



New Readers licensed

BISHOP Jonathan licensed three new Readers in our cathedral in September, during a service attended by friends, family and colleagues.

The new Readers are Lynn Buckle, who is now serving in Hook-with-Warsash, Sue Jones, ministering in Steep and Froxfield with Privett, and Tim McIlroy, who joined St Mary's, Portchester.

The service was an opportunity to celebrate the culmination of three years of study for the new Readers, who were all part of our Portsmouth Pathway training. They each went on to ministry in their various parishes, with Sue also continuing to train for ordination.



Panto will be staged

AMATEUR actors will stage their fourth community pantomime in five years. The Leigh Park and Warren Park Pantomime Players will perform *Jack and the Beanstalk* in the run-up to Christmas.

Around 40 adults and children from across the community are involved in acting and backstage role for the panto. It will be performed at St Clare's Church, Warren Park, at 7pm on December 2; 2.30pm and 7pm on December 3; and 2.30pm on December 4.

Tickets are £2.50 (adults), £1 (children) and £6 (family - four people including at least one child). Book your tickets on 023 9247 5276.



Plaque for Eco-Church

THE Eco-Church group at St Helen's Church in the Isle of Wight has been awarded a plaque by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in recognition of its efforts to promote biodiversity.

The presentation was made by the trust's Izzy Tween, who gave a talk there about the introduction of beavers in the Eastern Yar. She presented the award to churchyard groundsman Dan Jarvis.

In 2019, St Helen's became the first church in the our diocese to receive an Eco Church Gold Award.



Help at Christmas lunch

WORSHIPPERS at St Faith's Church, Lee-on-Solent will host lunch on Christmas Day for those who might otherwise be on their own – from the Gosport, Lee-on-Solent or Stubbington areas.

Could you volunteer to help on the day? The lunch itself will be 11.30am-2pm on Christmas Day, but the team will need to be there early, and stay to tidy up afterwards.

If you could volunteer, please sign up on www.stfaithslee.org