

## UPDATE ON THE CMF APPEAL

In February, we wanted to report back on contributions to the Common Mission Fund, following [Bishop Philip's Video Appeal](#) in October 2024. We can report that 26 parishes responded with exceptional generosity by paying over and above their CMF request! We spoke to a couple of these parishes to [find out why the CMF matters to them and our diocesan family](#).



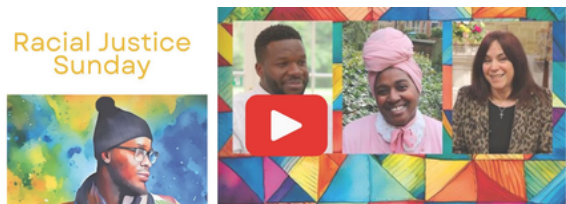
## SCHOOL PUPILS DISCOVER THE JOY OF PRAYER SPACES

The Education Team recently ran a training session to help anyone who was interested in running a prayer space in their school or church. We heard from Oakley CoFE Juniors about their experiences with prayer spaces which may inspire your community to create one too!



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN NEW SKILLS

As part of St Andrew's Church in Dibden Purlieu's outreach to local young people, they run a course called 'Mechanix', an evening programme which enables local youth aged 14-17 to learn skills from professional car mechanics, bringing cars up to MOT level!



# NEWSLETTER ROUNDUP

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## +RHIANNON BECOMES AMBASSADOR FOR THE ROSE ROAD ASSOCIATION

Following a long tradition amongst previous Bishops of Southampton, Bishop Rhiannon recently became an ambassador for Rose Road, which supports young people with complex physical and learning disabilities.



## RURAL CHURCH CELEBRATES GROWTH IN FAMILY WORSHIP

Two years ago, there were no children attending Sunday services at St Nicholas' in Longparish. Now this rural church in Hampshire has a growing family attendance. Read their story of prayer and planning which led to the setting up of a monthly family service, bringing families from the community and surrounding villages to join the fun and hear more about God's love.



## HEAR FROM CLERGY ABOUT SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY

Self-supporting ordained ministry (SSM) is growing in our diocese, particularly amongst those in key leadership positions. SSMs undertake similar roles to paid clergy, bringing a wealth of experience into the church and many are deep rooted in their communities. We spoke to three self-supporting ordained ministers in our diocese, to discover their stories.



## ODIHAM YOUTH PLAY FOR UKRAINE

The week of 27 February marked the third anniversary of the war in Ukraine. We spoke to the young people of All Saints Odiham who put on a concert in support of Pickups for Peace, an organisation which sends out 4x4s filled with humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The audience also heard stories from some of the Ukrainian musicians.



## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025

To mark this year's 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday, we spoke to children and youth workers in our diocese to find out why racial justice important to them and the young people they minister to. We are so grateful to Sochi Ezeanowai, Mel Osborne, and Angel Itzstein for their passion and insights. Find the video on our [YouTube channel](#).