



TODDLER GROUP HELPS BUILD COMMUNITY AND FAITH

The toddler group at Lord's Hill Church in Southampton has welcomed hundreds of people from the community since opening less than 2 years ago, and introduced many people to Jesus. Revd Tom Boulter said, "On the day that we opened we had 100 people come along without really advertising it, because there was such a local need. People were queuing up at the door saying, 'we've been waiting for something like this to happen around here.'"



ONE MAN'S JOURNEY OF SPIRITUAL THANKSGIVING

Phil Carr, who worships at St Peter & St Paul, King's Somborne, has always been a keen walker, but last October, pain in his hips while walking led to the discovery of unrelated prostate cancer. This month, Phil embarked on a two day 'walk of thanksgiving' along part of the Camino Way pilgrim's trail, praying in gratitude for those who treated him and those who prayed for him.



SERVICES HELD TO REMEMBER AND HONOUR THE HOMELESS

A moving display of red flowers was left at the altar of Saint Mary's, Southampton, to remember those who have died in the city in the last year whilst experiencing homelessness. At Winchester Cathedral, a memorial bench was brought to a special evensong which displays the names of people who have died in the city while homeless in recent years.

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A WARM WELCOME TO +KELLY AS SHE BEGINS HER MINISTRY AMONG US

It was a joyful service to welcome Bishop Kelly to the diocese on Saturday 15 November at St Mary's Andover which featured beautiful prayers and music, selfies and even a bread maker! Thank you to everyone who came and who took part, especially the wonderful children of St Mary's Old Basing, St Peter's Ropley and Oakley CofE Primary who asked the bishop some excellent questions and sang beautifully, reminding us all to 'carry our light' into dark places.

AMAZING ANSWERS TO PRAYER AT RINGWOOD CHURCHES

Since January, the church of St Peter and St Paul in Ringwood have been holding daily prayer meetings, and have seen their Sunday congregation rise from around 20 people to over 100. Revd Steve Miles said, "it's been an amazing journey of learning how to love like God calls us to, in a way that isn't always comfortable."



CHURCHES ACROSS OUR DIOCESE MARK REMEMBRANCE 2025

From parades to poppy waterfalls, churches across our diocese have paused to remember the service and sacrifice of our armed forces and to pray for those still affected by conflict around the world.

CHURCHES REACH OUT THROUGH LIGHT PARTIES AT ALL HALLOWS' EVE

From discos to light trails, bobbing apples and hot chocolate, our churches used All Hallows' Eve as an opportunity to reach out to their local communities. Revd Tom Young, curate at St Thomas Fair Oak, said, "We recognise that the community is out and about this evening, so we thought it's a great opportunity to meet them, to love and serve them".



ALL SOULS' HIGHLIGHTS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN CARING FOR THE BEREAVED

All Souls' is a chance for churches to provide sacred space for their community to remember loved ones, but the unique thing about our churches is that this care and welcome is not just confined to one day of the year - it is rooted in a compassionate ministry to the bereaved which is all year round. We spoke to people ministering in bereavement teams, funeral planning, and those providing follow up support in the months following the funeral.