

IN DEPTH: WEEK IN THE LIFE...

Yarmouth and Shalfleet C of E Primary schools in a training session around the RE resource 'Understanding Christianity'. They plan some work for the summer term based around Creation.

**5pm:** Governance co-ordinator **Sharon Taylor** starts a training session at St Francis C of E and Catholic Primary Academy, in Ventnor. Her role is to support governing bodies in our C of E schools, and this session is for those people who act as clerks to those governing bodies. After the two-hour session, she'll be on the 8pm ferry to the mainland.

**6.30pm:** Director of social enterprise and engagement **Nick Ralph** and assistant director **Gambol Parker** lead a working group regarding their involvement with St Michael's Church, Paulsgrove. They've been advising the parish on how to develop the church building to serve the local community better, and are waiting for approval for the final plans.

WEDNESDAY:

**9.30am:** Church buildings development officer **Catherine Gray** meets members of St Luke's Church, Southsea, in our diocesan office, to talk about developments to their church building. The project will open up the building to young entrepreneurs and community groups.

**9.30am:** Good Neighbours Network administrator **Nicky Dodd** takes a call from a lady who is looking for hospital transport her elderly mother. There are 123 Good Neighbours groups across Hampshire, so Nicky is able to tell her about a nearby group that can help her out.

**10.30am:** RE consultant **Jane Kelly** meets the headteacher at Froxfield C of E Primary School to



FRIDAY, 9.30am: Education staff meet at our cathedral to plan the Leavers' Service for Year 6 pupils in July, discussing where to plant seedlings outside

find out more about their link with a school in Ghana. The education team hope to develop more links between our schools and others around the world.

**11am:** It's the turn of diocesan secretary **Victoria James** to lead staff in their weekly prayer meeting. She uses items of fruit to remind us of the fruits of the Spirit.

**1.30pm:** Archdeacon's PA **Sally Rivlin** and Isle of Wight mission development officer **Allie Kerr** attend a working group at Newport Methodist Church to plan the annual Songs of Praise for Isle of Wight Day in September.

Clergy are being trained in time management and avoiding stress

**5pm:** Receptionist **Gillian Sanders** finishes processing a claim to the Inland Revenue for more than £40,000-worth of gift aid on donations to our parishes. Diocesan secretary **Victoria James** presses the button to claim this amount. It will take around six weeks from now before

parishes receive the money.

**7pm:** Safeguarding trainer **Jill Kingston** kicks off a refresher session with those who work with children and young people in Holy Rood Church and St Edmund's, Stubbington.

**8pm:** Mission development officer **Andrew Hargreaves** is the guest at a monthly prayer meeting in St Jude's Church, Southsea. He talks about the Thy Kingdom Come initiative between Ascension Day and Pentecost, and invites prayer for the Pentecost Sunday event at Portchester Castle.

THURSDAY:

**9.30am:** Schools adviser **Sue Bowen** leaves the office to join the Winchester Diocese Social Enterprise Group. They are meeting to talk about 'Launchpads', the diocesan project to set up nursery schools with a Christian ethos.

**10am:** Head of Mission, Discipleship and Ministry **Anthony Rustell** hosts the latest in a series of training sessions for newer incumbents, at the Langstone Hotel, Hayling Island. It's run by the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) and aims to support clergy

in leadership issues. Today, they're talking about issues relating to resilience – how to avoid stress, manage their time and preserve their wellbeing.

**11am:** Academies interim chief executive **Fiona Perkins** hosts a meeting of the Portsmouth and Winchester Diocesan Academies Trust (PWDAT) in our diocesan office. The PWDAT runs three academies in our diocese, and the trustees meet regularly to consider management issues.

**2pm:** Director of Vocations and Ordinands **Peter Hall** meets a potential candidate for ordination to help to discern what God might be calling them to.

**2.30pm:** Communications adviser **Neil Pugmire** is asked for a statement by Isle of Wight Radio about a bonfire in the churchyard at St Mary's, Cowes. After checking with the vicar, he emails an explanatory statement.

**3.30pm:** Good Neighbours Network adviser **Lisa O'Clee** meets volunteers at Castle View Academy in Paulsgrove. They want to launch a good neighbours group in the area and are looking for meeting venues.

FRIDAY:

**9am:** Education staff **Rob Sanders, Richard Wharton, Sue Bowen** and **Jane Kelly** meet cathedral education officer Sarah Page to plan the Leavers' Services in July. This involves hundreds of Year 6 pupils, who are just about to leave their C of E primary schools, meeting for workshops and a service around a specific theme. This year's theme will be ecology, and they discuss where pupils might plant seedlings.

**10.30am:** Property manager **Chris Pride** inspects work at Catherington vicarage, where refurbishment work has been



Top: THURSDAY, 10am: Anthony Rustell hosts a training session for newer incumbents on leadership; below: FRIDAY, 10.30am: Chris Pride inspects work to replace the fencing around Catherington vicarage, with Charles Crockford

taking place during the vacancy. Contractors C & J Property Services have redecorated inside already and are now repairing fencing around the garden.

**11am:** Diocesan secretary **Victoria James** hosts a meeting of the diocese's Investment Advisory Group, which meets quarterly. Our investments help to fund our mission and ministry, and a greater return on our investments can reduce the amount we need to raise in parish share.

**5pm:** Receptionist **Gillian Sanders** closes the shutters to signify the

end of office hours for this week.

SATURDAY:

**9am:** Safeguarding trainer **Jill Kingston** delivers foundation training to those who work with children and young people in Bedhampton parish.

SUNDAY:

**10am:** Schools adviser **Sue Bowen** attends a welcome service for the new headteacher of St Francis C of E School in Chandlers Ford and presents a Bible on behalf of the education team.