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Athelstan Pilgrim way completion celebrated

On the weekend of the 6-7th September, the completion of the Athelstan Pilgrim Way initiative was celebrated. The route is 100 miles long and links the 36 churches in the North Wiltshire Deanery. On the Saturday morning, there was a guided walk from Leigh Chancel to St Sampson's Church in Cricklade, via All Saints Church in Leigh. This was followed by a talk on the stories and symbols of the churches by the theologian, broadcaster and environmentalist Martin Palmer along with the sharing of a cake to celebrate the occasion. On the Sunday afternoon, a pilgrimage walk from All Saints Church, Crudwell, to Holy Cross Church in Hankerton was followed by a cream tea and a service of Evening Prayer.

St Margaret's hosts beer festival fundraiser for roof repairs



St Margaret's Church Stratton hosted its first ever Beer Festival on 20 September. The afternoon attracted a large crowd featuring Campaign for Real Ale members and a great turnout from the local community. Attendees were treated to a selection of 12 beers and 10 ciders including an award-winning ale from the Great British Beer Festival. The event featured great food, live music and bags of enthusiasm for a bigger and bolder event next year. Ian Jones, Churchwarden at St Margaret's, commented that "events like these go a long way to bringing church and community closer and fostering good fellowship and warm spirit."

Diocese releases Statement of Needs for new Bishop



On 19 September, the Diocese of Bristol published its Statement of Needs, a comprehensive and prayerfully discerned document outlining the vision, priorities, and aspirations for the next Bishop of Bristol. The document was developed following a consultation involving over 1,200 voices from across the Diocese, including clergy, lay leaders, youth groups and diverse communities. The Statement reflects a shared commitment to inclusion and justice, support for clergy and lay leaders and deeper engagement with children, young people, and families. The full document is available on the Diocese of Bristol website.

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