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Young ringers triumph

YOUNG bellringers from our diocese triumphed in a national contest. The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's youth method band won the method ringing section of the Ringing World National Youth Contest in York in July.

Ellen Barber from Hawkley and Mitchell Reeves from Brading (pictured above with their team) were part of the team who won their category with a score of 9.5 out of 10 and lifted the Whitechapel Trophy. It took place in All Saints, Huntington.

Meanwhile the call change band from the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild came equal 12th in their contest at St Lawrence, York.



New priest from Brazil

THE new parish priest for St John's Church, Locks Heath, was born in Brazil, loves football and is passionate about sharing Jesus with all, especially families.

Bishop Jonathan has appointed the Rev Luiz Lima to be the next priest-in-charge at St John's. He's currently the vicar of Christ Church and St Luke's Churches in Worksop. The father-of-two, who has nine years of experience in youth ministry, trained for ordination in Bristol before becoming a curate in Worksop.

Luiz will be licensed by the bishop at 10:30am on September 3 at St John's, Locks Heath.



New look is welcoming

A NEW look for St Luke's Church, Southsea, has been approved. It aims to revamp its outdoor space and its church hall to become more welcoming. The proposals, from architects Studio BAD, have now been given planning permission.

The idea is to create an inviting 'courtyard' space between the church building and the street, to attract passers-by to explore further. Part of this involves revamping the church hall as a community café with outdoor seating and a welcoming façade.



Pupils star at concert

THE choir of St John's, Newport entertained with a summer concert entitled 'Magic of the Musicals' with special guests from Carisbrooke C of E Primary School choir. They were accompanied by Martin Dover on keyboard, Andrew Hallam on drums and Joe Thompson on bass.

The choir, led by Jo Dover, performed songs from the 1930s to 2010s including songs from Oliver!, Les Miserables, Rent, Chess, Bugsy Malone and Matilda (featuring chorister Freya Jackson).