In February 2004, Bishop Kenneth launched the ‘Karios’ Initiative – an ambitious five year programme for the Church (in its impact on our community). It seeks, through encouraging our social and spiritual growth (in its influences), to see the Church grow in numbers and in impact. Our eight deaneries were asked to work in clauses of partnership with the physical and spiritual needs of local communities and draw up plans for ways to try to help, in whatever way we can, to use our church.

The Pompy Chimes is now catching up on how things are going.

6. Portsmouth deansery

What's going well?
The two church groups in Portsmouth formulated plans that are now being implemented. One was the appointment of Alan Court as the Southsea and Old Portsmouth Deanery Archivist, and the second is a good response to our Christmas appeal which could help meet the needs of the community. We want to thank everyone who has helped us so far.

The internally appreciated the work of volunteers, especially the St Mary’s, St Peter’s and St George’s volunteers who have done a great job so far.

The volunteers are now working together on some projects, which are designed to help the young adults, work with children and young people and support the church grants.

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Julia Lock decorates a tree for the festival.

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Children and adults will be encour-

aged to dress up as angels, shepherds

and animals for a ‘Nativity from

Scratch’ at St Mark’s Church.

The Christmas story will be told by

parents at St John’s, Portsea, and

in St Mary’s Church, Fratton, at

9.30am on December 9, at which toys

are collected and sent to a women’s

refuge, and a crib service at 4pm on

December 5. The Advent Labyrinth happens

on 7pm-9pm on December 2.

It focuses on the journey of the

wise men.

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A popular banana cake, as children can do their shop-

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Workshops from St John’s, Richmond Castle, will also sing in their local pubs at 7pm on December 9.

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Help make the season special for patients

You could help make this Christmas very special for patients in Portsmouth’s two hospitals.

On Christmas Eve, when many people will be preparing to finish up their teaching and preparations for the festive party, around 800 and 1000 people will be patients in St Mary’s or St Mary’s Hospitals. Both these hospitals are appealing for worshippers to come and sing carols, as a way of sharing the real meaning of Christmas with them.

The head of chaplaincy and Communications at St Mary’s, Nick Freeman, said: “It was a few minutes ago that the chaplaincy finally began carol-singing around the Christmas tree. Everyone involved is delighted with how much things have been going well.

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