



Celebrating 150 years

WORSHIPPERS at St Mary's Church, Warsash, marked its 150th anniversary with a series of celebrations - including a flower festival weekend.

The theme of the festival was weddings, which meant floral arrangements by Warsash Flower Club were displayed alongside wedding dresses, accessories and photos. One of the displays had been designed by Pam Bailey, who sadly died over the summer. The display was created by Carol Barnden in her memory.

Special worship services also included an anthem written specially by Lawrence and Barbara Jackson.



New £5m school on way

WORK on a new £5 million church primary school in West Wight has now started.

The new school will provide modern educational facilities on the site of the former All Saints C of E Primary School, in Freshwater. The development will provide a new home for Yarmouth Primary School and Little Stars Preschool, with capacity for around 210 pupils.

The project is being jointly funded by the Isle of Wight Council and the Department for Education (DfE). The estimated completion date is early 2023 with staff and pupils moving to the new site later that year.



Church's new service

AN Isle of Wight church started a new 'Sunday Brunch' service as their response to our Live | Pray | Serve vision. The new-style service was launched in October at St John's Church, Wroxall, and will be at 10am on the first Sunday of each month.

It attracted more people than a normal all-age service, and people also attended from St George's, Arreton, and All Saints, Newchurch. The theme was 'bread', reflecting on Communion, and the craft activity was making autumn wreaths.



Advent windows lit up

WORSHIPPERS at St John's Church, Locks Heath, will light up their windows with displays during Advent to help tell the Nativity story.

A total of 25 homes will create illuminated window displays that can be seen from the street - one for each day in December up to Christmas. Each day a new window display will be unveiled, and maps will be produced to guide locals around each one. Full details are on www.stjohnslocksheath.org.uk/adventwindows.