



Celebrating their 150th

WORSHIPPERS at St Mary Magdalen Church, Sheet, have been celebrating their church's 150th anniversary this year.

An open-air service saw over 160 people gather on the village green in the summer. There was a barbecue lunch and a street party. The speaker was Rev Peter Ingram, the first vicar of Sheet.

The bishop also visited, sharing Communion and a pub lunch. More than 400 people also visited an exhibition of the history of the church.

And worshippers were challenged to invite 150 people to church and to do 150 acts of kindness between them to mark the anniversary.



Church plans launched

AN inner-city Portsmouth church launched its redevelopment plans with an event hosted by MP Stephen Morgan.

St Luke's Church wants to use its city centre location to serve those who live and work in the local community better. That includes those who work in the city centre and students living nearby.

It wants to create a brand new entrance and a café on the west side of the existing building – as well as revamping the existing community garden.

The £1.5m project would also involve revamping the interior of the Victorian church and its adjoining church hall, providing better community facilities.



Flower Club celebrates

EIGHTY members and guests of Denmead Church Flower Club celebrated its 40th birthday with a memorable tea party in the church hall.

Edna Goodman, who was instrumental in the formation of the club, spoke about its early days as an offshoot of the church's Sanctuary Guild. Forty years later, the Flower Club is still flourishing, with 110 loyal members, monthly demonstrations by professional flower arrangers and an annual outing to a garden of note.



Helping the hungry

VOLUNTEERS packed enough food to make 5,000 meals for the hungry at a special event at Holy Trinity Church, Fareham.

More than 30 people helped out at the food-packing day. The volunteers spent several hours on a production line, bagging, weighing, sealing and boxing packets of dried lentils, rice, soya and micro-nutrients. They then enjoyed a presentation from charity Feed the Hungry UK, who work to feed some of the poorest children around the world.