

## Adviser has dual role

OUR diocese's new youth and children's work adviser has a dual role. Bethan Fogell, who started work this autumn, will be working to advise both parishes and church schools about how to engage with those under 18.

Bethan, who goes to St Simon's Church, Southsea, aims to create an integrated approach across both our Mission, Discipleship and Mission team and our Mission and Education team.

She'll advise our churches on their work with children, families and young people, and also advise our C of E schools on assemblies and projects such as Prayer Spaces in Schools.



## **Debt centre launched**

CHURCHGOERS have launched an initiative to offer advice to those struggling with debt in Fareham.

Worshippers from churches in the town have launched a charity called 'CMA Connect, Fareham', based at St John's Church, Fareham, to help people worried about debt. This initiative comes out of a concern about the hardship and hopelessness that having too much debt can bring to people's lives.

Fifteen Christians from a range of different churches will make the new money advice centre possible. Ten of the group will become befrienders, offering face-to-face help to people to help them access free, confidential debt advice.



## New tranquility garden

WORSHIPPERS opened a new tranquility garden behind Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake, to offer a space for relaxation, reflection and prayer.

Churchgoers from Lake and St Saviour's, Shanklin, have been working since April to create the new tranquility garden, which is especially geared towards the needs of people living with dementia, as part of their mission priority to become dementia-friendly churches - and also to provide a facility for the whole local community.



## J John leads mission

OUR cathedral hosted the launch of an outreach project by Portsmouth churches next year - involving renowned evangelist J John.

J John will be talking about his faith at the 'JustOne' events at Portsmouth Guildhall on April 4 and 5 next year. The idea is that each Christian takes just one friend to hear the gospel message.

The launch included worship, prayer and anecdotes from J John himself about previous missions. Details: www.justone.co.uk/portsmouth.