

New Archdeacon here

BISHOP Christopher has appointed a new Archdeacon of Portsdown to serve parishes in Portsmouth and Havant.

The Rev Jenny Rowley, rector of St John's Church, Selsdon, and area dean for Croydon Addington, has been appointed to be one of three Archdeacons in our diocese. Jenny, 58, is married to Mark and has two children. She will be collated as archdeacon in our cathedral at 5pm on April 4.

"I'm looking forward to being part of the team in Portsmouth diocese, supporting parish clergy in what are often difficult and demanding roles," she said.



Play about Jesus's life

WORSHIPPERS in Locks Heath will stage a play about Jesus's life, death and resurrection in April.

Entitled 'The Miracle', it is a modern, fast-paced re-telling of Jesus's ministry which includes the humour of his parables and the drama of his trial. The two-hour play is being staged by a cast of 50 at St John's Church from 7.30pm on April 2, 3 and 4. Tickets are £5, and available from office@sjlh.org.

The church's curate, the Rev Mike Moritz, will be taking the role of Jesus. He said: "People might get a sense of why, 2,000 years after his death, Jesus still captures the hearts and imaginations of billions of people around the world."



Pupils sing at Evensong

PUPILS from schools in Portsmouth celebrated St Cecilia's Day – the patron saint of music and musicians – by learning and performing a repertoire of choral music with our cathedral choir.

The 180 children from Carisbrooke, Emsworth, Fareham and Portsmouth were given a unique chance to be part of Choral Evensong, singing music that had been taught in their schools beforehand. It was a celebration for the Cathedral Sing team who regularly lead music workshops in schools.



Vocations day for all

ARE you aged anywhere between 13 and 99? Do you feel God calling you into Christian service?

Find out more about what's involved at 'Take the Call', a vocations event for all ages, at Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn, from 9.30am-2pm on May 2. Lunch is included.

It's a chance to find out where God is calling you, including ordained and lay ministry, and roles in secular employment. Find out more at www. portsmouth.anglican.org/takethecall.