

Help needed for Oxfam's big music month

WORSHIPPERS are being urged to help raise money for Oxfam - by organising gigs, concerts and music events.

Music-lovers across our diocese are being challenged to contribute to the fund-raising project - entitled 'Oxjam' - by regional co-ordinator Alanna Jones,

from Holy Rood Church, Stubbington.

She wants musicians, singers and promoters in this area to lay on events during October this year. They could be classical music recitals, club nights, folk evenings or punk concerts.

Talented, inspiring and outgoing people, who needn't

be musicians, are also needed to become music event organisers in this area.

Volunteers will be asked to raise between £750 and £1,000 by setting up events. In return, they will get training in events organisation, one-to-one support, materials and a reference from Oxfam. The money goes

towards the charity's work combatting poverty worldwide.

Alanna said: "I was involved last year and it was hard work, but worthwhile."

For more information, contact her on 01329-505152 or ajones@oxjam.org. You can also visit www.oxjam.org.uk/oxjam to volunteer.

Church leaders given honours

BISHOP Kenneth, his Roman Catholic counterpart and our cathedral organist will all be honoured this summer.

Our bishop, Bishop Crispian and David Price will be given honorary doctorates from the University of Portsmouth next month as a recognition of their contribution to local life.

Bishop Kenneth will receive his Doctorate of Law on the afternoon of July 25, after Bishop Crispian's award that morning. David Price, who is also our cathedral's master of choristers, will become a Doctor of Music on July 19.

And David will also be awarded an honorary fellowship of The Academy of St Cecilia later this month.

The academy takes its name from the *Accademia di Santa*



David Price (left) and Bishop Kenneth will receive honorary doctorates from the university

Cecilia - the musicians' union in 17th century Rome of which Corelli, Pasquini and Alessandro Scarlatti were members.

He will be given the fellowship for his innovative work in developing the cathedral's music, establishing links

between our diocese, Portsmouth Grammar School and cathedral, and for his support for parish music since 1996.

Bishop Kenneth said: "We're all very grateful to the university for these honours, which are a recognition of the place of Portsmouth's churches



in the life of the city. I was very pleased to discover that Crispian and I will be honoured on the same day.

"I'm also particularly pleased for David, who will become the youngest honorary doctor in the university's history. He is being honoured for his services to music and to the city in more than 10 years of work at the cathedral."

And David Price, who is also Bishop Kenneth's son-in-law, said: "It is very exciting and a huge honour. Looking at the names of the others who have been given honorary fellowships by the academy, I'm in some pretty exalted company.

"It's also great to be honoured by the local university. Much of what the Church does to promote music of all kinds often goes unrecognised, so I'm grateful that the university has marked the work of all those at the cathedral by means of this honorary doctorate.

"As for being the youngest ever to receive an honorary doctorate, that's an added bonus!"

See bishop launch latest book

BISHOP Kenneth's newest book will be launched at diocesan synod, which takes place in our cathedral on June 23.

Rooted in Detachment: Living the Transfiguration is published by Darton, Longman and Todd, and was written as he recovered from his first bout of leukaemia last year.

All are welcome to a Eucharist at 12.30pm in the cathedral chancel, followed by the launch just after 1pm.

The book has been praised by the former Bishop



of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, as: "a book to enrich both prayer and scholarship" and by John Anthony McGuckin, of Columbia University, New York, as: "a

learned, spiritual, and charming engagement with the transfiguration narrative."

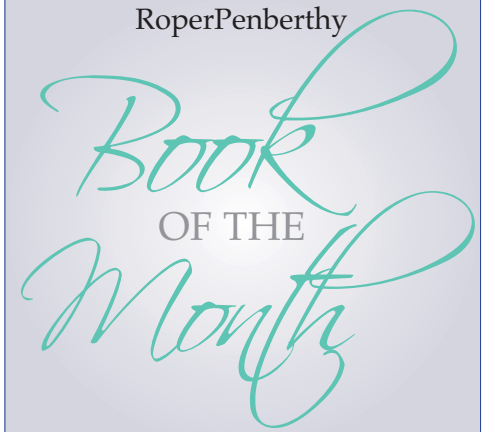
And Maxwell E Johnson, from the University of Notre Dame in the USA, said: "*Rooted in Detachment* will

be an indispensable source for spiritual reading, prayer, study, patristic and liturgical theology, and preaching.

"Drawing from his own transfiguring life experiences, including a bout with leukaemia, as well as such diverse sources as Eastern Christian iconography, Origen, Jerome, Augustine, Chrysostom, Grundtvig, Jeremy Taylor, modern biblical scholarship, and others, Kenneth Stevenson shares with us his own disciplined *lectio divina* into which we are invited so that we may might contemplate and live the event and process of the transfiguration of Christ."

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