



## Joy at church fete

**CHURCHGOERS** celebrated the completion of a major project to mark their church's 1,000th anniversary at a church fête this summer.

Corhampton Church dates back to 1020 and a planned series of celebrations was put on hold last year. One project was a celebratory piece of embroidery which was begun by children from Meonstoke C of E Infant School in 2019. The pandemic meant pupils couldn't complete the needlework themselves, so Alison Price, of Meon Valley Arts Society, took on the task.

The completed project was presented at the 2021 church fête in July (pictured above).



## Pupils design new font

**WORSHIPPERS** from St John's, Ryde, are meeting in Oakfield School because their church needs repair. However, the school has no font.

So when baby Daniel Grist's family asked if he could be baptised, church and school worked together. The Rev Sue Theobald asked Year 6 pupils to design the decoration for a bowl that would become a font. The winning design was painted onto the bowl by a teacher. Churchwarden David Rowe designed and made a wooden stand for the bowl, and funds were given in memory of Matthew, the son of former vicar Len Fox, who died in 2020.

Daniel was baptised in the new font last month.



## Memorials to mark loss

**MEMORIALS** to mark those who we've lost during the pandemic – and to the community spirit that was generated – have been unveiled at All Saints, Gurnard, and St John's, Northwood.

Local residents joined forces with worshippers to create the two memorials, with knitted flowers being left at the church door. They both include the words 'Made with love and remembrance' – Northwood's is visible as you enter the church, whereas Gurnard's arch comes into view only as you leave.



## North End anniversary

**THE 50th anniversary** of the completion of St Mark's, North End, and its consecration was October 2020. A planned series of events had to be cancelled because of the pandemic.

A similar programme is planned for the 50+1 anniversary this October. Our former commissary bishop Ian Brackley will lead a celebration mass at 11am on October 10. There's also an organ recital on October 6, a Pink Floyd tribute band on October 2 and a choir concert on October 16.