



Senior roles appointed

BISHOP Jonathan has appointed the Ven Ian Jagger as interim Archdeacon of Portsdown and Philip Poulter as our permanent Diocesan Secretary.

Ian (above, right) served as a parish priest, area dean and Canon Missioner in our diocese before becoming an Archdeacon in Durham diocese. His new role was announced after we said farewell to our previous Archdeacon, the Ven Jenny Rowley.

Philip Poulter has been acting as interim Diocesan Secretary and adviser to the bishop for more than a year. His appointment was confirmed after a formal recruitment process.



Church's pirate party

CBEEBIES presenter Gemma Hunt will visit St John the Baptist Church in Locks Heath to host two Pirate Party services.

Gemma, who starred in the pirate-themed series *Swashbuckle*, will help to lead services at 1pm and 3pm on May 12. Families can dress up as pirates and enjoy games, songs and fun. Entry is £2. She will also be interviewed about her life, career and Christian faith over a glass of Prosecco from 7pm that evening.

The vicar, the Rev Luiz Lima, hosted a similar Pirate Party at his previous church in Worksop. Find out more on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/pirate



Readers' weekend

LICENSED Lay Ministers (Readers) from across the diocese gathered for a weekend of teaching, worship, crafting and food with guest speakers talking about pioneering.

They gathered at the Shanklin Beach Hotel on the Isle of Wight at the end of January. The teaching sessions were led by the Rev Greg Bakker, our former Dean of Pioneer Ministry, and the Rev Tina Hodgett, who established and leads the Church Mission Society's Pioneering Parishes ministry.



Help with the essentials

THOSE who need help with essential bathroom items can visit St Michael's Church in Paulsgrove to pick up what they need. The church has launched the Paulsgrove Bathroom Bank, with the help of local volunteers, to alleviate hygiene poverty.

People can come on Thursday afternoons and Friday and Saturday mornings to choose the essential bathroom items they need. Bishop Jonathan visited before Christmas with his donations.