

General Synod elections decided

THE results of our elections for General Synod have now been announced.

Three clergy and three lay people have now been chosen to represent our diocese at the Church of England's democratic ruling body, alongside Bishop Christopher.

The three clergy elected were Canon Bob White, vicar of St Mary's Church, Fratton; the Ven Gavin Collins, Archdeacon of the Meon; and Canon Peter Leonard, residentiary canon at Portsmouth Cathedral.

And the three lay people elected were Emily Bagg, from St Mary's Church, Carisbrooke; Lucy Docherty, from Holy Trinity Church in Fareham; and Mark Emerton, from Church of the Resurrection in Farlington.

They will be serving on our General Synod at a crucial time, with decisions to be taken about the national Church's 'Reform and Renewal' agenda. This involves finding ways to deepen discipleship, improve ministerial training, simplify procedures, create better leadership of the Church, and provide the financial resources for all this to happen.

The elections took place among deanery synod members between September 18 and October 9. Clergy voted for clergy candidates and lay people voted for lay candidates.

Details of the election count are on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/synodelections.

Wartime project gets lottery cash

THE men of Fratton and Buckland signed up to fight in the First World War as neighbours and friends.

The 993 men listed on the war memorials in St Wilfrid's Church, Fratton, came from just 21 terraced streets squeezed between St Mary's Road and New Road. All but one of those streets still exist.

Of those who signed up from this tiny patch of Portsmouth, 135 gave their lives during or immediately after the war.

Now a new community project will research and preserve their memories. Entitled '20 Streets in Portsmouth: the St Wilfrid's Memorials', the project has now received £9,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Volunteers will research the men listed on the memorials through a variety of records, they'll collect photos, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, as well as record oral history.

The memorials in St Wilfrid's are a roll of honour listing those who died, as well as a street list, recording by street and service all those who served in the First World War from that area. The names were written onto paper and card, and then mounted and framed.

The list shows that the vast

First World War nurses remembered



John Frederick White

JOHN Frederick White, from Buckland, was just 18 when he enlisted into the Royal Army Medical Corps in August 1915.

He was a stretcher-bearer on the frontline between 1916-17 and died during the 3rd Ypres Battle in July 1917.

He is one of the Portsmouth nurses who served in the First World War who was remembered at a special memorial service at Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea.

His niece Lynda Ibbotson from Drayton took her granddaughter to the service, and spoke to her about the uncle she never got to meet.

"I was never interested in history as a child, but researching my family background and finding out more about John Frederick has really captured my imagination and got me interested," she said.

"I think it is really important for my granddaughter to know about her great-great-uncle and the sacrifice that he and others made for the freedom we enjoy today.

"He was a pacifist, which is probably why he enlisted as a stretcher-bearer, but in a way this role was just as, if not more dangerous, because he had to carry people away when the battle was raging."

majority of those who fought in the First World War from that area served in the Royal Navy, with only a small number serving in the army. This contrasts with almost every other surviving street list and reflects our naval heritage.

The project is a partnership between the parish of St Mary's, Portsea, and Fratton Big Local. It will be supported by the Port Towns and Urban Cultures project based in Portsmouth University. It will involve history students from the

university participating as part of their studies.

Among the surviving documents are letters written by curates from Portsea parish serving as padres on the frontline.

The research will be made available to all via a website and CDs that will be provided free of charge to local schools. There will also be a dramatic production based on the research.

Keith Roberts, who will lead the project, said: "I am really excited

by the prospect of documenting the lives of these men and getting the local community involved in realising the sheer impact that the First World War had on a small neighbourhood."

The project has involved two drop-in sessions at St Wilfrid's Church for potential volunteers and other interested parties to discover more detail about the project, on October 29 and 31. There is a Facebook page on www.facebook.com/20streetsinportsmouth

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Ryan Patourel at St James Church

Scout's Japan Jamboree

TEENAGER Ryan Patourel had the time of his life when he visited Japan for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

The 15-year-old, from the Portsmouth 5th (St James Milton) Scout Group, spent three weeks there with 36,000 other scouts from around the world.

The first part of his visit involved staying with a Japanese family in the town of Miyazaki. He slept on the floor and enjoyed traditional Japanese food with his hosts.

Then the Jamboree itself, which involved camping for 10 days, and activities including hill-walking, water sports, culture and science.

"My favourite bit was

the opening ceremony," said Ryan. "It was amazing to see so many people there from around the world and the atmosphere was perfect."

Afterwards, he spent a few days sightseeing in Tokyo before returning home.

The event happens every four years and scouts aged 14 to 17 apply to go. Ryan applied back in 2013 and spent 18 months preparing to go – getting to know others from Hampshire on a series of camps and raising the £3,400 he needed.

When he returned, he spoke at St James Church about his experiences and showed them his badges.