



New Archdeacon role

THE Rev Allie Kerr has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley. Allie, who is now vicar of St Cuthbert and St Aidan in Copnor, was appointed to this strategic role by the Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Rev Jonathan Gibbs.

She has been a parish priest, area dean, associate archdeacon, mission development officer and – most recently – acting Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight during 11 years in this diocese.

Allie said: “I will miss St Cuthbert’s and the people of this diocese hugely. The parish and diocese will always hold a special place in my heart.”



Marking two milestones

THERE has been a double celebration at St Saviour-on-the-Cliff in Shanklin.

Ian Hookey (*above left*), organist and choirmaster, marked 60 years of dedicated service to music and the church in January. The whole congregation raised a glass to Ian to mark this important anniversary.

And in February, the Rev Albert Waterman (*right*) marked his 90th birthday by celebrating Mass, followed by a buffet lunch with birthday cake and a rendition of Happy Birthday. Fr Albert is retired but still regularly steps in and presides at Sunday services, particularly during the current vacancy.



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You can hear a presentation and meet others involved in licensed ministry such as Readers, Anna Chaplains, worship leaders, pioneers, preachers and youth workers at one of two events on Saturday 25 March. They’ll be at St Jude’s Church, Southsea, from 10am-12noon and St John’s Church, Ryde, from 2pm-4pm. Find out more and book a place on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/itsyourcall



Emsworth tea party

EMSWORTH Good Neighbours organised a tea party for its frailest and oldest clients who live alone. Volunteers collected them by car, made sandwiches, scones and cakes, and served guests.

The group is part of the Good Neighbours Network, based in our diocesan office. Much of the work they do involves driving clients to hospital or elsewhere. Could you join them as a driver? You’d be paid 45p per mile. See www.emsworthgoodneighbours.org.uk for details.