



## Talk on science + faith

**SCIENCE** and faith are two sides of the same coin for Professor David Bacon. Not only does he see no conflict between science and the Christian faith, he believes they complement each other.

He was speaking to civic, church and community leaders in Portsmouth Guildhall as churchwarden at St Jude's, Southsea, and as director of the University of Portsmouth's Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation.

David commended his university colleagues for their world-class research, and also praised local churches as diverse, vibrant communities that reach out to the marginalised.



## Flourish at Bembridge

IT was a service of prayer that had been designed by women from the South Pacific – so the children decided to wear floral headaddresses. Pupils from Bembridge CofE Primary School helped to lead singing and prayers during the World Day of Prayer service at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge.

It's part of the school's involvement with Flourish, the national initiative linking schools and churches. The 12 children made their flowers out of tissue paper in school at a half-term workshop.

The service, which had been designed by women from the Cook Islands, involved them singing verses of a song those women had also written.



## Sarisbury welcome

STAFF and pupils from Sarisbury CofE Junior School welcomed the new vicar of St Paul's Church, the Rev Dave Crees, to their school.

Members of the worship council attended his licensing service, which pupils Alice, Darcie and Sam took part in, welcoming Dave to the community. The children also served the refreshments afterwards.

Alice, from 6LA, said: "I felt grateful that I had the opportunity to represent the school. It was a really nice service to be a part of."



## Messy Church in Sheet

**FAMILIES** were given a chance to experience Messy Church at Sheet village hall during the Easter holidays. This Easter-themed event was a follow-up to a successful pancake party.

Children were able to make an Easter Garden, decorate Easter biscuits, play with Lego, and make their own donkey. There was also an Easter egg hunt and reflections on why Jesus died for us, before a pasta bake. Families were invited to future Breakfast Church services.