



### +DAVID APPOINTED NEXT BISHOP OF TRURO

On 11 December, Downing Street announced that Bishop David will be the next Bishop of Truro. +David has been a loved and valued part of our diocese for the past 24 years. As sad as we will be to say goodbye to David and Helen, please pray for them as they begin a new season of ministry in Cornwall.

### LONGING FOR LIGHT SERVICE HELD AT ALL HALLOWS WHITCHURCH

The Revd Sue Hart has collaborated with colleagues from Portsmouth Diocese to hold a service of lament for survivors of abuse. The 'Longing for Light' service used a special liturgy combined with prayer stations to offer a quiet and reflective space, drawing on resources from the book 'The Statues Gaped' by Revd Sarah Chapman.



### YOUNG PEOPLE IN ANDOVER PLAN & RUN THEIR OWN YOUTH CHURCH

Andover Youth Church's slogan is 'for young people – by young people', and this shows in the way they run their Sunday evening services! Every service is imagined, planned and run by teenagers for their peers, from leading worship to sharing thoughts and praying together.



# NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP

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### CHRISTMAS AND ADVENT CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Church communities across our diocese have been celebrating Advent in creative and spectacular ways, sharing the message of God's love this Christmas.



### A CHRISTMAS VIDEO MESSAGE FROM +PHILIP

Bishop Philip sends a message to everyone in the Diocese of Winchester, thanking them for their hard work and reflecting on the central message of Christmas, "the miracle of the incarnation – that Jesus came and experienced such profound fragility, even unto death, that we might know life in him."

### A FUNDRAISING SUCCESS STORY FROM BISHOPS SUTTON

When the quinquennial inspection at St Nicholas Church found that its roof was in a very poor state, the congregation thought they faced an insurmountable problem. Now, just over two years later, the work is almost complete thanks to community support, multiple grant applications and lots of prayer!



### ST PETER'S ROPLEY WRAPS UP MINECRAFT CHURCH SERIES WITH CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

St Peter's Church, Ropley, held their final (and Christmas themed) session of their new Minecraft Church in December! They've seen incredible digital designs created over the sessions, using these to explore Bible stories through the medium of Minecraft!

### ST BARNABAS CHURCH GIVES THANKS FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL BUILDING PROJECT

Bishop David attended a special service of thanksgiving at St Barnabas the Encourager in Darby Green after a year of building work. Grant funding has meant the church will have greater opportunities and flexibility to open up their facilities to the community and share the love of God.