



## Anna Chaplains gather

**OUR diocese's network of Anna Chaplains came together for an afternoon of inspiration, equipping and encouragement. They gathered at our cathedral to look at changing the narrative on ageing within our congregations and communities.**

**They then shared in worship in our cathedral led by Bishop Jonathan, and the chance to be re-commissioned. Our diocese now has more than 70 Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends. They offer spiritual care to elderly people in care homes and in the community, as well as recognising the insights older people can offer. Find out more on [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/anna](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/anna)**



## Play inspired by priest

TWO of our churches will host a play inspired by the life of a Catholic priest, professor and prolific author. *The Beloved Son* is based on the life of Henri Nouwen, a Dutch academic who taught psychology at Notre Dame University before becoming the pastor at a L'Arche community.

The play was written by Murray Watts, a founder of Riding Lights Theatre Company and scriptwriter for *The Miracle Maker*. It will be performed by actor Andrew Harrison in St Mary's Church, Fratton, at 7pm on May 17 and in Newport Minster at 2.30pm on May 18. For details and to book, see: [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/belovedson](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/belovedson)



## 900 years of worship

WORSHIPPERS from Steep are celebrating the 900th anniversary of All Saints Church with a year of events. It began at its patronal festival in November, when Bishop Jonathan preached to a full church. And among the impressive music was the world premiere of *An Anthem for Steep 900*, performed by Steep Choir with friends from Foxfield.

Events this year include a flower festival, open garden and a lecture by Bishop Jonathan. Find out more on [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/steep](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/steep)



## Head writes new book

**PORTSMOUTH headteacher Izzy Lewis was amazed to discover there were hardly any children's books about city hero John Pounds – so she wrote one and had it published.**

**Izzy, who is head of St George's Beneficial C of E Primary, was looking because pupils study John Pounds as part of their History and English unit.**

**John Pounds was a Portsmouth shoemaker who inspired the launch of Ragged Schools, which offered free education to the poor and destitute.**