



Creation is celebrated

VILLAGERS celebrated Creationtide with a range of services and events to promote care for God’s creation.

Worshippers from St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, organised a pet service, a Harvest tea, and a Communion service inside a farmer’s barn, plus a family service run by the youth group, over several weeks this autumn.

During Communion in the barn at Rushmere Farm in September, worshippers learned about the family’s decision to farm organically. And the church’s Pet Service on October 2 included a personal blessing for each of the pets.



Islanders help Liberia

WORSHIPPERS from St Peter’s Church in Seaview collected items to help in the rainy season in Liberia.

They donated umbrellas, flip-flops, lightweight macs and wellies, which were sent to Gbatata in Liberia after a request by congregation member Rita Harris (pictured above). These items make a difference in the rainy season, from May to October.

She is planning to visit in December and January. The congregation also sent Bibles, as Rita is keen that children learn about the Christian faith. The church also hopes to raise enough funds in 2024 to provide a standpipe for water there. They’ve already raised £300.



Trip down Memory Lane

A NEW initiative taking place in St Simon’s Church, Southsea, is helping to value the memories held by older people in the local community.

The church’s Anna Chaplain, John Twine, is running ‘Memory Lane’ on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am-12noon. It’s aimed at anyone over the age of 70. Last month’s meeting focussed on memories of wartime, which included looking at books, artefacts and photos from the 1940s-70s borrowed from Central Library.



Minster ‘at risk’ no more

NEWPORT Minster has now been removed from Historic England’s ‘at risk’ register after external building work was completed in 2022. Worshippers are also looking forward to the current internal re-ordering being finished by next Spring.

This final phase of work to the interior will see accessible toilets, a new kitchen, meeting rooms, and an underfloor heating system installed (as pictured above). The building has been closed since October 2022 to allow this work to happen.