



## SEE THE FANTASTIC PHOTOS FROM YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLIES

This month, Winchester Cathedral hosted Year 6 Leavers Assemblies, where an art installation created by hundreds of Year 6 pupils hangs in the North Transept. The installation features thousands of cardboard animals, each displaying a short prayer, and is a way of reminding us of our call to care for God's creation.



## BIG ANNIVERSARIES FOR TWO CHURCHES

This year marks the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Nicholas Church, Newnham, and the church community held a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the history and legacy of their church! St Thomas Church, Lymington, are also celebrating an anniversary of 775 years this year - the Friends of St Thomas have commissioned a sculpture to commemorate the occasion, the Lymington Christus, by renowned sculptor Peter Eugene Ball.



## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH EMBRACES 'GIVE TO GO GREEN'

St Bartholomew's 'Give to Go Green' day is part of a series of events to raise funds to reduce the church's carbon footprint and involve people across the community in their plans. Over six weeks, things like art lectures and coffee mornings are planned.

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## CHURCHES CELEBRATE PENTECOST AND MARK 10 YEARS OF THY KINGDOM COME

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come, and church communities across the diocese marked it in many creative ways, as well as celebrating Pentecost with baptisms and ecumenical gatherings.



## SOUTHAMPTON LEADERS COME TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR THE CITY

The first Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in 5 years has been held in Southampton, bringing together church leaders, council leaders and local charities to pray for God's blessing on the city, its residents and decision makers. Bishop Rhiannon said, "It's just great that people are meeting together today. I think God loves it and something special happens."

## PHOTOS FROM ASCENSION DAY AROUND THE DIOCESE

Churches across our diocese celebrated Ascension Day with services, food, and even climbing church towers! We heard from the Portway and Danebury and the Anna Benefices, North Stoneham and Bassett Parish, All Saints' Milford and Church of the Ascension Burghclere, about their Ascension celebrations!



## CONNECTING WITH GOD IN EVERY SEASON THROUGH WILD WORSHIP

The Anna and Portway and Danebury Benefices have invited their communities to take part in Wild Worship, the chance to be outdoors, worship God's creation and see the wonder of His world around us. Services have been held in different places across the two benefices, building links between the villages.

## REVD JAMES AWARDED MBE FOR SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Revd James Pitkin, Area Dean and Rector of the Thorngate & Blackwater Benefice, was awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours List for his voluntary chaplaincy work serving the RAF Air Cadets. Revd James said, "It has been a real joy to help make the Air Cadet Chaplaincy more diverse, and more reflective of the cadets and adult volunteers."

