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leave you or destroy you
or forget the covenant
with your fathers that he
swore to them.**

De 4:31

HAWKLEY: Visitors enjoyed the stunning flower festival to mark the 150th anniversary of St Peter and St Paul's Church.

The themes reflected Jesus meeting Peter as a fisherman and Paul on the Damascus Road. Floral displays echoed the appropriate colour schemes to mark water and shining light, and flowed down the centre of the church.

The local community was represented in an exciting variety of arrangements, including those designed for the cricket club, film club, book group and postman.

There were stalls, refreshments, donkeys, a steam traction engine, and an interactive steel pan band.

Bishop Christopher led a celebratory service on the Sunday, and a joyful evening concert was followed by pimmis.

GODSHILL: There was a special service at All Saints Church, with the Rt Rev Norman Banks, the Bishop of Richborough.

He celebrated mass and confirmed two people – Jonathan Mace and Daniel Eastgate – and admitted another four to Communion – Chelsea Palmer, Luke Eastgate, John Waghorn and Aaron Woodward.

He also blessed the restored west wall and window which were recently repaired.

More than 100 people attended the service, which also included children enacting the Lord's Prayer and music from the St Alban's Choir.

It was followed by champagne and cake.

GOSPORT: A priest



Mary Crittenden and the Rev Rona Stuart-Bourne at Hawkley church

news from the pews

who began his ministry in Gosport 25 years ago celebrated his silver anniversary with a service and reception at Holy Trinity Church.

The Rev Andy Davis welcomed to the service the former Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Timothy Bavin, who conducted his ordination 25 years ago, and the former rector of Alverstoke, Canon Norman Chatfield, who supervised Andy's training. They both paid tribute to Andy's ministry and his care for others. His career included time as bishop's chaplain and rector of Bishop's Waltham and Upham.

The service was conducted by Andy, with Archdeacon Gavin Collins, Canon Jeffrey Bell and deacon Philip Hopgood.

Former Mayor Cllr John Beavis, said: "Andy was a superb Mayor's chaplain to myself, Cllr Richard Dickson, Cllr Keith Gill and Cllr Wayne Ronayne

and took part in all the important events in the town."

PORTCHESTER/LOCKS HEATH: Two deacons are celebrating their silver anniversary of ordination during a special service at St Mary's, Portchester.

The Revs Anne Boggust and Chris Peel will mark the milestone with other ministers at a celebration of ministry at 6pm on September 27.

All are welcome – and Anne hopes the total years of ministry service represented will add up to the 800 years St Mary's has existed.

And retired priest the Rev John Maybury will mark the 60th anniversary of his ordination with a service at St John's Church, Locks Heath, on September 30.

John said: "I would ask those who know us to join us in their prayers, in thanks for God's forgiveness and grace, and for all those with whom we have

shared ministry, lay and ordained, the whole people of God."

Anyone interested in joining them can contact John on 01489-584168 or jandbmabury@talktalk.net.

CATHEDRAL: Our cathedral youth choir Cantate won a special prize at the Florence International Choir Festival this summer.

They won a prize for 'Best Renaissance Motet' at the festival, which involved 15 choirs from around the world taking part.

Cantate, which was set up in 2006 and offers teenage boys and girls the chance to sing in our cathedral, entered two classes at the festival – modern music and sacred music. In the first, they performed a set work by one of the judges, Gaetano Lorandi, and pieces by Grayston Ives and Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo.

In the second, they performed John Rutter's *There is a flower, Stanford's Coelos ascendit hodie* and *O magnum mysterium* by 16th century Spanish composer Tomas Luis de Victoria.

HOOK-with-WARSASH: There were hats galore at Hook-with-Warsash C of E Academy on their 'wear a hat' day.

Every year the school holds a day on which pupils and teachers are invited to pay a donation to wear a hat to school for the day. All the cash collected is donated to

the school report

the charity Brain Tumour Research. This year it amounted to £290.

The day was first held in 2012 in memory of Ross Pearman,

father of pupil Phoenix Pearman in Year 3. Ross sadly lost his life to a brain tumour earlier that year.

Phoenix, who was

recently interviewed as part of a documentary for the charity, wore a special woolly hat with a picture of his dad on it for wear a hat day.

Phoenix also bravely shared his memories in as assembly in front of all the other children, sharing a Powerpoint presentation he made himself.