



New faces, fresh impetus and a royal appointment to celebrate

As our Royal Patron Prince Edward accepts the mantle HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, KG, GCVO, CD, ADC., we are additionally celebrating some other new posts in the team at Newport Minster.

Rev Stephen Daughtery, the new Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight has taken a great interest in the refurbishment project for the Minster and signed off the appointment of two critical posts to support the last, and perhaps most complicated, part of the work to revive the church in the heart of the Island.



Joining the archdeacon is a new interim Team Rector, Canon Sarah Chapman, who will lead the work of the combined parish of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe as it develops the future vision for this new team ministry, alongside support for our final phase of work. Sarah was one of the first women to be ordained priest in 1994 and the first woman to celebrate communion in Chichester Cathedral. As an experienced occupational therapist specialising in Mental Health, her work offers us additional gifts, which we feel our ministry really needs following the last few years of upheaval and pandemic. Sarah would be delighted to meet Friends at her licensing service at St Johns on 4th April at 7pm.

Finally, thanks to the funding secured by the Lottery and National Churches Trust, we are in the process of recruiting a new Community Engagement Officer for the Minster. This role is being developed to establish Newport Minster as a community hub, a centre for learning and a visitor destination. This role will encourage volunteers to join us as we build a programme of events and additionally support student placements with us.



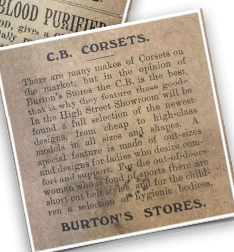
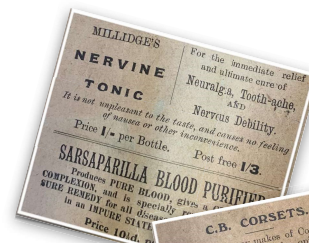
How is your singing voice?

Our new Lottery funded community choir, created in partnership with Independent Arts, continues to grow with between 25-30 people of all ages joining a chorus of sound in the Parish Centre every week. The beauty of our choir is its simple message to just 'come along and sing for free' at 7pm, on a Monday night at the Parish Centre during term time. Although

the choir will be invited to occasional church events, it's more a singalong just for fun and with no auditions, fees or commitment required.



Yours for good.



Corsets, sarsaparilla and lessons in prayer... these

are just some of the topics covered in the

Minster parish news of the twenties. How do we know this?

They are just a few of the items we've been discovering under floorboards during the restoration work, and which we'll be sharing when the church reopens in 2024.

And finally...

A heartfelt thank-you and goodbye to our current Campaign Manager Tamsin... You don't often hear about the backroom efforts, but Tamsin has been a much valued member of our team. She is moving on to a wonderful opportunity and the Friends of the Minster, as well as the team here in the Parish Centre, wish her plenty of love and luck in her new adventures.

Can you help us finish the work?

We can't make the building thrive for the community without people joining us to help reopen the doors. We are building partnerships with local groups and organisations, planning events and exhibitions to ensure the Minster is a vibrant hub year round. We need **volunteers**, so if you have a few hours to spare we would love to hear from you. If you enjoy archive research, want to help in the building when it reopens or you simply want to be part of the community working on The Minster, please contact us by email or phone:

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