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Holy Trinity Horfield partners with school to host faith-based dance day

In December, Holy Trinity Horfield partnered with Horfield CofE Primary School to host dance workshops and performances run by Springs Dance Company. The day began with dance-based worship, followed by performances from Springs and a talented pupil, Eva. Children then explored the Christmas story through creative workshops using Anne Booth's book 'Refuge', expressing emotions from fear to welcome. In the evening, Horfield Young People's Club hosted a lively dance session with Springs Dance. Four days later, the company performed 'Journey of the Magi' at Holy Trinity, captivating audiences with music, mime, and storytelling. The events celebrated creativity, faith and community and allowed young people to experience something different.

St Bartholomew's taking positive environmental action



In early 2025, St Bartholomew's created a plan to improve biodiversity in their Church land. In September they installed two bat boxes, seven bird boxes and one hedgehog box. In November they added 48 metres of saplings, donated by the Woodland Trust, to their hedge and planted nearly 1000 daffodil bulbs. They have also scarified an area of grass to plant wildflowers and planted bulbs and fruit trees. The projects involved community groups including Wick Brownies and Wick Primary school. The Church has also taken steps to reduce their carbon footprint including installing renewable heating and motion sensitive LED lighting.

A growing space for young families at Cotham and St Paul's



In October 2024, the Benefice of Cotham Parish Church and St Paul's, Clifton, launched 'Earthy Foundations', a weekly group helping babies and young children explore play, learning and faith. Over time the group has gradually grown into the welcoming, small community it is today. Sessions begin with activity time, ranging from arts & crafts to role-play. Everyone is then invited to take part in circle time where they light a candle, sing a song, say an action prayer and read a story. The group is supported by a committed team of seven volunteers and continues to grow, welcoming families from other churches and those with no faith background to join the community.

Do you have a story to share? Contact: comms@bristoldiocese.org