



NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP



NOVEMBER 2024

ALL SAINTS TALKS ABOUT DEATH & LIFE

All Saints Church, Milford on Sea, has been running a Death and Life course giving people a safe space to explore and discuss the practical, emotional and spiritual aspects of dying. With a variety of speakers, the chance to ask questions and share stories, the course focused on a topic many of us struggle to talk about.



WELCOMING OUR NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON!

On 16 November, we were delighted to officially welcome +Rhiannon to our diocese at a Service of Welcome at St Michael the Archangel, Southampton. Bishop Rhiannon passed on a big thank you to everyone who made her first few weeks and welcome service such a delight!

NEWS FROM DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS

We're pleased to share that Revd Angie Smith was elected as Chair of the House of Clergy. Revd Andrew Micklefield has stepped down after years of service and has now been elected as one of the clergy representatives on Bishop's Council, along with Revd Sarah Yetman. Alastair Barron was re-elected as Chair of the House of Laity. We're also delighted to report that the new Racial Justice Strategy was overwhelmingly passed at Diocesan Synod.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Forty people were confirmed at Winchester Cathedral on 23 November, in front of family, friends and supporting clergy from their local churches, publicly affirming their faith and saying yes to Jesus!



ST CLEMENTS' CHURCH SEES GOD AT WORK IN KIDS' BREAKFAST SCHEME

St Clements Church Boscombe, situated in an area of significant poverty, started providing breakfasts each Thursday morning for children on their way to the local primary schools in March last year. This has led to more people joining the church community - many families who come along to the breakfasts have returned to the church for other events and services!



REMEMBRANCE 2024 - PAYING TRIBUTE ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Church communities around the diocese have been marking Remembrance Sunday, gathering people together for services, creating visual displays and exhibitions and remembering those who have given their lives, while praying for peace in our current day.



LIGHT PARTIES AND AUTUMN EVENTS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Churches across our diocese held light parties and other events this October, opening their doors to the local community to host activities like arts and crafts, games, fireworks, and share the message that Christ's light always shines in the darkness.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF DEAN CATHERINE OGLE

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester Cathedral, has announced that she is to retire on 1 May 2025.

DOWNLOAD A NEW COMMON MISSION FUND PORCH CARD

Our Stewardship team have put together some facts and figures around the Common Mission Fund, which can be downloaded and displayed in church porches and noticeboards.