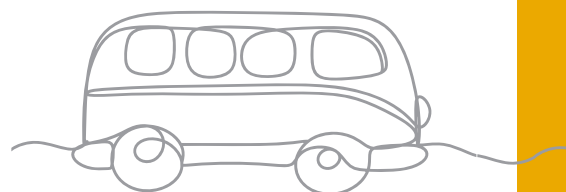
The Archbishop will start his visit at a **missional community in Southampton**, before moving to Bournemouth to visit church initiatives that involve a **community café** on an estate, a **new job skills initiative** with refugees and asylum seekers, and a **community choir** which is a lifeline for families of children with additional needs. After attending **evening prayer** in Bournemouth, the Archbishop will be at Winchester Cathedral, and then out and about on the streets with the **Winchester Street Pastors**.

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

After leading **Morning Prayer and Eucharist at Winchester Cathedral**, Archbishop Justin will visit Winchester Prison and the **Mission to Seafarers chaplaincy at Southampton Docks** on Saturday. He'll also spend some time with **chaplaincy for older people and people with dementia**. His evening will be spent on board **the Life Bus in Andover**, first in prayer, and then with young people.

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

After Morning Prayer at one of the prayer hubs in the New Forest, the Archbishop will speak at a **Q&A event at Beaulieu Motor Museum**, then travelling on to a **community lunch project in Southampton** and then visiting **missional work in Romsey Deanery**, before attending a **service on a housing estate in Basingstoke**.



JOIN IN PRAYER

Below are two prayers written by the organising team and Lambeth Palace which can be used in services and communications. We hope the whole diocese will commit to praying in the weeks leading up to the Archbishop's Visit and during the weekend itself....

God of all compassion, grace and joy,
We thank you for your love in Christ that changes the
world.

Through the story of his life and death and resurrection
we are transformed.

Your Holy Spirit impacts our lives with divine forgiveness,
mercy, freedom and hope.

In your story our stories make sense – you give us
meaning and purpose, belonging and challenge.

Through your Holy Spirit, we ask you to empower us and
your servant Justin as we share the story of your love
across the Diocese of Winchester.

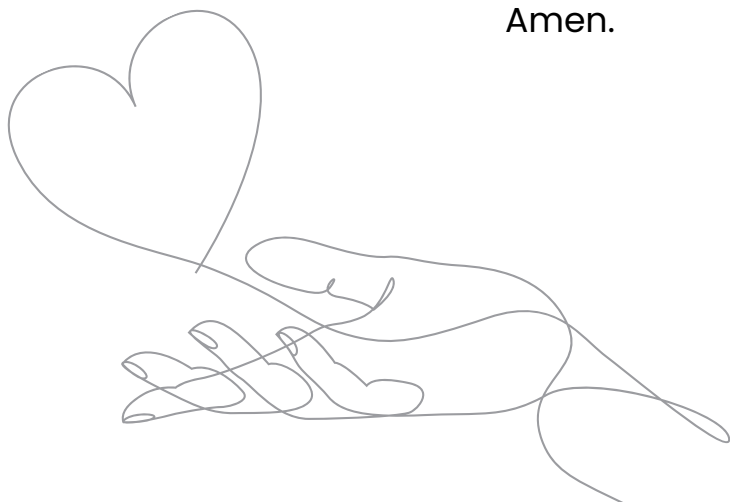
Equip and embolden each one of us to be witnesses of
all you have done and the difference this has made.

We believe you are at work to draw people to yourself.
Give us opportunities to tell of who you are and all you
do for us with our families, friends, neighbours, and all
those we meet, that they might come to experience
your faithfulness in their own lives.

We ask that our churches and communities may be
beacons of good news across this diocese,
Sharing the story of hope, peace and redemption with
those who need it most.

Open our eyes, ears, hearts and mouths that we might
witness to your story of love that many more might hear
the good news for themselves and join their voices in
praise of your glory and goodness,

Now and forevermore,
Amen.



JOIN IN PRAYER

Loving heavenly Father,
God of all our stories,
Be with us and your servant Archbishop Justin as he visits
the Diocese of Winchester,
We thank you for the story of your life-transforming love in
Christ,
We thank you for the stories we can all tell of Your
faithfulness in our own lives
And in the lives of our churches, communities and
diocese.
We pray that you would weave these tales together to tell
of your bigger story
Of the truth, forgiveness and hope found in your Son,
Jesus.
Send your Holy Spirit that many more might hear your
song of love
And join their voices in praise of your glory and goodness,
Now and forevermore,
Amen.



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On Saturday 26 October, ++Justin will preside over Morning Prayer at 8am, and then the 8.30am Eucharist Service, at Winchester Cathedral.

We warmly invite people from across the diocese to come to these services.

Prayer Hubs Across the Diocese

Epiphany Chapel, Winchester Cathedral

The Epiphany Chapel at Winchester Cathedral will act as a prayer space throughout the weekend, and will display four candles, representing the four pillars of ++Justin's visit: Spirit led; locally led; humbly focused on mission on the fringes; and boldly focused on going one step beyond.

St Cross, Winchester

The chapel at St Cross Church, Winchester, will be open to prayer between 9am and 5pm, throughout the weekend of ++Justin's visit. All are also welcome to attend a Service of Matins on Friday and Saturday at 10am.

St Michael's and All Angels, Lyndhurst

A Prayer Hub will be open at St Michael's and St Angels, Lyndhurst, throughout Saturday 26 October and Sunday 27 October.

St Saviour's, Brockenhurst

The Prayer Hub in Brockenhurst, which will have materials to support a time of prayer and reflection, will be installed at St Saviour's church, which is open every day from 8am to 5pm. Prayer stations will be set up between Thursday 24 October and Wednesday 30 October, though will be closed on Saturday from noon.

St Paul's, Andover

The Prayer Room at St Paul's, Smannell Road, will be open throughout the weekend of ++Justin's visit.

All Hallows, Whitchurch

In preparation for ++Justin's visit, All Hallows, Whitchurch, will have an evening of prayer and worship on Wednesday 23 October, at 7pm. A Prayer Hub will be open throughout Saturday, and prayers will be said during the Sunday services.

St Francis, Bournemouth

The Prayer Hub at St Francis Church in Charminster will be open on Thursday 24 October 7am-7pm, Friday 25 October 7am-4pm, and Saturday 26 October 9am-4pm. You are encouraged to pray using paint, chalk, crayons and other materials, and display your prayers throughout the church!

RESOURCES AND IDEAS

Evangelism and Teaching Webinar

Join a Webinar with Revd Dr Chris Russell, Archbishop of Canterbury's Evangelism Adviser

Join us on **1 October at 7pm** for a webinar on evangelism with the Revd Dr Chris Russell, Advisor on Evangelism and Witness to the Archbishop of Canterbury .

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89801815833?pwd=e6L6J1KvCTCnPgLW9JDHRnoVIfbz6u.1>

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Storytelling Sunday Ideas

Sixty Second Storytelling

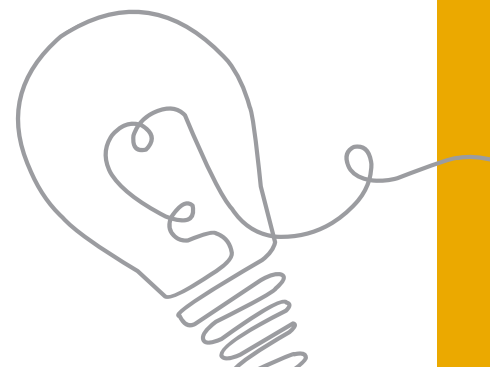
Host a 'Storytelling Sunday' and incorporate a new practice such as 'Sixty Second Storytelling' somewhere in your service, encouraging your congregation to swap their stories of faith. It's a great way to break the ice with storytelling in your church!

Intergenerational Storytelling Initiative

Ask your children and young people to record or write a letter about their own faith stories, and then swap these with older people - you could even host an event to share them.

Host a 'Forgotten Stories' Event

Shine a spotlight on people who are marginalised in your community, encouraging them to tell their stories in a service, at an event, or via a blog or newsletter.



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Book Recommendations

Yearning for the Vast and Endless Sea: The Good News about the Good News, by Revd Dr Chris Russell

Living His Story: Revealing the Extraordinary Love of God in Ordinary Ways (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021), by Hannah Steele

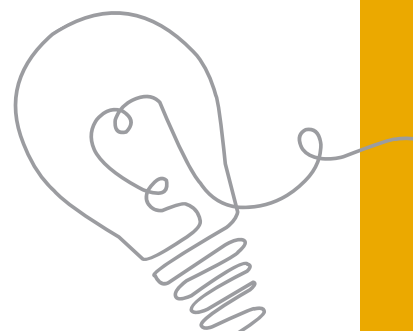
Our Precious Lives: Why Telling and Hearing Stories can Impact the Church, by Steve Morris

Telling the Gospel Through Story: Evangelism That Keeps Hearers Wanting More, by Christine Dillon

Online Resources

[The Art of Storytelling: Churches Together in England Webinars](#)

[The Biggest Story \(Online Resources for Children\)](#)

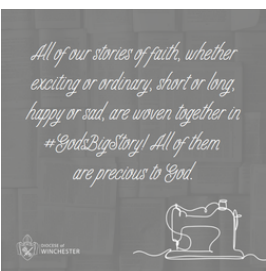
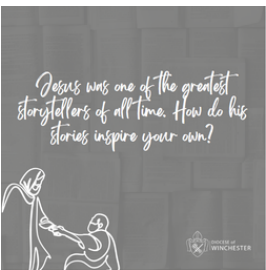
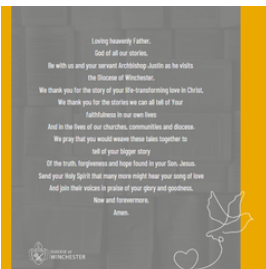
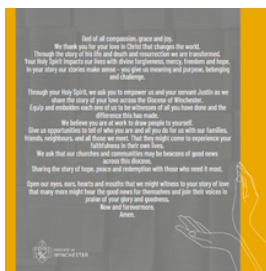


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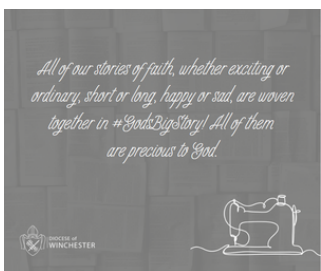
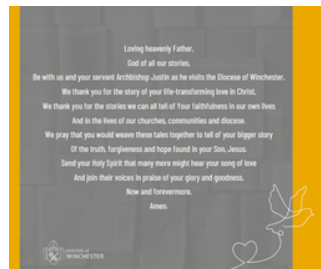
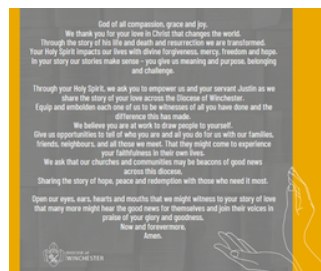
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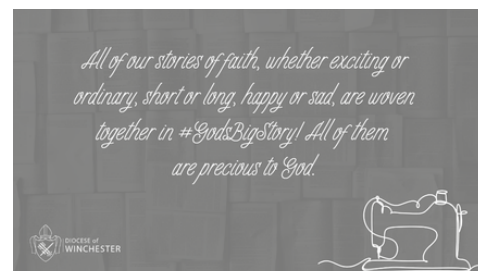
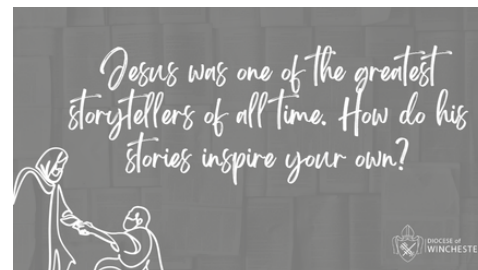
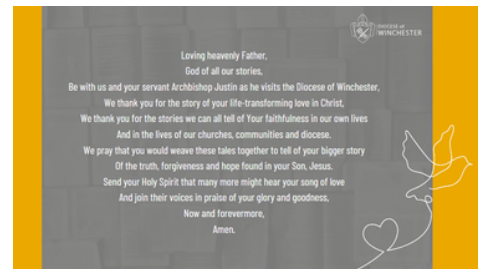
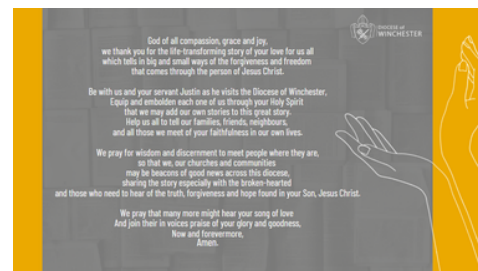
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THANK YOU TO THE ORGANISERS



Revd Clive Beard, Curate at St Luke's Hedge End

The Archbishop's Visit has been organised by a team of three marvellous curates who have devoted a significant amount of time to planning the itinerary and organising prayer and engagement.

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Revd Katie Hodkinson, Curate at St Andrew's Charminster



Revd Lorraine Kingsley, Curate at Parish of Four Saints, Bournemouth

thank you