



## Decade of pastoral care

WORSHIPPERS celebrated 10 years of care for pupils in Gosport schools with Bishop Jonathan.

The service at St Mary's Church, Rowner, marked a decade of School Pastors working in the town. They offer support to pupils at Bay House, Brune Park, Rowner Junior, Leesland CofE Infant, Leesland CofE Junior and Newtown CofE Primary Schools. Headteachers, school staff and the Mayor of Gosport were all invited.

Four new School Pastors were also commissioned for this vital work, and the congregation heard stories about the impact these volunteers have had in schools.



## Sailors' sacrifice marked

WORSHIPPERS remembered Canadian sailors who lost their lives just off the Isle of Wight at an 80th anniversary service.

They unveiled a bench and a memorial plaque in the grounds of St Lawrence Old Church, as they paid tribute to the crew of HMCS Alberni. It sank after being torpedoed by a German submarine on 21 August 1944. Some of the crew were rescued by the Royal Navy, but 59 of them sadly lost their lives.

Captain Christopher Peschke, the naval attaché from the High Commission in London, and Bob Sackett from the Alberni Project in Canada attended the service in the Peace Garden.



## Poppy display created

WOMEN from Padnell Park Women's Institute knitted 1,200 poppies to create this Remembrance display. It's been on show at St Wilfrid's Church in Cowplain. Poppies were also handed out to those attending on Remembrance Sunday.

It includes a purple horseshoe that represents animals killed in both world wars, and a vase with hand-made flowers created from cold clay. Mike Kendrick also kindly loaned them an authentic First World War uniform from his collection.



## Novel tells vicar's story

RETIRED priest Canon Hazel Whitehead, who ministers at St Barnabas, Swanmore, has written her first novel.

'Letting Go' tells the story of the Rev Bethan Davies, an Anglican vicar, and covers topics that include faith, identity and relationships. It also includes some thought-provoking ethical questions that could be discussed by book groups.

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