



New Meon Archdeacon

BISHOP Jonathan has appointed Canon Kathryn Percival to be the new Archdeacon of the Meon. Kathryn, who is currently Canon Chancellor and Vice Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral, will serve the ministry of parishes in the Bishop's Waltham, Gosport, Fareham and Petersfield deaneries.

Canon Will Hughes, vicar of Petersfield and Buriton, will return to parish ministry after being acting Archdeacon of the Meon for two years.

Kathryn is married to James, a Royal Navy chaplain. She originally trained to be a barrister and worked in civil litigation, putting her career on hold to have children.



Training session is a hit

AROUND 100 clergy and lay leaders were inspired to think about enlarging their congregations at a day conference.

They gathered at St George's Church, Portsea, for a day on 'Leading Your Church Into Growth' (LYCIG), led by Canon Robin Gamble, who encouraged parishes to create plans and strategies to help their churches grow, numerically, spiritually and in terms of their impact on local communities.

It was the latest in a series of LYCIG conferences organised by our diocese, which began before the pandemic. Details are on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/lycig



Bug hotels installed

ST GEORGE'S in Waterlooville is making great strides towards achieving an Eco-Church bronze award.

Part of their efforts include making their grounds more bird-friendly, and they recently collaborated with their toddler group to place bird boxes and bug hotels in various locations around the church's grounds. Eco-Church awards is a project run by the charity A Rocha to encourage churches to find ways of demonstrating care for God's creation. Read more on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/environment



Harbour rector to start

BISHOP Jonathan has appointed a new person to lead Portsmouth's fastest-growing church.

The Rev Lewis Dean will become the new team rector at Harbour Church, which was originally launched in September 2016 with just 20 people and now welcomes more than 500 worshippers.

Lewis has been a curate at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, since 2020. He'll be licensed as the new team rector of Harbour Church on June 7. He is married to Louise and has two daughters.