



WE WISH YOU JOY AND PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS



Good news - a new Archdeacon for the Isle of Wight and plans for inside the Minster coming soon...

A local vicar, Rev Steve Daughtery has accepted the mission to guide and serve the community of the Isle of Wight and we are delighted that will join the team guiding the Minster in 2023, as we move to the final phase of work.

Steve is currently vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge and will remain in that parish post on a half-time basis, alongside serving the archdeaconry and diocese. He will work closely with Bishop Jonathan and members of the Bishop's Staff Team, as well as the parishes and communities of the Island. He will hold day-to-day responsibility for the clergy and parishes of the Isle of Wight, as the most senior priest on the Island. Steve, 61, is married to Amanda and they have five grown-up children scattered across the south-coast. He has a passion for good organisation, helping people develop their relationship with Jesus, missional outreach, and making church attractive for all generations. We wish him every blessing in his ministry.



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Early next year we will be unveiling the final agreed scheme for the Minster and you'll be the first to hear about the exciting plans. It has been a great deal of work as we wanted to ensure the widest possible consultation for a building that deserves to work for everyone. It will have a better cafe, a meeting room and exhibitions that celebrate the church and local history, as well as being a warm gathering space for a variety of events, large and small.

There is so much to be thankful for as we approach the year end and enjoy the celebration of Christmas. Whilst we have had to close the great wooden doors to the Minster, for the final phase of work, the Team will still be celebrating Christmas across the Heart of Island Parish with services for all ages and diaries at St Olave's, Gatcombe, Carisbrooke's St Marys, St John's Church and in the Parish Centre for the Minster.

A present for someone who has everything?

Our core aim is dedicated to serving the whole community with a building that can fulfil its great promise as a place to gather for exhibition, event and worship, for celebration or remembrance.

We still need new chairs to make that a comfortable experience! Also, we are selling the pews and pew doors that won't be repurposed in the scheme... would someone you love like a gift that gives? For more information please contact us or see our website www.newportminster.org/support/donate

We still need you! We are building partnerships with local groups and organisations, establishing a plan of year round events and exhibitions, setting up teams of people who will make the Minster a vibrant hub of activities for the whole community.

If you are enjoying the revival of Newport as a cultural centre on the Island and want to help, or you simply want to be part of the community working on The Minster, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us by email or phone:

campaign@newportminster.org or Tel: 01983 559257

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**Thank you & Merry Christmas from us
all at the Minster**



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