



## Celebrate the centenary of our diocese and cathedral

Next year, we are celebrating 100 years of our diocese and our cathedral. The Diocese of Portsmouth was officially created on May 1st 1927, when St Thomas Church became Portsmouth Cathedral. The first Bishop of Portsmouth was officially enthroned on October 6th 1927.

Various special events are planned to mark the occasion, including an exhibition of photos and artefacts within the cathedral. There will be special services in our cathedral, one in May and one in October to mark the official centenary dates. We also hope to host a special open-air service in July. Keep looking here for details: [portsmouth.anglican.org/100](https://portsmouth.anglican.org/100).

### '100 Faces' project

One way we're marking our centenary is with our '100 Faces' project. We're taking photos of 100 different worshippers from across the diocese, and will exhibit those photos in our cathedral during 2027. Each photo will be accompanied by a caption, telling their story of faith, to celebrate the wonderful people who are part of our cathedral and diocese. These photos – and some accompanying videos – will be shared on our website and social media as well during 2027.

Opposite is one of them - Tano Osu-Bovi, aged 17, sings as part of the worship team at St Jude's Church, Southsea. More details: [portsmouth.anglican.org/100faces](https://portsmouth.anglican.org/100faces).



### How can you help?

Do you have documents, photos, artefacts or souvenirs from the past 100 years that you think might be relevant for our exhibition? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Photos of your church buildings or congregations over the past 100 years may well be welcome, as they'll help to tell our diocese's story. There may also be time for you to nominate individuals from your parish with interesting stories to tell as part of our '100 Faces' project. Email us at [neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org) to tell us more.