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**LIPHOOK:** Is there is life on other planets? Does that mean there are other religions? If God has a plan, why do people bother to pray? And is there really such a thing as heaven on Earth?

These were just some of the difficult and searching questions posed by children at Liphook C of E Junior School when Bishop Christopher agreed to be put in the hot seat by Years 5 and 6.

The children asked a range of mature questions, some of which reflected their current learning in the classroom.

Their maturity and depth of thought enthralled Bishop Christopher who admitted to the children that he really had to think about some of his responses.

The bishop was impressed by the level of understanding he found at the school,



**Bishop Christopher with pupils from Liphook C of E Junior School**

## the school report

and the experience led him to want to do more question-and-answer sessions in schools. Similar sessions are planned for the future.

“The children were fantastic. They really challenged me and I love that,” he said.

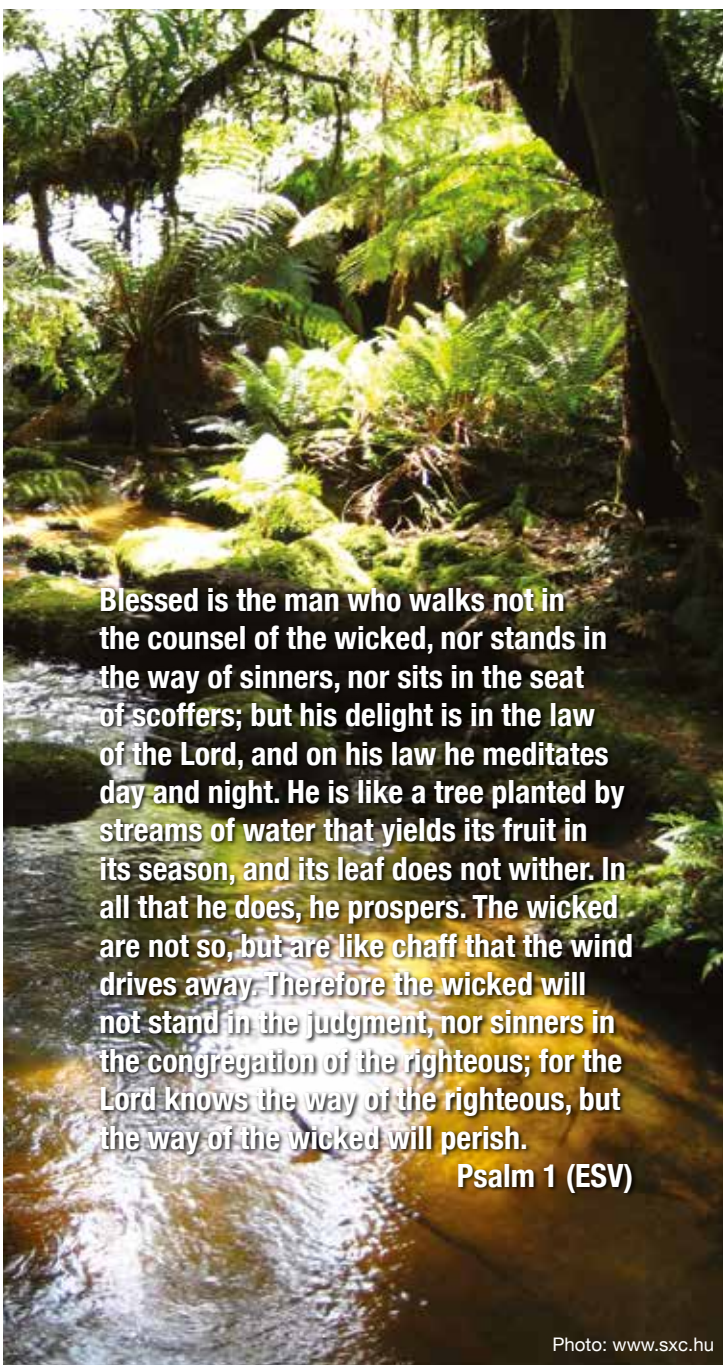
The children explained their understanding of issues, such as what heaven may look like, as the bishop discussed the beauty that he often sees in the world and within people’s actions.

Children listened

intently as Bishop Christopher explained how Bible stories were written and collated, dispelling the children’s belief that the Bible was one book written many years ago.

“The children so enjoyed it, they will have got so much from it,” said headteacher Jacky Taylor.

Bishop Christopher ended his visit by leading a worship focussed on Candlemas.



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Psalm 1 (ESV)**

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**NEWPORT:** Hallam Saunders, a 12-year-old member of the choir at St John’s Church, has been given an organ scholarship.

He was one of 200 young musicians across the country awarded the Dr Martin Clarke Young Organ Scholarship from the Young Organ Scholars’ Trust.

It means he is seen as an organist with great potential, and the scholarship entitles him to tuition on the organ of Portsmouth Cathedral with sub-organist Oliver Hancock.

As well as being a chorister, Hallam also plays the piano, clarinet, bassoon and guitar.

**PORTSMOUTH:** A classical masterpiece that is rarely heard will be performed in St Mary’s Church, Fratton, this month.

Portsmouth Choral Union and Southern Pro Musica will perform Samuel Wesley’s *Confitebor Tibi, Domine* from 7.30pm on March 11. It brings together elements of Haydn, Bach and Byrd to produce a



**Hallam Saunders at the organ of St John’s Church, Newport**

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distinctive, individual style. Grand choruses are contrasted with virtuosic arias with colourful orchestration.

For modern audiences, there has been no recording available. PCU and Southern Pro Musica will be putting that right, and the world premiere recording will be available by Christmas.

**CARISBROOKE:** The Victorian clock on St Mary’s Church in Carisbrooke is now working again!

The Friends of Carisbrooke Church have paid for the repair, which was particularly tricky as no factory parts can be ordered for this early engineering project.

It took some time

to find a company that could make a new shaft and gear, identical to the broken one, and machine it from a single piece of steel.

The parts also need to be dismantled, taken back to Bridport, then returned and set to time.

The clock also still needs to be wound by hand, twice weekly. John Chambers is now doing this, having taken over from his father in 2015.

The clock was installed in 1844, but its thought the original date of manufacture was in the 18th century.