

Sponsor their big climb

ISLE of Wight vicar Amanda Collinson will climb Africa's highest peak to raise money for the island's hospice. The vicar of Northwood and Gurnard will take on Mount Kilimanjaro this September with friends.

She was inspired to do so because of the help hospice staff have given in caring for friends since her arrival on the island in 2013, including Jill Dargan who died last year. Amanda is climbing Kilimanjaro in her memory, with Jill's daughter Zoe and daughter-in-law Kerry, plus family friend Lisa.

Find out more on www.portsmouth.anglican. org/kilimanjaro



Easter joy for families

KIND churchgoers and members of our communities donated more than 600 Easter eggs during Lent to help families in need in Portsmouth.

The chocolate Easter eggs - plus some gardening equipment and funds - were donated as part of a campaign run by St Mary's Church, Fratton. The donations came from churches and communities all over Portsmouth.

They were handed over to representatives from the Roberts Centre in Portsmouth, and the charity Stop Domestic Abuse, who then passed them on to the vulnerable families they serve, making Easter a little better.



Memorial is dedicated

AT a poigant memorial service, we remembered 33 servicemen who died in a tragic wartime accident.

Military personnel joined locals for the dedication of a memorial stone on the South Downs Way, in honour of those who lost their lives in a Second World War exercise to prepare for D-Day.

An RAF Stirling crashed there in 1944 towing a Horsa glider full of soldiers from the airborne infantry division, as part of a night-time training exercise. Read more on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/glider



New windows in place

REPAIRS are now complete to the leaded windows at Holy Cross Church, Binstead, after serious vandal damage in 2018.

The repairwork includes new etched glass windows for the chancel, which were designed by Winchester-based glass engraver Tracey Sheppard.

The window was blessed and dedicated by the parish's former incumbent the Rev Veronica Brown, who was in post when the damage happened.