



Chase Church launches

A BRAND new congregation is serving a Hampshire village that has no church. 'Chase Church' is the new group meeting in the village of Waltham Chase, between Shedfield and Bishop's Waltham.

The first service was held in May and attracted 55 people. It's an evening service, on the third Sunday of each month, and is designed to be a more contemporary act of worship that might attract families who prefer a less formal style.

It might involve guitar-based worship, creative prayer and discussion groups around tables. It meets from 6pm-8pm in Waltham Chase Village Hall, just off Winchester Road.



Chefs offer big banquet

CHEFS from the Kitchen of Hope provided invited guests with a banquet of food from across the globe to mark 100 years of the city of Portsmouth. Hundreds of civic, community and faith leaders met in St Mary's Church, Fratton, to celebrate.

The three-course banquet included South Asian samosas, Jamaican jerk chicken and Afghan beef karahi and rice. It was organised by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary, which supports displaced people sent to live in Portsmouth, Gosport and surrounding areas. It has run drop-ins in several CofE churches within our city to offer physical support, legal advocacy and a sense of community.



Learning about rights

PUPILS and staff from Sarisbury CofE Junior School were celebrating after the school was received its accreditation again for being a 'UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School'.

It was pupils in the Rights Respecting Team who led the campaign in school. They learned all about international aid and the ways it has helped children around the world to enjoy their rights.

And pupils wrote to the Houses of Parliament to share their knowledge with them.



We're loving Buckland!

WORSHIPPERS from All Saints Church, Buckland, held a summer community day that involved craft activities, a bouncy castle, music and food.

Their Love Buckland community day involved more than 250 visitors, plus local groups setting up stalls outside. The Lord Mayor, Cllr Abdul Kadir, also joined in, as the event also marked the centenary of Portsmouth as a city.

It fits in with the church's desire to serve its local community and to make Jesus known.