

# Target is twice as many disciples

**HE has set himself the target of doubling the number of Christian disciples within our diocese.**

The Rev Andrew Hargreaves has been appointed as our diocese's new mission development officer, with a brief to inspire and support our parishes in evangelism and discipleship.

The 43-year-old will move from his current position as vicar of St James and St Luke's Churches in Glossop, near Manchester, and take up his new role in September.

He will replace the Rev Charlie Peer, who started working in Bath and Wells Diocese last October after four years as our diocese's mission development officer.

Andrew lived in Portsmouth for four years in his 20s, working as a primary school teacher and in community regeneration until he felt God calling him to ordination. He studied at Trinity College, Bristol, before becoming a curate in Southampton and then a vicar in Glossop.

"I'm looking forward to being back in Portsmouth, living and working in a city that has been close to my heart," he said. "I loved living there in my 20s and it was an important time for me,



**The Rev Andrew Hargreaves, our diocese's new mission development officer**

when I grew as a person and started to really discern God's call on my life.

"The thing that most excites me is joining in with the diocese's vision to live, pray and serve.

I'm excited about joining in with the process of making disciples of Jesus Christ and seeing those disciples grow. I would love to see the number of disciples in the diocese double over the next 10

years – that would be my aim.

"I want to see Jesus making disciples of people who are at all stages of life, and across all cultures.

"That might be through the ministry of church plants, pioneer ministers or new forms of church that meet the needs of modern people. Or it might be through refreshing and revitalising parish ministry, developing parishes and groups of missional disciples.

"I understand that there are many demands and pressures on churches, and engaging with mission and making disciples can feel like yet another challenge. But I believe that telling other people about Jesus in word and deed is the primary arena for us to grow as disciples ourselves. One way we grow in God together, and know him more deeply is by sharing the good news about Jesus."

Andrew will move to our diocese with his wife Miriam and their children Grace, aged 13, Bethany, 11 and Charis, 9. He will be based in our diocesan office and will be working full-time.

He will become part of our Mission, Discipleship and Ministry team, which includes advisers in stewardship, spirituality, discipleship and youth and children's ministry.



**James Burke-Dunsmore**

## Passion Play will tell story of Jesus

WORSHIPPERS from churches around Havant will stage a second Passion Play in two years this August.

Churchgoers will perform their open-air play telling the story of Jesus's ministry, death and resurrection three times over one weekend in Havant Park.

*Jesus in the Park* takes place on Saturday 12 August at 12noon and again at 3pm, and on Sunday 13 August at 3pm. The performance will be free of charge, and there will be a tea tent and prayer tent.

Director James Burke-Dunsmore, who plays Jesus in the acclaimed *Life of Christ* on the Wintershall Estate near Guildford, is leading rehearsals after writing a brand new script.

He directed and played Jesus two years ago when churchgoers worked together on a Passion Play which was also performed in Havant Park. Crowds of passers-by were captivated by its large cast, authentic costumes and real animals.

For the 2017 Passion Play, he is still keen for people of all ages to join the cast.

"Novices will be supported and nurtured, and those with experience will be developed and encouraged," he said.

Cast members and supporters have also been raising funds for the play via a series of events.

Among the events still to take place is a tea dance from 2pm-4pm on July 14 at St Joseph's church hall. Havant. The theme is 'Henley Regatta' and tickets are £5, including sandwiches and cream tea.

For details, please email [kaznowskipauline@gmail.com](mailto:kaznowskipauline@gmail.com)

For more information, see [www.havantpassionplay.co.uk](http://www.havantpassionplay.co.uk).

## Scaffolding comes down to reveal newly-restored minster

THE scaffolding has come down on Newport Minster to reveal a newly-restored building.

For the past five months, builders have been working on Phase 5 of the restoration of Newport Minster, and also started the reordering of the interior of the church.

During this time the work was hidden, but last month all was revealed as the scaffolding came down.

The east side of the church is now completely restored and watertight, together with the kitchen and Horsey Chapel and all the windows.

The large east window and main lights of the Horsey Chapel window were removed and repaired in a specialist workshop. They only returned to the church just before the scaffolding came down.

beneath the organ gallery have been removed and a new stone floor has been laid to create a light, open space to welcome people into the church.

This is the latest phase of a long-running campaign to restore and renew the minster building, so that it can serve the whole of the island.

The first four phases of the renewal campaign saw the restoration of the Lady Chapel and Horsey Chapel, in addition to the cleaning and repairing of the tower stonework with the refurbishment of the clockfaces and work on the roof.

The Minster would like to thank everyone who has supported this recent work, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, the National Churches Trust, the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust, Allchurches Trust, the Masons and individual donors.



**The restored east window at Newport Minster**

Inside the west door, the pews