



LOOKING AHEAD:



Growing and supporting each other...

VISION DAY with Revd. Simon Newham

Saturday 17th October 9.30—15.30

Resource Centre at St Mary's, Brangore

**Please come along and help us to shape
the future of our Churches**

FRIENDS OF SOPLEY CHURCH

Invite you to a

HARVEST SUPPER

FRIDAY 18TH SEPT AT 7PM

SOPLEY VILLAGE HALL



TICKETS £10 - 2 course meal

Tickets from Jacque Lay
Tel 07815 434671

Jacque.lay@btinternet.com

Craft and Book Fayre

Saturday 17th October 2026
10-2

Brangore Village Hall

Raffle - Refreshments - Gifts

Proceeds for the upkeep of [Sopley Church](http://www.sopleychurch.org)

Contact Jacque.lay@btinternet.com for info



NEW FOREST EDGE BENEFICE

NEWSLETTER for Sunday 30th August

*Please send all newsletter contributions by Wednesday evening to
pam.masonsmith@gmail.com or message 07850 984571.*

HOLY COMMUNION BENEFICE SERVICE with BISHOP PHILIP



Sunday August 30th 10.30

St John the Baptist, Church Lane,
Burley, BH24 4AP



EXTRA PARKING in the field. Enter by the gate at the
bottom of Church Lane



CELTIC SERVICE

WITH PAT SIMPSON

Sunday 30th August 18.00

Burley Church BH24 4AP



Philip Ian Mounstephen (born 13 July 1959) is a British Anglican bishop and missionary. He has been the Bishop of Winchester since 2023, having been Bishop of Truro from November 2018. Mounstephen was previously the executive leader of the Church Mission Society (CMS); worked for the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS); and served in parish ministry in the Diocese of Oxford, the Diocese of Southwark and the Diocese in Europe.

We will all have a chance to chat with Bishop Philip over coffee.



NEWS FROM AROUND OUR BENEFICE



Summary of an article in the Diocese of Winchester newsletter last week!



'Congratulations to St John the



Baptist Church in Burley on achieving the Eco Church silver award in recognition of their commitment to care for God's world.

It follows more than a year of work by the church's eco team, led by Bridgette Riley, who have encouraged the congregation and wider community to play their part in protecting the environment.

Changes have been made throughout church life, from a Hive heating system to reduce energy use, recycling food waste after refreshments, to switching to environmentally friendly cleaning products, recycled toilet paper and paper napkins and not using oasis in flower arrangements.

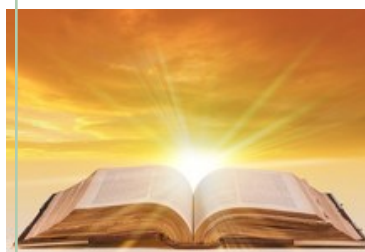
In the churchyard, surveys have been carried out, areas have been left to grow naturally to encourage wildlife and biodiversity. Wild-flowers have been planted and bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog homes and a bug hotel have also been created. The church's eco team have also met with other groups in the area to learn and encourage each other. Now they are going for Gold! Well done Burley!



We have 3 churches from our Benefice open on Ride and Stride Day from 10 till 4pm, all offering refreshments

All Saints' at Thorney Hill
St John's at Burley and
St Michael's at Sopley

Google 'Ride and Stride Hampshire' for more information and have a great day out!



BENEFICE BIBLE COURSE

with Phil Cole

St Mary's Church, Bransgore

Starting Tuesday 8th September
at 7.30pm

Cost is £12 for the 8 week course
which will cover the cost of the bible course book

Please book by email:
admin@newforestededgechurches.org

