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BISHOP VISITS 10RADIO STUDIO

10Radio, the Community Radio station broadcasting from Wiveliscombe to the surrounding parishes and beyond, were delighted to act as host to the Rt. Rev Peter Price, Bishop of Bath & Wells, when he visited the Wiveliscombe broadcasting studio last Thursday as part of a joint visit by the Bishops of Taunton and Bath & Wells.

The two bishops spent a total of 48 hours in the Tone Deanery, taking part in events across the area including visits to Milverton Community Centre, Pulsford Lodge Care Home, Tower Cheesemakers, Aardvaark Climate Change, Environmental Solutions and Rockwell Green C of E Primary School. The Bishop of Taunton led a Confirmation service in St John's, Wellington where he also commissioned Andy Levett as Deanery Youth Worker.

Bishop Peter spent almost an hour with 10Radio accompanied by Rev Graham Owen the Rector of Wiveliscombe and Rachel Renfree, the Lay Chairman of the Deanery Synod (part of the Church Parliament). He took part in an interview on-air with two of the 10Radio presenters Nigel Parkin and Philip Knighton and then spent time touring the studios. The Bishop spoke about the need for the church to concentrate on involvement with the community and, quoting the 1930's Archbishop William Temple, said that the church existed for those who were not members. Speaking about the 'Changing Lives' initiative, which he has championed in the diocese, Bishop Peter spoke about vision and hope and related a story about how a former alcoholic called Baz had recently phoned to tell him how his life had been turned around after he had been supported by a church-based community project.

10Radio also followed the Bishop of Taunton as he re-dedicated the recently restored bells in Nynehead and afterwards joined in a game of skittles with the SNAZ (Sunday Night Action Zone) youth group in the crypt of St Andrews Church in Wiveliscombe.

The live programme 'Meet the Bishop' is due to be repeated on 105.3fm at 8.00 am on Sunday 12th October for those who missed it first time round.

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Notes for Editors:

SNAZ - The Sunday Night Action Zone is a youth group that meets every Sunday evening at 6.30pm with children from 11 to 16+ enjoying discussion of Christian issues and social activities such as table tennis, skittles and discos.

10Radio is a community radio station, run solely by volunteers, covering the ten parishes around Wiveliscombe in Somerset. As a Community Interest Company **10Radio** truly belongs to the community it serves. After broadcasting successfully for one month in 2005 and again in 2006, the station was granted a full five-year licence from the telecommunications regulator Ofcom and commenced transmission on 105.3 MHz FM and on the Internet in January 2008 - more information at www.10radio.org

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Caption for picture (attached)



Rev. Graham Owen, Bishop Peter and Nigel Parkin On-Air