



## Honour for stalwart

**ROSEMARY** Fairfax was honoured in the King's first New Year's Honours list with a British Empire Medal for her services to the cathedral and community.

She was Visitors and Education Officer at our cathedral from 1989-2013, teaching pupils about the building, its history and the Christian faith.

She led teams that organised art exhibitions in the cathedral and created annual interfaith days with the Al Mahdi mosque near Wickham. She has also led the cathedral's Flower Guild for decades, welcomed people to services for years as a sideperson, visits the bereaved in their own homes and is currently a deputy churchwarden.



## New island archdeacon

**BISHOP** Jonathan has appointed the Rev Steve Daughtery as the new Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight. He was licensed for his new role in our cathedral at the end of January.

He will remain as the vicar of Holy Trinity, Bembridge, on a half-time basis, as well as serving the archdeaconry and diocese. He will hold day-to-day responsibility for the clergy and parishes of the Isle of Wight, as the most senior priest on the island.

Steve, 61, is married to Amanda and they have five grown-up children across the south-coast. He has been in ordained Anglican ministry for 31 years and previously worked in an investment bank.



## Pantomime is a success

**AMATEUR** actors staged a Christmas pantomime that helped to bring their local community together.

Around 50 actors and backstage crew from the Leigh Park and Warren Park Community Players performed *Jack and the Beanstalk* four times over a weekend in St Clare's, Warren Park.

Around 400 people saw the show, which included singing, dancing and audience participation. It was the latest in a series of annual Christmas productions which aim to enhance community spirit.



## Tree planting at church

**WORSHIPPERS** at Church of the Resurrection in Farlington planted trees as one way of showing their commitment to care for God's creation.

The 14 new saplings included young birch, rowan, hazel and hawthorn trees. The idea is to increase biodiversity on church land. The leader of Portsmouth City Council, Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, planted the first of the trees. Both churches in Farlington parish have now received a bronze 'Eco-Church award' from charity A Rocha.