



Forty years of service

LONG-STANDING churchwarden Peter Lambert was presented with an engraved pen and 40 chocolate bars to mark his four decades of service.

Peter has been churchwarden at St John the Baptist Church, Northwood, on the Isle of Wight, for the past 40 years. He was originally nominated as churchwarden in the early 1980s when the Rev Richard Parker was at the church.

The Rev Di Netherway, his fellow churchwarden Pam Clements and the congregation of Northwood marked this momentous occasion at the end of a Sunday service with a cake and card made especially for Peter.



Youth enjoy fun holiday

TEENAGERS from churches across our area enjoyed an activity holiday that deepened their faith in God.

Fifty young people aged 11 to 18 tried fencing, archery, canoeing, kayaking, baking and clay modelling. There was a water slide, silent disco and sport. The worship, teaching and prayer centred on the Biblical story of King David, with discussion on how to apply those lessons in their own lives.

The five-day trip was organised by High Tide, the ecumenical network of youth groups from churches across the Portsmouth area. It's the fourth residential they've organised in three years, alongside the youth services that take place each month.



Photo: Simon Czapp, Solent News

Knitted flowers cascade

TITCHFIELD Yarn Bombers created a beautiful cascade of flowers pouring down the tower at the west door of St Peter's Church.

The group knitted hundreds of individual flowers, each sewn onto a net that covered the tower of St Peter's, Titchfield, from the bell tower to the ground.

It was a beautiful sight for all those who joined the trail of open gardens around the village organised by the Friends of St Peter's in June and remained in place for the rest of the summer.



An island homecoming

BISHOP Jonathan has appointed the Rev Karen Wilson to be the new parish priest in the Haven Benefice, which includes Brading, St Helens, Seaview and Yaverland. The 57-year-old is currently working as interim priest-in-charge of the Waterside churches in Cornwall.

Her parents ran a shop in Shanklin until she was 13. So she's glad to return to the Isle of Wight after a journey that has taken her through one vocation to be a teacher and another to become ordained.