



Marking 150 years

ST Mary's Church, Warsash, celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, and will mark the milestone with a flower festival weekend in September.

In the 1860s, a wealthy landowner from Warsash promised to donate five acres of land to provide a church, graveyard and parsonage for the village. It's said that two men set off to walk from the villages of Hook and Warsash and the church was built where they met. It was consecrated in 1871.

The flower festival is being held on September 10, 11 and 12 and will mark 'Weddings through the ages'. Details on www.stmarywarsash.org.uk



Church plant in Cardiff

PORTSMOUTH's largest church has planted its own daughter church in Cardiff. Harbour Church, which was only launched itself in 2016, sent a small team to Cardiff to set up Citizen Church in autumn 2020.

It is based at St Teilo's Church in the Cathays area of Cardiff and is being led by the Rev Ryan Forey, (above) formerly a curate at Harbour Church.

Among the group relocating was Bethany Pearson, who had moved from Brighton to launch Harbour Church. She said: "It's exciting to feel called to a place where there are 80,000 students, where we can create a new church all over again."

More details are on www.citizenchurch.org.uk



Our pop-up cathedral

A PORTABLE version of our cathedral that can travel from school to school has been unveiled.

The 'Pop-Up Cathedral' is a large tent that features high-quality images from the cathedral printed onto the canvas. It was created by Hampshire designer Ben Bracken.

It had an initial outing before the first lockdown at Liss Infant and Junior Schools. More than 100 children tried out activities associated with our cathedral within and outside the tent.



Haircut helps patients

A GIRL from Hart Plain Church donated her hair to a charity that provides wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair after cancer treatment.

Rebekah Patis, then aged 10, donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust after growing it for a year during lockdown. She has also raised £832 for the charity, with sponsors coming from her family and friends at Hart Plain Church. The charity also help to fund childhood cancer treatments.