



BROCKENHURST CHURCH SERVES UP 45,000 LUNCHES!

Each Wednesday, volunteers at St Saviour's in Brockenhurst serve up a two-course meal for people in the village who might be elderly, alone or looking for community. Since starting in 1988, a staggering 45,000 meals have been produced! Ros Dennison, one of the organisers, said, "We represent the hands of God and provide pastoral care across the village. That's why people say this village is special."



THE VERY REVD CHRIS PALMER INSTALLED AS DEAN OF WINCHESTER

On 15 March, The Very Revd Chris Palmer was installed as the new Dean of Winchester, joining us from Exeter Cathedral and bringing with him a wealth of experience in leadership, parish ministry and theological learning. Please pray for Dean Chris and this exciting new era for Winchester Cathedral, as they commit to renew, inspire and unite people in faith, hope and love.



MISSION AND MINISTRY TRAINING CELEBRATION SERVICE

A joyous evening of celebration was held last week to mark the completion of Mission and Ministry academic achievements. Kate Gilbert, who received a BCM, said, "I felt a sense of the Holy Spirit being with all of us as we worshipped together with each other's services, and I came out wanting to do a lot more."

TRAUMA INFORMED MINISTRY COURSE AT OLD ALRESFORD PLACE

The first trauma-informed ministry course in our diocese was held last week, delivered by the [Clergy Support Trust](#). It was designed to help those who minister to people who have experienced trauma by recognising how it impacts the body and brain, and looked at how trauma in our own lives can affect our response to others and how the words of scripture can equip us.

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LENTEN BIBLE COURSE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

When a Lenten Bible course was organised in the North Hampshire Downs benefice, they certainly didn't expect around 130 people to attend each week! Camilla, one of the attendees, said, "It's one of the best things we've done as a benefice. It makes you want to read more and reignited a love of the Bible."



+RHIANNON DEDICATES NEW CHAPEL AT BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL

Bishop Rhiannon visited the Royal Bournemouth Hospital to dedicate and pray for its new chapel now situated at the heart of the site near the main entrance, and to encourage the wonderful team of chaplains. She said, "This place and their presence is about being a beacon of hope in this hospital, reaching out to staff and patients with the love of Christ. Their work makes a real difference."



ODIHAM YOUTH RAISE THOUSANDS OF POUNDS TO HELP UKRAINE

Marking the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, British and Ukrainian young people at All Saints Church, Odiham, organised their fourth fundraising concert entitled 'Symphony of Solidarity'. One of the participants, Sofia Zavorina, said, "It's actually unbelievable that it's been four years, and we have this constant feeling of waiting. However, this concert is an opportunity to do something physical that will help."

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW CANONS!

Congratulations to 7 new Honorary Canons who were installed at Winchester Cathedral on Sunday. One of the new canons, Revd Simon Newham said, "Becoming a Canon came as a complete surprise. It has brought me great joy, a great sense of being connected with the wider diocese and also a sense of responsibility too in terms of wanting to represent the cathedral in the wider community."