Carisbrooke Priory Trust Company Limited

AUTUMN/WINTER 2026

BEST WISHES OLIVIA!



We're saying a very fond farewell to our wonderful kitchen assistant, Olivia, as she heads off to study International Business at the University of Portsmouth.

Olivia first joined us at The Priory as a summer employee before becoming a full-time member of our kitchen team. She has been a wonderful addition to the team, and we're so grateful for all her hard work, enthusiasm and commitment.

It feels particularly special looking back at this photo of Olivia at just 8 years old, when her mum, Louise, first started at The Priory. Olivia was already lending a little helping hand and getting involved wherever she could — so perhaps it was always meant to be that she would eventually become part of the team herself!



We're very sad to see Olivia leave, but incredibly proud of her and excited for her as she begins this next chapter at university. We'll certainly miss her around the kitchen and at The Priory, but we wish her every success and happiness for the future!

- We Will Miss You!

SUMMER STAFF

We also had the pleasure of welcoming our summer student staff to the Priory while our kitchen volunteers enjoyed a well-deserved break. Aneetta, Gabe, Ashley, Hannah and Phoenix have all been a lovely and refreshing young addition to the Priory, bringing plenty of energy and enthusiasm while helping us manage the crowds on some of our busiest days.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having them with us and are so grateful for all their hard work. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome our regular volunteers back and hope they had a wonderful and restful summer!

GARDEN UPDATE

A Summer of Gardening at Carisbrooke Priory

It has been a wonderful summer of growth and transformation at Carisbrooke Priory, and we have our fantastic volunteers to thank for so much of it.

One area that has seen a particularly remarkable change is the garden space outside our Tea Room. Thanks to the dedication and creativity of our volunteer Denise, this once-unassuming area has been transformed into a beautiful and welcoming garden, bursting with colour. Sunflowers, roses and a wonderful variety of other plants have brought new life and vibrancy to the space, creating a lovely spot for visitors to enjoy.

This work has been supported by the generosity of our visitors and local community. Throughout the summer, we have raised valuable funds for the garden through our plant sales, a garden fundraiser, and our British Flower Festival — a beautiful and successful event celebrating the charm and character of British-grown flowers. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the beauty of seasonal, locally grown flowers and celebrate the natural abundance on our doorstep.

As we now move towards autumn and the days begin to shorten, the garden is starting to change with the seasons. The bright colours of summer will gradually give way to autumn shades, with seed heads, berries and foliage taking centre stage. While some plants begin to fade, others will provide colour and interest through the cooler months, reminding us that a garden is always changing and evolving.

We are looking forward to seeing how this little corner of the Priory develops through autumn and into the seasons ahead. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for the time, care and enthusiasm they have given to the garden this summer — and to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts. Your contributions are helping us create a beautiful space for visitors to enjoy for many seasons to come.

Before:



After:







SPONSOR a PLANT
Help our Garden Grow!

YOUR KINGDOM COME – BOB WHITE



So easily said, often out of misguided obedience than genuine intent, but what does God's Kingdom look like? Are we willing to live it out, or would it challenge our "norms" in a very uncomfortable way? Uncomfortable, that is, until we saw its peace and beauty amid the ongoing struggle.

As a relatively young Christian, in the early 1980s, I went to stay at The Hyde in West Sussex for a "Leaders' Week". The Kingdom Faith ministry occupied this magnificent house set in acres of parkland. Naively, having had no experience of Christian communities, I half expected progress along the corridors to be very slow due to regular "prayer stops". Instead, the atmosphere was pretty normal (whatever normal means), except that there was a remarkable peace. The people were lovely, the building was fascinating and the setting beautiful, despite the proximity of the A23.

"Peaceful" is probably the most commented upon aspect of Carisbrooke Priory, along with "beautiful". Could it be that "the people and the place" that are the Priory offer a glimpse, a tangible experience of the Kingdom of God? Put like that, we very sincerely hope so, because it has always been our aim to offer therapeutic sanctuary to all who enter through the Open Door.

As a Christian charity, with mental wellbeing at the fore, we hope and pray that nobody comes to the Priory without in some way meeting with God. "Your Kingdom come!"

Bob

NOTICE BOARD

DAILY PRAYER



Join us for Daily Prayer

10:00 - Morning Prayer
in the Main Chapel
12:00 - Noon Prayer
in the Small Chapel
(upstairs)

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS at
Carisbrooke Priory

NOVEMBER
28, 2026
10:00AM - 3:00PM

A beautiful Advent gathering of art, craftsmanship, music and hospitality, in the peaceful setting of the Priory.
Discover unique handmade gifts, enjoy music and singing, and pause to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.
Artists, makers & musicians invited to apply to exhibit or perform.

Carisbrooke Priory

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

First Thursday of each month
12:00 noon

Please bring a packed lunch if you can stay for fellowship after the service. Drinks will be available free of charge from 11am (No.6 bus arrival time from Newport) to 2.30pm

AN OPEN DOOR TO THE PEACE OF GOD

Please keep in touch with everything that is happening at Carisbrooke Priory by visiting our website – www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk, take a look at our Facebook and Instagram pages or contact the Administrator if you would like any further information

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