



Alex is consecrated

A FORMER bishop's chaplain and parish priest from our diocese has been consecrated as the new Bishop of Brixworth, within Peterborough diocese.

The Rt Rev Alex Hughes, who was chaplain to the Rt Rev Kenneth Stevenson, and vicar of St Luke's and St Peter's, Southsea, had been Archdeacon of Cambridge for the past 12 years.

He was consecrated in Westminster Abbey in July, by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Jonathan, his predecessor Bishop Christopher, and two of our former archdeacons - Bishops Gavin Collins and Chris Lowson - were among those laying hands on him as part of the consecration.



Holidays at home

VOLUNTEERS from St Cuthbert's Church, Copnor, led three days at which locals could experience the best from foreign cultures - without leaving home,

Its 'Holiday at Home' project ran for a second time this summer, giving those unable to go away because of age, illness, finance or disability - or the lack of someone to go with - a chance to experience foreign outfits, food, language and culture. This year, they got to 'visit' Spain, Brazil and China within the church building.

Activities included Flamenco dancing, fan making, chair-based Tai Chi, Brazilian drumming, and even a home-made Rio carnival parade.



Year 6s pack cathedral

CHILDREN from our church schools packed into our cathedral for services to mark their transition to secondary school. Year 6 pupils from 38 CofE schools in our diocese enjoyed mornings of workshops before an act of worship themed around our education team's annual project - entitled Bags of Hope.

The Paddington-themed project aimed to raise awareness about displaced people, by encouraging pupils from CofE schools to reflect on the significance of a backpack.



Celebrating in summer

WORSHIPPERS from All Saints Church, Denmead, hosted a two-week summer celebration, welcoming more than 1,300 people to events, activities and services. There was a Songs of Praise service, craft cafe, board game afternoons, an eco-morning, and groups for children with water, sand, toys and lollies.

Family events included a quiz night and creation-themed afternoon. The fortnight ended with outdoor all-age worship and a picnic.