



Sophie's Ghana trip

SHE was one of a team of teenagers who visited Ghana to help paint a classroom - now she is going back there for six months.

Sophie Carabott, 18, from Harbour Church, will head back to Africa this September to work at St George's Anglican School in Ho. She'll live with the Bishop of Ho and his family and help to teach children who she met two years ago. The 17 adults and teenagers from Portsmouth churches spent 10 days there in 2016 as the 'Project G' team.

She's looking to raise £3,000 to help pay for her trip and has started a fundraising page at www.gofundme.com/bfssw-get-me-to-Ghana.



Paulsgrove lottery win

A PORTSMOUTH church will be transformed to become an attractive venue for wedding receptions, parties and community activities.

St Michael's Church in Paulsgrove was awarded more than £400,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to create warm, welcoming spaces within its existing building - alongside a renewed worship area.

The award came after the church listened to around 500 local residents. The survey was part of its three-year Proud to be Paulsgrove campaign.

Architecture students from the University of Portsmouth were involved in creating the initial designs for the new church interior (pictured above).



Dean is to retire

THE Dean of Portsmouth will retire this summer after 15 years in the post.

The Very Rev David Brindley will step down from his role in charge of our cathedral on June 10, the day before his 65th birthday. He'll celebrate the 10.30am Eucharist, at which the setting will be the Jazz Mass. Canon David Isaac will preach.

That evening, he will preach at his final cathedral service before he and Gill retire to Fordingbridge in the New Forest.



Diocesan pilgrimage

BISHOP Christopher will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year with his wife, the Rev Sally Davenport.

The eight-day trip takes place from October 15-22, 2019, and includes four nights in Jerusalem and three in Galilee. The bishop will lead reflections in places of Biblical significance such as Gethsemane, Calvary, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana and on the Sea of Galilee. For details, see www.portsmouth.anglican.org/pilgrimage