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Easter story to be told

WORSHIPPERS from churches across the Havant area plan to tell the Easter story on the streets of their town next Easter.

Amateur actors from Havant Passion Play (HPP) who staged full-scale productions in the town in 2015, 2017 and 2019, hope to perform in and around St Faith's Church over the Easter weekend.

They have now recruited someone who can play Jesus - Neil Maddock. He wrote and starred in the Southampton Passion which took place in the centre of the city in 2011. The director will be James Burke-Dunsmore, who portrayed Jesus and directed HPP's previous passion plays.



50 years of village fun

IT has taken place every summer for the past 50 years. Children's Week brought together around 70 children from the villages of Soberton and Newtown for five days of games, songs, activities, craft and learning about God. It's organised by St Peter's, Soberton, and Holy Trinity, Newtown.

The activities also involved raft-racing and a picnic on the River Meon and a final celebration in Holy Trinity Church on the Friday evening.

And it was fitting that the person who initially launched this annual event 50 years ago, the Rev Roger Moseley, (pictured above) was there on that Friday to help mark five decades.



New priest for Fareham Doreen's charity abseil

BISHOP Jonathan has licensed the Rev Dr Sam Cullen as the new priest-in-charge of Holy Trinity with St Columba in Fareham.

Sam, who was as associate vicar of St Mary's, Portsea, was licensed during a special service at Holy Trinity Church. It included a chance for both Sam and her congregations to make promises to support each other, and gifts to be presented, symbolising different aspects of her role. Family, friends and clergy colleagues were there to support her.



WORSHIPPER Doreen Matthews abseiled down the Spinnaker Tower to raise more than £1,000 for charity.

Doreen, who is 82 and attends Holy Rood Church, Stubbington, completed the abseil in memory of her late husband Ken Matthews.

She had planned to do the abseil two years ago to celebrate her 80th birthday, but it was delayed because of Covid. She has now raised at least £1300 for Cancer Research UK.