



## Readers are licensed

**BISHOP Jonathan has licensed three new Readers in a special service in our cathedral.**

**The three new lay ministers are Sue Craft, who is serving at Holy Trinity, Fareham; Sam Piggot, who is at St Cuthbert, Copnor; and Carolyn Shannon, who is serving at St Francis, Leigh Park (all pictured above). Their new roles will include leading services, preaching and offering pastoral ministry.**

**Family and friends packed into the cathedral for the Eucharistic service, which also gave other Readers a chance to recommit themselves as lay ministers.**



## Teens encounter God

**YOUNG people from church youth groups across our diocese encountered God at their latest summer activity holiday. The 11 to 18 year olds spent five days at the YMCA base at Fairthorne Manor, where they enjoyed abseiling, climbing, paddle boarding, a firepit, silent disco and an escape room. They also experienced inspiring worship, teaching based on the Biblical story of Joseph, and prayer.**

**The High Tide summer residential gave the young people a chance to strengthen their relationship with Jesus, as they discussed faith in small groups, listened to what God was saying to them, and spent time in prayer.**



## Pupils lead worship

**PUPILS from Sarisbury CofE Junior School recently led worship with their vicar, the Rev Dave Crees.**

**The worship councillors selected a key Bible story that reflected the school's Christian values: courage, compassion and creativity. Eleanor from Year 4 suggested the 'Feeding of the 5,000'.**

**They presented the worship with confidence and pride. Dave presented each class with a small basket containing loaves and fish as a visual reminder for the reflection area in each class.**



## Holidaying at home

**ONE Portsmouth church hosted a 'Holiday at Home' initiative for those who find it difficult to travel. It allowed them to experience the culture, food and activities of France, Italy and Greece across three fun-packed days – all from the comfort of St Cuthbert's, Copnor.**

**Activities included French boules, pizza making and a version of the original Olympic games. Di Legg said: "It's a wonderful opportunity to meet those in church I have never really met before."**