



New vicar on a Vespa

THE new priest-in-charge of four parishes on the Isle of Wight will be easy to spot – the Rev Tony Lawrence will be haring around the countryside in leathers and a dog collar.

Bishop Jonathan has appointed him to take charge of St Saviour's Shanklin, the Good Shepherd Lake, All Saints Godshill and St Alban's, Ventnor. And he'll enjoy travelling between the churches and people's homes on his Vespa scooter.

Fr Tony has just completed a two-year curacy, serving in St Catherine's and Holy Trinity, Ventnor, and in Bonchurch. He was keen to stay on the Isle of Wight after living there for 25 years.



Chalking school doors

BISHOP Jonathan joined schoolchildren to chalk doors as we celebrated Epiphany.

He chalked '20 † C † M † B † 24' on classroom doors at St John the Baptist C of E Primary in Waltham Chase to recall the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus. It was part of an Epiphany project created by our diocese's education team.

Pupils from St Matthew's C of E Primary School in Blackmoor (*pictured above*) took part in the project at school and visited St Matthew's Church.

And children from Wickham C of E Primary School also chalked doors alongside local clergy Canon David Isaac and the Rev Jill Phipps.



Taizé trip is on offer

WOULD you like to join thousands of other young people for a week of Biblical reflection, prayer and community living at the Taizé Community this summer?

Bishop Jonathan is taking a group of young people to the ecumenical community in France, for the second year running. It's a chance to experience a new way of worshipping with others from across the globe. It happens from July 13-21. Find out more on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/taize



Lazarus-themed art

OUR cathedral is hosting an art exhibition on the theme of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is working in partnership with the Jack House Gallery to showcase work by Portsmouth artist Garrick Palmer during Lent and Easter.

The exhibition draws together a series of Palmer's paintings, prints and studies to explore the Biblical story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Various events examining themes of birth, baptism, death and resurrection will also be held.