



Tulip mosaic is created

VISITORS to St Mary's Church in Brighstone enjoyed seeing a mosaic of tulips that was placed around the Easter Cross this Spring. It was created by the St Mary's Mosaic Group, led by Ali Mascarenhas.

The project started in January, with villagers invited to cut glass and fix shapes to the panel. It means each tulip is unique! It follows the creation of the Easter Cross using mosaic last year.

Ali said: "Just as bulbs wait in the darkness and break into new life for Spring, our lives, even in our darkest moments, contain the promise of love and life in Christ."



The Host Café opens

A NEW café has opened at St Luke's Church, Southsea, aiming to be a thriving hub for students, workers and residents. The Host Café offers decent coffee, sandwiches, salads and home-made cakes.

The church hall has been transformed into a café, with coffee machine, atmospheric lighting and comfy chairs. It's open from 9am to 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday.

It will allow young people and volunteers to learn about catering and café management. And it's part of a wider project to make the church grounds more welcoming for those who live, work and study in the centre of the city.



Award for our office

OUR diocesan office has been awarded the A Rocha Eco Church silver award in recognition of its work towards a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly workplace and practices.

The awards recognise efforts that churches and offices have made to reduce carbon output and care for the environment, including twinning toilets, providing recycling, using Fairtrade products, and encouraging staff to manage their personal carbon footprint.



An acting archdeacon

BISHOP Jonathan appointed Canon Bob White to be acting Archdeacon of Portsdown to support parishes in Havant and Portsmouth.

Bob remains vicar of St Mary's in Fratton while he takes up this temporary role, working half-time as vicar and half-time as acting Archdeacon. The bishop also appointed the Rev Annie McCabe, vicar of St Luke's, Southsea, as area dean of Portsmouth - supported by two new associate area deans, the Revs Paul Gully and Jackie Twine.